

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets Sergei Shoigu, secretary of Russian Security Council

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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, on March 21 met Sergei Shoigu, secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, on a visit to the DPRK leading a Security Council delegation of the Russian Federation.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gladly received Sergei Shoigu visiting Pyongyang again in six months and had a talk with him in a trustworthy and warm atmosphere.

Sergei Shoigu courteously conveyed the friendly greetings and an important personal letter from Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, to the DPRK leader.

Kim Jong Un expressed his deep thanks for it, and sent his militant

greetings to the respected Russian president.

At the talk, there was a wide-ranging exchange of views and opinions of the leaderships of the DPRK and Russia on the important issues for defending the security interests of the two countries and international justice and on the regional and international situation. The talk

confirmed the consensus of stand of the two sides.

Noting that the special military operations conducted by the Russian army and people serve as a demonstration of their indomitable strength, patriotism and just cause, Kim Jong Un stated that it is the steadfast option and resolute will of

exchanges and cooperation in security and other many-sided fields.

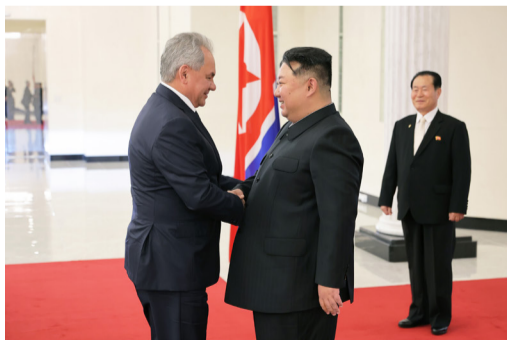
Hoping that victory, prosperity, happiness and fortune are always in store for the Russian people, he sent his warm wishes to the respected President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of the Russian Federation and to its government, army and people.



the DPRK government to invariably support Russia in the struggle for defending its national sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests in the future, too.

The talk expressed the willingness of the leaderships of the two countries to unconditionally implement the provisions of the treaty on the comprehensive strategic partnership.

Kim Jong Un had an important and useful conversation with Sergei Shoigu on the prospective undertakings for further expanding and boosting



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits construction site of 10 000 flats at third stage in Hwasong Area nearing completion

He assigns the task for holding its inauguration ceremony with splendour in the lead-up to the Day of the Sun, the greatest auspicious holiday of the nation

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Thanks to the capital city construction strategy set forth at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the scientific and energetic leadership of the Party Central Committee, Pyongyang, the capital city of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is turning into a world-class civilized city, taking on a majestic appearance peculiar to it.

Another large and splendid architectural group of 10 000 flats has been successfully built in the Hwasong area and is nearing completion, demonstrating a new era of prosperity of Pyongyang.

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 construction site of 10 000 flats at the third stage in the Hwasong area on March 15.

Accompanying him were Pak Thae

Song, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, Ri Hi Yong and Kim Tok Hun, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, and other major senior Party and government officials and officials concerned of design institutions.

With a great ambition to turn the Hwasong area into a model in the

layout of urban formation elements, a functional prototype of administrative district and a beautiful and modern urban quarter embodying a harmony of architectural formative and artistic beauty and advanced civilization, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un clearly indicated the orientation and ways for building its

marked individuality, another cradle of the people with skyscrapers, high-rise apartment houses and public buildings including educational, commercial and service facilities in ideal harmony has been magnificently built in a matter of one year.

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third-stage district into a quarter with another distinction different from the first- and second-stage districts, and energetically led the work of drawing up the construction plan, giving personal guidance to a huge amount of draft formation plans.

Thanks to the strenuous efforts of the soldier builders and civilian builders, who upheld with their death-defying executive abilities the ennobling intentions of the Party Central Committee to build all the creations on this land into the entities embodying the people-first principle to be found only in the great people's country and into the innovative ones with





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Saying with pleasure that another new, large architectural group symbolic of the dynamic trend of the Korean-style change and development has appeared in a dignified way to add to the scenery of the Hwasong area which has undergone a dramatic change, Kim Jong Un expressed his great satisfaction over the fact that a higher level of material and cultural wellbeing can be provided to the people.

He learned in detail about the overall situation of the housing construction at the third stage in the Hwasong area nearing completion.

Going round the houses, he highly appreciated the quality of the overall building work, which made a stride forward in the housing construction at the third stage in the Hwasong area, and enjoyed a bird's-eye view of the changed appearance of the Hwasong area unfolding scenic beauty of the socialist cultural efflorescence. He continued to say:

With the start of the significant groundbreaking ceremony in the spring of 2021 when I personally gave the flag of the headquarters for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang to its commanding officers, a loud sound of blasting has resounded on this land

every year to hasten the days of rejuvenation and the capital city of Pyongyang was enveloped in joy of the people moving into new houses in every April. This is truly a worthwhile struggle and pride in realizing our Party's long-cherished desire.

When the fourth-stage construction in the Hwasong area is completed, ours will become a country, which has perfectly resolved the housing problem of the capital city, and we can be proud of this before the world. The construction in the Hwasong area, conducted vigorously year after year, has verified the development-oriented principles to be observed in opening up a new era of the capital city construction.

Ryomyong, Mirae Scientists and other new streets sprang up year after year, renewing the appearance of the capital city, but there has never been an urban quarter like the Hwasong area which has been erected on a large scale with perfect functionality in a short span of time. This is of great experimental significance in putting the new era of prosperity of Pyongyang on a higher level.

He then clarified all the tasks arising in achieving clear changes and progress suited to the new era by meeting the requirements of the Party's policy and sustaining the modern

character of our own style in construction, which is an epitome of national strength and civilization, and went on:

The Hwasong area has attained the political, economic and cultural functions as a full-fledged urban administrative district and turned into a centre and standard capable of leading the areas existing in the capital city to civilization and efflorescence. This is a significant development for enhancing the strategic functions and position of the capital city.

The precious experience gained in the construction of the Hwasong area, which proved the validity of our Party's policy on the capital city construction and set an example in the layout of urban formation elements, should be applied proactively to the capital city construction field. In this way, we can accelerate the modernization of our style suited to the political character of the capital city of our state and the world trend of architectural development.

What is particularly important in pushing forward construction is to conduct the work of steadily regulating and renewing the legal guarantee for the urban formation and development in the capital city and regional areas and wage the nationwide construction strictly in accordance with the construction law of a new standard.

It is necessary to readjust and reinforce the well-regulated system of working out plans for such urban formation elements as industrial buildings and sci-tech, educational and public health facilities in a logical, scientific and planned way in conformity with the population density and characteristics of relevant regions and then strictly deliberating them before they are applied to the construction.

Specially underlining the importance of the issues of successfully drawing up and giving precedence to the scientific and future-oriented design of urban infrastructure, realizing the modernization of this work and radically improving the level of urban management, he advanced important principles and tasks that should be regarded as guidelines in implementing the policy on developing the capital city.

