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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 on November 14 at the regional-industry factories under construction in Jaeryong County, South Hwanghae Province.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Kim Yong Su, Kim Yo Jong and Pak Song Chol, leading officials of the WPK Central Committee, and Pak Kwang Ju, general officer of the Korean People's Army.



with confidence in the drive to successfully carry out the grandiose historic task of implementing the regional development policy in the new era set forth by the Party Central Committee, regional-industry factories are taking their clear shapes in 20 cities and counties across the country day after day as they spring up like mushrooms after rain, symbolizing the Korean-style civilization and

He was greeted on the spot by Jo Yong Chol, minister of Regional Industry, the chief secretary of the Jaeryong County Committee of South Hwanghae Province of the WPK, the chairman of the Jaeryong

County People's Committee and the commanding officers of the KPA unit engaged in the construction project.

Thanks to the dynamic struggle of the service personnel, who are out

prosperity.

Officers and men engaged in the construction of the regional-industry

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factories in Jaeryong County, too, are achieving successes by dynamically pushing ahead with the project, while directing all efforts to raising the quality of the final process of construction in order to thoroughly implement the important instructions of the Party Central Committee on ensuring the highest quality in the construction of regional-industry factories.

Going round the construction sites of the foodstuff and daily necessities factories, Kim Jong Un learned in detail about their construction and the manufacture and assembling of equipment for them.

He highly appreciated and expressed his heartfelt thanks to the soldier-builders, who are creating precious and perfect entities to be handed down to posterity as the people's wealth by fully displaying their strength, wisdom and enthusiasm in the worthwhile construction project to bring about a great epochal change, true to their great sense of responsibility that they have turned out in the first year's struggle for the proud regional development revolution.

As the year is drawing to a close and the completion of the factories is at the final stage, it is important for all the builders to enhance their sense of responsibility and role more than ever

before, he said, stressing repeatedly that they should not grow impatient but push ahead more meticulously with building work to perfectly ensure the quality of construction to the last.

After acquainting himself with the manufacture and assembling of equipment, he said that the work should not be a mere review of the results. He stressed the need to manufacture all the pieces of equipment at the highest quality and conduct their installation and test-run in a responsible manner so that they can be operated at full capacity from the first stage of commissioning of the factories.

He learned in detail about the preparations for operating regional-industry factories, including training of technicians and skilled workers, farming in raw materials bases and securing of raw materials for normal production, and indicated scientific ways and means of solving knotty problems.

He said: The factories should go into production as soon as they are completed and prove their worth from the beginning. All preparations should be made persistently and steadily to ensure full operation of the factories, so as to bring about a substantial change in the living of the regional people with successful fruition from the first year of the 10-year

revolution for regional development.

He said that construction of the regional-industry factories is a far-reaching policy of the Party and a historic task for realizing the centuries-old desire of the regional people, not merely construction work. He noted that it is more precious to devote clear conscience before discussing only the result figures in the construction of the factories, adding that if we devote patriotic sweat and sincere efforts every day, an eye-opening era of regional transformation will surely come.

He expressed expectation and belief that the soldier-builders, full of ardent patriotism and loyalty and the spirit of death-defyingly implementing Party policy, will brilliantly adorn the first year of implementing the Regional Development 20x10 Policy by waging a dynamic and courageous struggle.

Officers and men of the unit made a firm pledge to fully display the spiritual temperament of the KPA which is always boundlessly loyal to the leadership of Kim Jong Un and the great Party at all construction sites and thus leave patriotic footprints in the sacred revolutionary struggle for the prosperity of the country and the happiness of posterity.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guides performance test of suicide attack drones of various types

He expresses satisfaction with the tactical and technical characteristics and specifications of the drones, underscores the need to build a serial production system as early as possible and go into full-scale mass production



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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, guided on the spot on November 14 the performance test of suicide attack drones of various types, produced by an institute and enterprises under the Unmanned Aeronautical Technology Complex.

He was accompanied by Ri Pyong Chol and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK,

and other senior officials of the Central Committee of the WPK and the general manager of the UATC.

He acquainted himself with the attack drones under development and oversaw their test.

The suicide attack drones, designed to be used within different striking ranges on the ground and the sea, are to perform a precision attack mission against any enemy targets.

In the test, the drones of various types precisely hit the targets after flying along preset tactical routes in the

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striking ranges.

Expressing satisfaction with the tactical and technical characteristics and specifications of the newly developed unmanned aerial vehicles, Kim Jong Un highly appreciated the fact that the UATC has achieved remarkable successes in promoting the projects the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee and the Party Central Military Commission decided and instructed to the defence industry. Then he underscored the need to build a serial production system as early as possible and go into full-scale mass production.

He said:

The competition for using UAVs as the main means of military capabilities by introducing innovative technology is being accelerated in the world. It is easy to use them as a component of striking power in a new domain for their ever-expanding range of use in military activities, low production cost and simple production lines. The military authorities in the world might have recognized that the UAVs are achieving clear successes in big and small conflicts. This is a current trend that has emerged as an essential requirement in military aspects. Such an objective change poses a pressing need to update many parts of military theory,

practice and education and keenly calls upon the fields of defence science and education to take prompt practical actions and redouble