Expressing his deep emotion over the fact that our Party, whose desire gets more intense whenever grave difficulties stand in its way and which dynamically works to attain it, is to see another splendid fruition—completion of the third-stage construction in the Hwasong area, he assigned the task for holding its inauguration ceremony with splendour in the lead-up to the Day of the Sun, the greatest auspicious holiday of the nation.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has photo session with participants in third national meeting of active neighbourhood unit leaders

He highly appreciates the lofty spiritual world and unknown efforts of the neighbourhood unit leaders

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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 and had a photo session with the participants in the third national meeting of active neighbourhood unit leaders on March 20.

The participants were filled with great excitement and joy, boundless happiness and pride as they were to have a photograph taken with the benevolent Marshal Kim Jong Un, whom they have always longed to see.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue of the photo session, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers of "Hurrah!" as a reflection of their highest respect and boundless gratitude, looking up with emotion to the dear father of the great socialist family who bestows on them the greatest glory to be cherished as their lifelong wealth.

Kim Jong Un warmly encouraged the exemplary neighbourhood unit

leaders from across the country, expressing deep gratitude to them for devoting themselves to the work of the neighbourhood units, finding exceptional honour and pride and worth of living in consolidating the basic units of the people's government and taking warm care of the convenience of inhabitants in their living.

Saying that there are many jobs for

serving the people in our society but rare is the appellation neighbourhood unit leader, most closely and intimately linked to the people, he highly appreciated the lofty spiritual world and unknown efforts of the neighbourhood unit leaders, who are showing their sincerity for the inhabitants and turning their units into groups of patriots without claiming any honour or reward.

He said that dong and neighbourhood units constitute a cornerstone supporting our people-centred state and social system and the base of the inhabitants' living, and that the functions and roles of dong and people's neighborhood units serve as a motive force dynamically propelling the advance of our state toward its comprehensive development. He stressed that to strengthen dong and neighbourhood units precisely means consolidating the mass foundation of the people's government and harmony and unity in the neighbourhood units precisely means the single-minded unity of our society firmly united with

affection and tender feeling.

Noting that the duties of the secretaries of dong offices and leaders of neighbourhood units are very important in making sure that the efforts our Party and government make for improving the people's living standards are led to the people's bright laughter, he said that they should become possessors of beautiful virtue and traits and genuine householders and kind-hearted eldest daughters-in-law, who are welcomed and visited first by everyone, in line with the characteristics of their work—working directly with the inhabitants—to make beautiful human relations and noble moral ethics pervade the whole

villages and neighbourhood units like the air.

Expressing expectation and belief that the third national meeting of active neighbourhood unit leaders would serve as an important milestone for all the secretaries of dong offices and leaders of neighbourhood units to turn dong and neighbourhood units into a great single-minded family strong with patriotism and establish a noble and civilized socialist way of life throughout the whole society as genuine servants enjoying respect, trust and love from inhabitants, he had a photo session with them.

All the participants were filled with ardent enthusiasm to fully demonstrate the advantages of Korean-style socialism and make a tangible contribution to the prosperity and development of our great state by bringing about a fresh turn in the work of the neighbourhood units as required by the era of great changes with their lifelong desire to repay the great affection and trust bestowed on them by Kim Jong Un.



DPRK Missile Administration conducts test-fire of latest anti-aircraft missile system

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees the test-fire together with major members of the Central Military Commission of the WPK



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The Missile Administration of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea conducted a test-fire of the latest anti-aircraft missile system on March 20 to examine the comprehensive performance of the system, which was put into full-

scale production at a relevant munitions industry enterprise.

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, oversaw the test-fire together with major members of the Central Military Commission of the

WPK.

The test-fire proved that the combat quick response of the latest anti-aircraft missile system was advantageous and the overall weapon system was highly reliable.

Saying that the Korean People's Army will be equipped with another

major defence weapon system with laudable combat performance, Kim Jong Un extended thanks to the anti-aircraft weapon system research group and the relevant munitions industry enterprise for greatly contributing to bolstering up the national defence capabilities.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Nampho Dockyard

He sets forth major targets to be attained in the technical updating and modernization of dockyards



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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 Nampho Dockyard on March 20.

He was accompanied by major senior officials of the WPK Central Committee.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un went round various production lines of

the dockyard.

True to his on-site instructions, the workers, technicians and officials of the dockyard are pushing ahead with the work for modernizing production lines and expanding their production capacity in an all-out effort to implement the policy of the WPK on developing the shipbuilding industry in the new era.

While learning in detail about the rebuilding of the dockyard and expansion of its production capacity, he said it is a primary and important task for developing the national economy and bolstering the Juche-oriented naval forces for our state to accelerate the modernization of the shipbuilding industry and radically increase the overall shipbuilding capacity. He noted that we should open up a new era, when the shipbuilding industry undergoes a rapid change, and guarantee its change without fail.

He stressed again that, to this end, it is

necessary to give top priority to the work of rapidly raising the level of modernization of the shipbuilding industry as a whole, while efficiently perfecting the structure of the industry and intensifying policy-oriented and technical guidance, and ensure a nationwide and full support to it in a sustainable way.

He set forth major targets to be attained in the technical updating and modernization of dockyards.

He repeatedly stressed that this dockyard, which is a reliable, large-scale shipbuilding base of the country and boasts a wonderful history and tradition of self-reliance, ought to become a core and engine also in the ongoing struggle to usher in a new era of development of the shipbuilding industry, and made relevant conclusions on the important issues arising in carrying out the huge plan for strengthening the material and technical foundations of the dockyard.

National meeting of active neighbourhood unit leaders held

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The third national meeting of active neighbourhood unit leaders was held in Pyongyang on March 16-17.

The meeting discussed practical ways in detail for making innovations in the work of dongs and neighbourhood units as required by the new era, true to the intention of the Workers' Party of Korea to further consolidate the cornerstone of the Korean-style socialist system centred on the masses of the people and the foundation of the DPRK government and build a comprehensively developed, prosperous state on its solid ground.

Present there were Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, and other senior Party and government officials, exemplary leaders of neighbourhood units and chiefs of dong offices from

across the country, officials of the provincial, city and county people's committees and officials concerned.

Premier Pak Thae Song made an opening address.

He expressed belief that the third national meeting of active leaders of neighbourhood units, convened in the historic period when policies for the comprehensive development of the state and the realization of all ideals of the people are being adopted and enforced and great changes are being made in the whole of socialist construction under the wise leadership of the great Party Central Committee, would mark an important occasion in bringing about a radical improvement in the work of dongs and neighbourhood units.

He stressed that the neighbourhood unit in the country is the lowest organization of social life linking the inhabitants with the people's power organs and the base of inhabitants' living and that the work to

actively preserve the original features of the society starts from the neighbourhood units and it is guaranteed by their role.

The past 10-odd years that witnessed a new era of prosperity unprecedented in the history of the country were a proud period when signal progress was made in the work of dongs and neighbourhood units, he said.

The report introduced the inhabitants who preferentially treat the revolutionary seniors and meritorious persons with respect and display the beautiful traits of assisting the army, as well as the achievements and experience gained in finding out many reserves through an economy drive to positively contribute to socialist construction and in sprucing up streets and villages as socialist fairylands.

It referred to a series of deviations and lessons to be overcome without fail in the work of dongs and neighbourhood units.

Saying that they are faced

with an important and urgent task to radically improve the work of dongs and neighbourhood units in line with the rapid development of the state making continuous leaps forward in all sectors and fields, the reporter

referred to the ways for its fulfilment.

He called on the participants in the meeting and all other leaders of neighbourhood units throughout the country to work harder for the eternal prosperity of their great

state, happy laughter of the beloved people and Korean-style socialism best in the world, bearing deep in mind the heavy mission they have assumed before the Party and the people.

Then followed speeches.



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Russian Security Council delegation visits DPRK



The delegation of the Security Council of the Russian Federation led by Secretary Sergei Shoigu lays a wreath at the Liberation Tower in Pyongyang on March 21.

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A delegation of the Security Council of the Russian Federation led by Secretary Sergei Shoigu visited the DPRK on March 21.

It was greeted by Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Jong Gyu, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and staff members of his embassy.

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A guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the tower.

The national anthems of the Russian Federation and the DPRK were played.

A wreath was placed at the Liberation Tower in the name of the secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation amid the playing of wreath-laying music.

The participants paid a silent tribute to the memory of the fallen soldiers of the Soviet Army before looking round the tower.

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A delegation of the Russian Foreign Ministry led by Vice-Minister Andrei Rudenko visited the DPRK between March 14 and 17.

They were greeted at Pyongyang International Airport by officials of the DPRK Foreign Ministry and the Russian ambassador to the DPRK and his embassy members.

The Russian Foreign Ministry delegation visited the Liberation Tower in Pyongyang on March 14.

They laid flowers at the tower in memory of the martyrs of the Soviet Army, who dedicated their blood and precious lives to the sacred war for Korea's liberation with the noble internationalist spirit, and paid a silent tribute to them before looking round the tower.

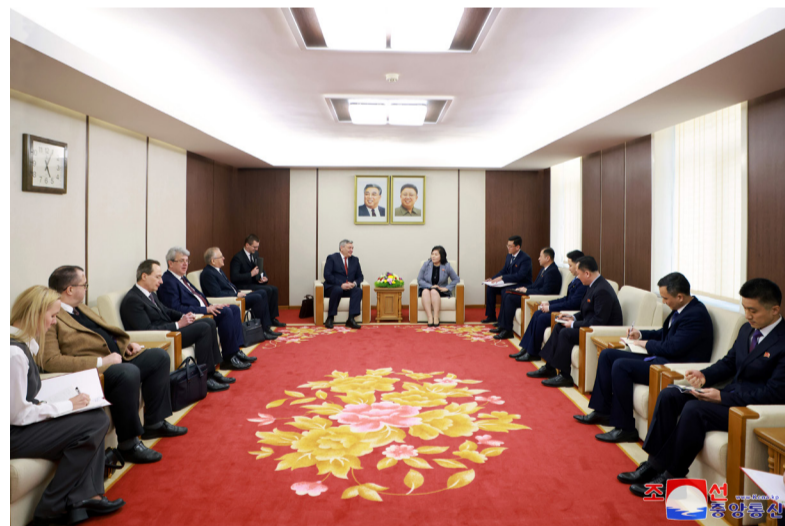
Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met and had a friendly talk with the delegation of the Russian Foreign Ministry led by Vice-Minister Andrei Rudenko who paid a courtesy call on her on March 15.

Present there were officials of the DPRK Foreign Ministry and the Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

Talks were held in Pyongyang on March 15 between Kim Jong Gyu, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Andrei Rudenko, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

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Russian Foreign Ministry delegation visits Pyongyang



Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, meets the delegation of the Russian Foreign Ministry on March 15.

side were officials of the Foreign Ministry and from the Russian side the members of the Foreign Ministry delegation and the ambassador to the DPRK.

At the talks both sides discussed in detail the practical ways for positively promoting bilateral exchanges and cooperation and boosting mutual support and cooperation in the international arena in the spirit of the agreements reached at the historic DPRK-Russia summit in June 2024 and the treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries and reached a consensus of views.

The talks proceeded in a friendly atmosphere.

The Russian Foreign Ministry delegation visited the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum on March 16.

Being briefed on the undying exploits President Kim Il Sung performed for the war victory and the heroic struggle of the Korean people who honourably defended the dignity and sovereignty of the country, the members of the delegation looked round various halls.

The delegation also visited the Tower of the Juche Idea, the National Gifts Exhibition House, the cemetery of fallen fighters of the Soviet Army in Sadong District and other places.

The Russian Foreign Ministry delegation left Pyongyang for home on March 17.

It was seen off at Pyongyang International Airport by officials of the DPRK Foreign Ministry and the Russian ambassador to the DPRK and his embassy official.

Country advances on the strength of love for rising generations

By Om Kuk Chol

The more difficult the country's situation gets, the more sincere efforts the DPRK puts in for children and the more vigorously it advances towards the future on the strength of love.

Since the birth of a new Korea, the DPRK has always given top priority to work related to children.

One of the major agenda items discussed at the first meeting of its power organ was the issue of pencils for children, and it was the textbooks for children that were transported before munitions even in the flames of the Fatherland Liberation War.

Even in the days of hardships the country was undergoing, the vehicles for the "kings" invariably ran to supply soya milk to all the children across the country.

Socialist benefits provided for the rising generation have been greater in the new era of the Juche revolution.

At the historic third and fourth plenary meetings of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and other important meetings of the Party, it was decided to set as a national policy to supply dairy products and other nutritious foodstuffs to the children across the country at state expense and provide all the students across the country with uniforms and other school things at state expense.

The Korean people unanimously say that there are many countries

and leaders in the world, but the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un is the only leader who calculated the number of nursery and kindergarten children across the country and their daily necessary amount of milk, took special measures to prepare powdered milk for them and personally tasted the flavour of the milk produced on a trial basis.

He said that officials should pay special attention to feeding well the children at nurseries and kindergartens with parental affection and prove their loyalty to the Party, the revolution, the country and the people by making a tangible contribution to the implementation of the Party's childcare policy, and always stresses that everything to be provided to our children should be the most excellent and best in the world.

In the DPRK the work for children has become the primary state affair that should be carried out unconditionally, not the one that is conducted under favourable conditions and that may be skipped under difficult conditions and as a result all the children across the country including schoolchildren are provided with milk products, new types of school uniforms, bags, shoes and school things.

The happy laughter of children and their song "We Are the Happiest in the World" are resounding far and wide on this land as the most beautiful and wonderful hymn to the great Kim Jong Un's era and the motherly Party.

Factory increases production of textbooks for new school year

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Marked improvement has been brought about every day in the production of textbooks for new school year at the Educational Books Printing Plant.

The factory is performing the production tasks ahead of schedule while gradually increasing the production capacity.

The printing and bookbinding workshops run the sci-tech learning space effectively by focusing on improving the technical knowledge and skills of their employees. In this course, they made a breakthrough for production rise by introducing valuable inventions for raising the operating rate of equipment pieces 1.3 times and reducing their power consumption.

Workers and technicians of the semi-finished products workshop newly remodelled parts of major

pieces of equipment to save much labour and time for the repair and maintenance of them. And the repair and maintenance workshop ensured over 98 percent of power factor to contribute to markedly reducing power loss by reactive power at the factory.

From the viewpoint that economy is just increased production and patriotism, members of the paper-making workteam lowered production costs remarkably while improving the quality of products by making effective use of waste pieces from cutting papers for the production of textbooks and developing a new automatic temperature control device.

The officials and employees of the factory continue to expand successes in production with greater enthusiasm for competition between workshops and workteams.



At the Mindulle Notebook Factory.

With maternal affection

Working people across the country produce essential goods for students with sincerity

At the Pyongyang Bag Factory.



At the Pyongyang School Uniform Factory.

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By Choe Song Jun PT

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea takes responsibility for providing students with school things, school uniforms and shoes, bags and other essential goods for them.

Working people across the country have devoted themselves to turning out the essential goods for students.

The employees of the Mindulle Notebook Factory ensured high quality of notebooks with the mind of mothers who make them for their own children. They made efforts to increase the variety of notebooks helpful for early education of children and students and development of their intellectual faculties, thus creating over 10 kinds

of original notebook cover designs shortly ago. They also developed and produced more than 10 kinds of school things including cards for learning the Korean language and writing exercise books for kindergarten children and primary school pupils.

Those of the Pyongyang School Uniform Factory paid close attention to the last details of even a single uniform, picturing children going to school in uniforms made by them. It frequently organized products shows and exhibitions with a view to producing tailored uniforms and positively introduced what was rated excellent into production.

The Pyongyang Bag Factory confirmed the designs of new types of bags and completed the technical preparations including the

drawing up of relevant patterns and technical guidelines in a short span of time before buckling down to production. Workers responsible for the preceding processes introduced efficient working methods and carried out inspections according to processes in a responsible manner to improve the quality of products.

The Phyongsong School Uniform Factory and Phyongsong Bag Factory encouraged their employees to learn from the experience of those highly appreciated at the competition of needle workers of the Contest of Skilled Workers with Different Jobs in Various Sectors of National Economy-2024 to ensure quality in the production of school uniforms and bags.



Ko Ryong Thaeck



An Chang Hyon



Ryu Sun Ok



Kung Jong Sik



Yun So Gwang

Top Ten Teachers of 2024

By Pang Un Ju PT

Versatile teacher

Ko Ryong Thaeck, teacher of Osang Senior Middle School in Yonggwang County, South Hamgyong Province, has the abilities to teach well four subjects including mathematics, computing and his major physics.

It was 23 years ago that he started his teaching career after graduating from the Physics Faculty of Kim Hyong Jik University of Education. His high skills and enthusiasm enabled him to possess the abilities to teach the subjects. And he set an example in putting the teaching contents of physics on a practical, comprehensive and modern footing and generalized it to relevant educational units across the

country.

Over the past 20-odd years, he has created and introduced dozens of new teaching methods, including heuristic teaching methods that help develop students' intelligence quickly while teaching the subjects in plain language, in an interesting way and theoretically, and developed various useful programs conducive to education.

He produced several winners of the national senior middle school students' physics contests and trained many talents in natural science. He was thus honoured to take part in the 14th National Conference of Teachers and have a photo taken with the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Rural school teacher

An Chang Hyon, a teacher of Sohae Senior Middle School in Waudu District, Nampho, could become a teacher of an inner-city school just after graduating from a university 15 years ago, but he opted to go to the rural school in his home village.

He devoted his selfless efforts and passion to improving the educational level of the school and acquired the qualifications to teach not only physics, his major, but also natural science, mathematics and

English of junior middle school.

He developed several new teaching methods which help students easily understand what they learn in lessons in combination with actual life. He made dozens of kinds of teaching aids and experimental apparatuses so that all the experiments incorporated in the physics course of senior middle school could be conducted, thus greatly contributing to turning the school into a model one in rural areas, which can carry out all demonstration experiments

and experiments on what students learn in lessons.

He wrote reference books necessary for the improvement of teachers' qualifications and students' scholarly performance and made public several study papers in a

foreign magazine through assiduous scientific research.

He was awarded the medal of honour for teachers for the distinguished service he rendered to train many reserve talents while taking parental care of students.

Immense successes made for three decades

Ryu Sun Ok, associate professor of Sariwon Teachers Training College with a 30-year teaching career, works as head of a department in charge of the teaching work of the college and concurrent teacher of the natural science department.

Last year, she displayed her high ability in planning the curriculum and teaching programmes for the revision of the education programme of the teachers training college sector, and the new teaching plan she wrote for the subject of primary-school natural science teaching method won first place at the instruction design contest for applying research-type teaching and study methods-2024 of the teachers training colleges.

In recent years, she aroused

enthusiasm among teachers of her college for emulation to create new teaching methods so as to develop over 20 excellent teaching methods and generalize them throughout the country by means of videos of relevant demonstration lectures.

Last year, she contrived more than 40 experimental apparatuses and teaching aids and made sure that simulation programs significant in educational practice were developed, thus contributing to the college's winning first place in the category of teachers training colleges at the 25th national exhibition of educational experimental apparatuses and teaching aids.

She was awarded the title of Meritorious Person of Socialist Patriotism in October last year.

With outstanding writing ability

Kung Jong Sik is a renowned lecturer of ability at Phyongsong

University of Education.

Being possessed of a remarkable writing ability, he

took part in writing textbooks for the implementation of the second programme for universal 12-year compulsory education, wrote seven kinds of textbooks including the Korean language textbooks for the first- and second-year students of junior middle school and achieved distinctive results in writing textbooks and reference books for teaching according to the university education programme.

In recent years alone, he worked out over 90 teaching plans for the subjects of phonetics and lexicology of Korean language as those embodying research-oriented teaching and study methods.

He developed programs for the interpretation and evaluation of Korean language type and the evaluation of Korean language rules and presented them to the national exhibition of IT achievements-2024 held in August last year. The programs were rated as excellent IT products and have been generalized to teachers training colleges.

He developed several programs to which AI technology was applied and made successes in the educational and scientific research work to receive dozens of certificates and train many excellent reserve teachers.

True educator, teacher

Yun So Gwang, teacher of Kaesong Middle School No. 1 with a 20-odd-year teaching career, is held in respect by many students and their parents as a true educator and teacher.

Over the years, with clear conscience and high qualifications as educator, he looked after hard-pressed students with parental care, encouraging them to overcome difficulties together with him, and took responsible care of and taught a sick student, whose parents had given up hope of his recovery, to the last and thereby the latter could enter Pyongyang University of Architecture.

The teacher has always treated and led students with

sincerity and so far brought up all students in his charge as future pillars of the country.

He created and introduced several excellent methods of teaching foreign languages with high educational qualifications to help students reach the top three several times in the national foreign language conversation contest of middle schools No.1.

Last year he was rated as the best at the national foreign language teaching experience-sharing meeting of the primary and secondary education sector and won first place at the school's teaching contest assessment.

He was awarded the title of meritorious person of socialist patriotism in March 2019.

New teaching management system, experimental simulation programs introduced

By Sin Pyol PT

According to an official of the Ministry of Education of the DPRK, a new teaching management system will be introduced into colleges in the teachers training sector from the new school year.

To this end, the ministry has designed an educational programme to improve the effectiveness of teaching and train more and better talents.

It organized short courses

of different subjects to expand the horizons of officials and lecturers and improve their qualifications.

The ministry also completed an integrated teaching management system at a high level to put teaching administration on a scientific basis in keeping with the introduction of the new teaching management system.

Colleges in the teachers training sector in different parts of the country finished the preparations for

introducing the new teaching management system.

Meanwhile, various experimental simulation programs developed by the Academy of Pedagogical Science have been spread across the country to prove effective.

Physics, chemistry, biology and nature experimental simulation programs enable students to practise all experimental processes in a virtual environment before real experiments.

The programs, which are more intelligent than the previous ones, provide environment for research and experiments so that students can choose experimental apparatuses and reagents at will to do by themselves any experiment included in the educational programme.

The simulation of experiments enables students to further consolidate knowledge they learned while skilfully conducting experiments.

Security man sacrifices himself to save a boy

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Everyone has been touched by the news that security men of the Rahung branch public security station of the Riwon County Public Security Department of South Hamgyong Province rescued a boy who fell into icy lake water.

"It was a very cold mid-January day. Choe Kum Chol, security man of our Rahung branch public security station, was going on patrol that day, too. At that time he suddenly heard an urgent shout that a boy was drowning and discovered the boy struggling to get out of a water hole of a frozen lake. Choe jumped into the icy water without hesitation," said Kim Sang Chol, head of the branch station.

According to the women of the village who witnessed the situation, Choe Kum Chol inched his way to the boy breaking the ice layer with his fists, lifted up the drowning boy and turned toward the shore. He swam desperately, going below

and above the water surface, but with the boy on his shoulders to keep him from submerging in the lake water.

At that time another security man Ri Chol Min came rushing to the shore and dived into water. When Ri approached him, Choe pushed the boy toward the hand extended by Ri, instead of stretching out his hand. At that moment Ri hesitated, because he could not turn back leaving his comrade-in-arms in dire state behind. But he swam toward the shore holding the boy in his arm at the thought that not only his comrade but the boy his comrade rescued at the risk of his life might die if he hesitated. With the passage of time Ri became unable to move his arms and legs properly, but forced his way toward the shore inch by inch, breaking the ice layer desperately.

Ri managed to come out of water with the help of the rope cast by the other security man who arrived later and lost consciousness after seeing the boy breathing out his breath.

But Choe Kum Chol could not be saved.

Everybody has one and only life.

His comrades and villagers say that if Choe had a selfish streak, he would not have declined the saving hand extended to him in a pressing danger and sacrificed his life for the little boy who was a stranger to him.

People were reluctant to part with the admirable man who faithfully fulfilled his duty at the cost of his life.

The news of the self-sacrifice by the security man spread rapidly throughout the village and an endless stream of residents visited the venue of the mourning ceremony arranged in the branch station day and night.

Among them was the boy rescued by the security men.

When the boy entered the sorrow-laden venue with a guilty mind, Hong Sun Sil, wife of the late Choe, stroked his head and unexpectedly gave him new padded clothes.

Hong said that she prepared the clothes for



Choe Kum Chol

him at the thought that her husband, if he were alive, might have given new padded clothes to the boy who had fallen into icy water. Looking at her, mourners wept copious tears.

Many people, who saw a video showing an endless stream of visitors to the venue of the mourning ceremony and throngs of people following his bier crowding the paddy and non-paddy fields, embankments and roads and who read a newspaper article about him, paid high tribute to the security man, a genuine human immensely faithful to his duty.



Ri Chol Min (second from right in the first row). RODONG SINMUN

A wave of patriotism sweeps the whole country

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Patriotism is an original feature of the DPRK people.

Many people put in their heart and soul for the prosperity of the country with a high sense of patriotism. Among them are the coal and other miners who perform feats with increased coal and mineral production in the hundreds of metres deep underground pits, the builders of the power-transmission pylons who have worked with patriotic conscience in the remote mountainous areas for decades, the high-yielding farmers who cultivate the fields, the tideland reclaimers who expand the acreage of arable land of the country, smelters, lumberjacks, road keepers, postmen, cobblers and others.

The whole country is brimming with patriotic fervour, with young people volunteering to work in the difficult and labour-consuming sectors and grand construction sites for the advance and development of the country rather than seeking personal pleasure and many ordinary women bringing up their children healthily to become pillars of the country.

Two years ago, workers of the coal mine for supplying coal to Jagang Province under the Kacchon Area Coal-mining Complex performed such a patriotic deed of lighting the torch of a socialist patriotic movement for increased coal production. Last year the workers of the Kwangmyong Pit of the Unpha Mine waged a vigorous increased production drive, thus achieving innovative successes of fulfilling their yearly national economic plan ahead of schedule and mining over 14 000 tons of more ores.

This year, the workers of the Sangwon Cement Complex set a miraculous goal of increasing production ten times as much as last year's increased output and worked hard to register the highest monthly production results in January since its inauguration. In response to the campaign for increased production launched in Sangwon, the workers of the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex produced thousands of tons of more fertilizer than the plan in January and those of the Namyang Coal Mine under the Tokchon Area Coal-mining Complex produced well over 10 000 tons of more coal than their plan in more than 40 days in the new year.

Then what feeling underlies the patriotic devotion of all these people living on this land?

It is their earnest desire to repay the benevolent country.

The workers of the coal mine for supplying coal to Jagang Province started the movement for increased production to return even a bit the infinite loving care of the country.

Ri Kwang Chol, leader of ore transport workteam No. 2 of Kwangmyong Pit, who had a photo taken with General Secretary Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the New Year 2025, and other miners of the Unpha Mine carried out their plan for January ahead of schedule. The high-yielding farmers are redoubling their efforts in the fields with a resolve to repay the benevolence of the Party which provides them with modern houses gratis and enables them to enjoy a new life and new civilization.

The DPRK is advancing courageously, full of confidence in the bright future of the socialist cause, as it has a large army of such patriots.

Chollima badge handed down to younger generation

By Pak Song Min PT

Choe Kuk Jin has worked at the large machine-tool workshop of the Ryongsong Machine Complex for more than ten years.

He not only overfulfilled his national economic plan every year but also invented and introduced various kinds of jigs and equipment necessary for manufacturing large machines to remarkably shorten the processing time of equipment and contributed

to updating the equipment of the complex.

Well known as an innovator, he did not spare efforts in training young workers into skilled hands.

He always thinks about production and finds work by himself, and he has a badge he keeps as a treasure.

It is the Chollima badge symbolizing the Chollima era which is recorded in the history of the DPRK as a great era and the heroic struggle of the masters of the era.

At that time, his grandfather

was awarded the Chollima badge as he made a great number of machines including an 8-metre turning lathe and 3 000-ton press together with Hero Ju Song Il, well-known to the whole country.

The day when Choe Kuk Jin's father was assigned to the complex and went to work for the first time, the grandfather told him to keep the badge from then on as he handed it over to him.

And the father led a life as a famous innovator of the complex like his grandfather

and handed the badge down to Kuk Jin.

Kuk Jin worked hard always wearing the Chollima badge smelt of his grandfather and father and shining with the precious sweat and fighting spirit of the preceding generations.

Then he felt as if his grandfather and father were watching him nearby and confident that he could do any difficult work.

Thus, he became an innovator and a highly skilled worker indispensable to the

complex.

He has been honoured with the Kim Jong Il Youth Honour Prize and the title of socialist patriotic youth vanguard.

"Though decades have passed, the Chollima badge will shine through generations, and the spirit created by the grandfather's generation will firmly be carried on. It is the duty for our younger generations to do so and herein lies the prosperity of our country," said Choe Kuk Jin.



Choe Kuk Jin

Eternal state policy

By Pak Son I PT

Merry schoolchildren on their way to school or back home wearing new school uniforms and shoes and carrying on their back "Sonamu (pine)"-brand schoolbags with "Mindulle (dandelion)" notebooks and "Haebaragi (sunflower)" school things in them are seen everywhere across the country.

Their happy and cheerful looks remind the DPRK people once again of the noble intention of love for the rising generation of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who set it as a consistent policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state to provide the students across the country with school uniforms and school things at the state's expense and took crucial measures for its implementation at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee.

With a noble outlook on the future that even a star in the sky should be picked for children, he repeatedly stressed at the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK that it is the consistent policy of

the WPK and the eternal state policy of the DPRK for the Party and the state to take full responsibility for the supply of essential things to the students.

The work for the rising generation is an important undertaking the DPRK has consistently prioritized and absolutized.

Calling children the king of the country, President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il made sure that all the work of the DPRK government was strictly directed to the work for the younger generations and spared nothing for the upbringing of them.

After the liberation of Korea, the President discussed the issue of pencil production for children as an agenda item at the first meeting of the Provisional People's Committee. One day in April several decades ago, he visited then Yonphung Senior Middle School to see students in new school uniforms. He was so satisfied that he stayed there for a long time and took photos of them.

With the country's policy of supplying school uniforms and school things to students being invariably enforced, Chairman

Kim Jong Il gave detailed instructions on the new styles of school uniforms to be supplied to the students across the country and equipped schools with modern educational facilities even in the hard times for the country.

The love the President and the Chairman showed for the younger generation is being carried forward by General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

The enforcement of the universal 12-year compulsory education, the Okryu Children's Hospital, schoolbag, school uniform and footwear factories for students built across the country and the newly-renovated Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace and Children's Union camps are associated with the great love and tireless devotion of the General Secretary.

To provide school uniforms, bags and school things to all the students of the country, he frequently called officials to give instructions and spent a long time watching designs of new school uniforms for male and female students at schools of different kinds. He also ensured that bag factories, school uniform factories and footwear

factories were built in every province despite the difficulties the country faced.

The General Secretary also set it as the most important policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state to provide the children with better conditions for their upbringing even by spending enormous amounts of money at the Third Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee. Under his loving care, fresh dairy products and nutritious foodstuffs have been supplied to baby homes, orphanages, nurseries and kindergartens across the country.

It is the mode of advance and development of the DPRK to show greater sincerity for the children when it faces increasing difficulties and vigorously advance towards the future of communism on the strength of love for them. And it is the eternal state policy of the DPRK that remains unchanged forever to invariably provide the younger generation with better conditions for their upbringing and supply them with school things and uniforms at the state's expense so that they can study to their heart's content.

For improving weather forecast

By Jong Chol PT

March 23 is World Meteorological Day.

An international meteorological organization was established in 1873 with an aim of strengthening exchanges and cooperation between countries in the meteorological field including meteorological research and forecast and it was reorganized into the World Meteorological Organization on March 23 1950. It became a special agency of the United Nations in December 1951.

With meteorological research intensifying in the world and public interest in it increasing, the World Meteorological Organization set March 23 as World Meteorological Day. The world has commemorated the day since 1961.

When the day comes every year, the WMO set important problems that should be settled without delay in this field as a theme, especially, the meteorological problem that is closely associated with the socioeconomic life of humans and has arranged and conducted a variety of events and activities accordingly.

Today, much progress has been made in the world's weather observation and forecast with the rapid development of science and technology and cooperative relations between countries have become closer.

But there are still lots of problems to solve in view of the meteorological effects on human existence and socioeconomic development. In particular, to prevent the negative effects of abnormal climatic conditions caused by global warming is arising as a pressing task.

Abnormal weather caused by global warming and the subsequent natural calamities are now inflicting heavy human and material damage in different countries of the world.

According to information available, the global average temperature in June last year was 16.66°C, hotter than all the previous same months. The global mean temperature for twelve months until July last year was 1.64°C higher than in the pre-Industrial Revolution period, far exceeding the climate-related goal set by the Paris agreement on climate change.

The excessive use of fossil fuel emits large amounts of greenhouse gas, further accelerating the greenhouse effect of the world and accelerating climate change caused by global warming.

The reality clearly shows that the international community should strengthen international cooperation and bring about a substantial change in the work for coping with the urgent issue of global warming which constitutes the cause of abnormal climatic conditions.

The DPRK joined the World Meteorological Organization on May 27 1975 and is vigorously stepping up the work for ensuring the promptness, precision and scientific accuracy of weather forecast and minimizing damage from disastrous abnormal climate. Projects to further improve weather forecast and boost international cooperation in the field are being conducted.

Humankind will continue the efforts to further improve weather observation and forecast aimed at minimizing the effects of natural calamities and actively promoting socioeconomic development.

'Glacier Preservation'



Hong Hyo Song

Staffer at the Central Committee of the Nature Conservation Union of Korea

March 22 is World Water Day.

The UN General Assembly designated World Water Day in order to raise the awareness of many people on the Earth living without safe water and to spur people into global actions to resolve the water crisis. What is important here is to achieve the sustainable development goal of providing clean water and hygiene for everyone by 2030.

The theme of World Water Day of this year is "Glacier Preservation".

As is known, glaciers play an important role in the water cycle. They are one of the major sources of water for drinking, agriculture, industry, clean energy production and

ecosystems. Seventy percent of the world's fresh water is stored in glaciers. They also contribute to the circulation of sea water and the control of carbon dioxide and nutrients, and reflect a great deal of solar radiation to prevent the Earth from getting too hot.

In recent years, however, climate change and global warming have melted them at a rapid rate to reduce the ice area of the Earth.

If temperature rises due to climate change, the glaciers will melt at a faster rate.

In the past 130 years, glaciers on the Earth have been observed in a variety of ways, including in-situ measurements and remote monitoring. Recent data have shown that the loss

of glaciers caused by climate change has doubled over the past two decades and that if such rate persists, the glaciers in the Andes and Himalayas might disappear by 2100.

The melting of glaciers raises sea level, which has a serious impact on populated areas and ecosystems. According to the data, sea level at present is 20 centimetres higher than in 1900.

Glacier melting also changes the flow of water to give rise to frequent floods, droughts and landslides and to destroy ecosystems and reduces the area reflecting sunlight to accelerate global warming.

The UN General Assembly session held in December 2022 designated 2025 as an international glacier preservation year and adopted a resolution on designating March 21 as World Glacier Day from 2025. This initiative is aimed at increasing awareness of the important role of glaciers, snow and ice in climate and water cycle

and the influence of the changes in the cold zone of the Earth on the economy, society and environment. It is also designed to encourage good practice and sharing of knowledge related to resolving the problem of accelerating glacier melting and its consequences.

The United Nations and other international organizations have developed various strategies for mitigating the impact of climate change, advocating the need to reduce greenhouse gas emission and adopt adaptation and mitigation strategies in order to protect and preserve glaciers that constitute an important freshwater resource and stabilize climate.

Such strategies include the reduction of greenhouse gas emission geared to keeping global temperature from rising by over 1.5°C more than that in the pre-industrial revolution period.

Conserving glaciers is a vital issue for the existence and development of mankind.

BYWORD

Public health revolution

The grand construction of the year 2025 for implementing the regional development policy in the new era started with the ground-breaking for the construction of a hospital and leisure complex in Kangdong County for the Regional Development 20x10 Policy.

In his speech at the ground-breaking ceremony,

the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that it is the top priority of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK 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 2025 recorded in the country's history as the first year of the public health revolution.

It is the Party's plan for modernizing public health to build a top-class general hospital in the capital city to be the backbone and hub of the public health sector of the

country so that its technologies, experience and examples can be disseminated throughout the country and build modern hospitals in all cities and counties so that advanced medical service centres are brought as close as possible to the people and everyone can enjoy the benefits of modern medicine in ease and comfort.

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'G7, US-led nuclear criminal group, should completely abandon its anachronistic ambition for nuclear hegemony'

Press statement of spokesman for DPRK Foreign Ministry

KCNA

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued the following press statement titled "G7, the US-led nuclear criminal group, should completely abandon its anachronistic ambition for nuclear hegemony" on March 16:

At the G7 foreign ministerial meeting recently held in Canada, the US and other Western countries perpetrated a political provocation of talking about the DPRK's "abandonment of nukes", while picking on it over its exercise of the just and legitimate sovereign rights.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK expresses serious concern over the fact that the member states of G7, the chief criminals wrecking the global peace and security and the international nuclear non-proliferation system, are taking issue with the possession of the just war deterrent of the sovereign state just like a guilty party filing the suit

first, and clarifies that it will never tolerate any encroachment upon the sovereignty and internal affairs of the DPRK.

It is just the member states of the G7 that regard nuclear weapons as the main means for serving their aggressive and hegemony-seeking political and military purposes and that are hell-bent on illegal and malicious nuclear proliferation act under the pretext of "nuclear sharing" and "offer of extended deterrent".

It is an irrefutably well-known fact that the US, the only state that used nuclear weapons in the world, is a typical entity that poses nuclear threats while bringing the crisis of nuclear conflict to the Korean peninsula, Europe and different other parts of the world through unlimited nuclear arms buildup and reckless nuclear war drills and the world's top proliferator of nuclear weapons.

The UK, not content with its nuclear weapons, is openly attempting to introduce again the

US' nukes and taking the lead in transferring nuclear submarine technology to a non-nuclear weapons state, and the American nukes are deployed in Germany and Italy.

Meanwhile, France is fostering another worrisome possibility of nuclear proliferation in Western Europe, talking about the "offer of nuclear umbrella" to the regional countries, and Japan has been provided with the "extended deterrent" including nuclear weapons by the US, thus raising the relationship of security and cooperation with the latter to the one of nuclear alliance.

All facts show that G7 consisting of the US and its vassal allies is just the root cause of the outbreak and aggravation of the international nuclear crisis and that the "complete and irreversible abandonment of nukes" should be started from G7.

The group, which has turned into a nuclear criminal group gravely threatening the global peace and

security, should totally abandon its anachronistic ambition for nuclear hegemony before talking about someone's "denuclearization" and "nuclear abandonment".

The DPRK's position as a nuclear weapons state which has been fixed permanently by the supreme law of the state will not change according to whether it is recognized or not by anyone, and its nuclear armed forces will exist forever as a just and powerful means for defending the sovereignty, territorial integrity and fundamental interests of the state, preventing a war in the Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia and guaranteeing the strategic stability of the world.

The DPRK will steadily update and strengthen its nuclear armed forces both in quality and quantity in response to the nuclear threat from outside as stipulated in its Constitution and other domestic laws and reliably defend the peace and security of the state, the region and the rest of the world as a responsible nuclear weapons state.

Gaza Strip belongs to Palestinian territory

By To Kyong Chol PT

An emergency summit of the League of Arab States held in Egypt on March 4 passed with unanimous approval a plan for rebuilding the Gaza Strip.

At the meeting, the Egyptian President unveiled a plan for investing US\$53 billion in fund for restoring Gaza in a period of five years and announced that it would serve as a guarantee for making 2.4 million inhabitants of the area live in their own land. The plan containing the details about providing homeless residents with temporary dwelling houses will be executed in several stages. It is said that US\$3 billion are required for meeting urgent humanitarian needs and restoring essential basic facilities in the initial stage.

The summit adopted a final declaration calling for an international meeting to officially acknowledge the State of Palestine. It agreed on establishing a fund for rebuilding Gaza and appealed for international support. It also agreed that the Palestinian working committee would take charge of the administration of the area until the Palestinian National Authority could totally control the area.

Leaders of Arab nations denounced Israel's policy to alter the vital statistics of Palestine as an unethical crime violating international law. Describing Israel's recent interception of the humanitarian aid for Gaza as a violation of the ceasefire agreement and international humanitarian law, they decried its aggression and expansion of Jewish settlements and expressed support to the reconstruction.

They also demanded the convening

of an international meeting on its reconstruction in Cairo, Egypt, embracing the Palestinian National Authority, the United Nations and the international community along with the cessation of hostilities by Israel. And they called on the UN Security Council to deploy an international peacekeeping force for ensuring the security of Palestine and Israel in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank as an essential measure to found the State of Palestine.

The UN secretary general said that the UN would offer full cooperation to the implementation of the plan for rebuilding Gaza proposed by Egypt.

At the summit, the Palestinian President said that the State of Palestine would fulfil its responsibilities for the area through government agencies, adding that it is ready to organize the presidential and parliamentary elections the next year in case conditions are ripe.

As the news of the League of Arab States summit have been spread widely in different countries, the international support to and solidarity with the cause of Palestine are growing stronger.

The Tunisian President appreciated the Egypt-proposed plan for the reconstruction of Gaza in a telephone conversation with his Egyptian counterpart. Both sides reaffirmed their stand against the emigration of Palestinians and the moves to eradicate the cause of Palestine and stressed that the only solution for achieving eternal regional peace is to found an independent state of Palestine with East al-Quds as the capital and based on the border fixed in 1967.

The Gaza Strip definitely belongs to the Palestinian territory.

'Forests and Food'

By Ri Myong Jun PT

March 21 is International Day of Forests.

The UN General Assembly held in 2012 designated March 21 as International Day of Forests.

It is aimed at deepening many people's understanding of the importance of forests as indispensable and valuable wealth in the protection of natural environment, human life and socio-economic development.

Forests, a huge green treasure trove in the natural world, are the home of mankind and source of their activity for living.

The theme of International Day of Forests of 2025 is "Forests and Food".

The forests, which account for about one third of the world land mass, provide a guarantee for making people obtain food safely and take essential nutrients. They are also closely related to the economic activities of people.

In developing countries, a large number of people live in tropical forest regions and savannas, obtaining food, firewood, building materials and medicines from forests. Fruits, nuts, insects and wild animals in the mountains provide energy, carbohydrates, fat, proteins, vitamins and minerals necessary for human health, enabling people to take sufficient nutrients.

Besides, forests serve to store the water resources essential for the growth of crops, check

strong winds that damage the growth of crops and create microclimate, thus contributing to ensuring safe and high crop yields.

They fertilize the soil and prevent soil erosion while giving strong support to livestock farming by helping highly nutritious forage plants grow and creating pastures for livestock.

They enable people to live in good health in safe ecological environment as they prevent environmental pollution and all kinds of noise and offer clean living environment.

For this reason many countries in the world organize activities for creating and managing forests on the occasion of the day and hold events to commemorate it.

In the DPRK, where mountains account for most of its territory, the forest planting and protection have been pushed forward as an important policy of the state. Every year, many trees of good species, which are suited to the climate and soil conditions of the relevant regions and are of high economic value, are planted to improve the appearance of the land. Modern tree nurseries have been built in all provinces including the Central Tree Nursery to landscape the whole country. Different sectors work hard to reduce their dependence on forests.

The international community is stepping up efforts to protect forest resources, which actively promote human existence and socio-economic development.

Briefly

Russia

President scoffs at West's sanctions

Russian President Vladimir Putin derided the West's anti-Russia sanctions in a recent press conference held after having talks with the Belarus president.

The Western countries thankfully inoculated Russia with independence and sovereign rights through their sanctions, he ridiculed.

Russia will further bolster up its technical sovereignty and continue to step up all the projects related to it without fail, he stated.

Iran

They will never yield to enemies' pressure, President says

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said in a meeting on March 15 that the Iranian people would never yield to the pressure of enemies.

Thinking wrongly that Iran has weakened and that they can pressurize it, the US and some European countries are unable to realize that the Iranian people would never succumb, he noted.

Saying that difficulties can be overcome by dint of unity and solidarity, he called on all the people to unite.

China

Defense Ministry demands Japan draw lesson from history

In a press conference on March 14, a spokesman for the Chinese Defense Ministry criticized Japan for having made public the progress in the research into and manufacturing of a new-type ballistic missile with a range of 3 000km.

In recent years alone, Japan has taken the road of expanding and strengthening its armed forces, freeing itself from the restrictions of the "pacifist constitution", he said, stressing that this is a dangerous act.

Japanese militarism inflicted untold disaster on Asian and world peoples, he noted, demanding Japan draw a serious lesson from history and behave itself in the military and security field.

Yemen

US launches military attack on resistance force

The US launched a large-scale military attack on the resistance force of Yemen.

Saying that the Yemeni resistance force is committing piracy, violence and terrorism, the US president ordered the military on March 15 to take a decisive and powerful military action.

The US forces made dozens of air raids on the capital and different other areas of Yemen that night and carried out indiscriminate air raids on a port city and elsewhere on March 17 again.

Pang Chol Mi wins gold medal at IBA Women's World Boxing Championships

KCNA

DPRK player Pang Chol Mi came first and bagged a gold medal in the 52kg category at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships 2025. She beat Haitian and Vietnamese players at preliminaries, a Russian at the quarterfinals and an

Uzbek at the semifinals. At the final match held on March 16 (local time), she overpowered a Turk 5:0 and won the gold medal.

Hong Kyong Ryong and An Kum Byol of the DPRK took the third place respectively in the 48kg and 50kg categories of the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships 2025 that are going on in Serbia.

Pang Chol Mi mounts sudden attack on her opponent in the final(right) and wins a gold medal(far right).



Divers among top ten players for 2024



Jo Jin Mi

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Kim Mi Rae and Jo Jin Mi are among the top ten players of the DPRK in 2024. They finished runners-up in the women's 10m platform synchronized diving and Kim came third in the women's 10m platform diving in the 33rd Olympic Games held last year.

As a result, they became the first Olympic medallists in diving in the DPRK.

From artistic gymnastics to diving

Kim Mi Rae is a diver of the Pyongyang Sports Club. Originally, she learned to play

artistic gymnastics at the then Sosong District Juvenile Sports School.

One day when she went swimming with her friends to the indoor swimming pool of Kim Il Sung University, she happened to go up the diving tower and jumped into water. It was very interesting and she continued to dive.

As a result, she was selected as a suitable player for the diving event and started her playing career as a diver at the then Ryongnamsan Sports Club.

In 2014, she acquitted herself well in the DPRK Championships and was recognized as a national star.

And she finished runner-up in the women's 10m platform synchronized diving of the then 2015 FINA Grand Prix diving tournament to distinguish herself as a world-class ace, and achieved excellent results in different international competitions.

She was awarded the title of Merited Athlete and selected as one of the top 10 players of the DPRK in 2017.

Later, she was moved to the Pyongyang Sports Club.

She was nominated as one of the top ten players of the DPRK in 2021 again. Later, she won an Olympic medal.

She has so far collected over 20 medals in various international events including several golds.

By overcoming herself

Jo Jin Mi, who won Olympic medals pairing with Kim Mi Rae, is a player of the Sobaeksu Sports Team.

She learned to play rhythmic gymnastics at a primary school before she was picked out by the then April 25 Sports Club and started her playing career as she was flexible and had a suitable physical constitution as a diver.

She trained hard to reach the physical and technical indices according to ages and cut a conspicuous figure by entering the rankings of the final three for the first time in a national competition in 2016.

Later, Jo was selected as a national team player and earned a gold and five silver medals in the women's 10m platform synchronized diving



Kim Mi Rae

and mixed 10m platform diving events of the then 2019 FINA Diving World Series and achieved successes in other international events held that year.

She came to rank with Kim Mi Rae with rich experience in international matches and her career prospects were decided.

But later she failed to exert her energy in training for some reasons and could not reach the final three even in national events.

Two years later, Jo paired with Kim Mi Rae to win a silver medal at the Olympic Games held in 2024, revealing her new form after overcoming herself and demonstrating her improved ability.

500-year-old David elm in Kimhwa

By Jo Ryong PT

A David elm in Kimhwa, which has grown for more than 500 years, stands on the banks of the Kumsong Stream nearly 1km southeast of the township of Kimhwa County, Kangwon Province.

It is 21 metres tall, 5.7 metres round at the root collar, 5.2 metres round at the chest height and 22 metres wide at the crown.

Its first branches stretch southward at the height of 4.5 metres, its second ones westward at the height of 7 metres, and its third ones southward at the height of 10 metres.

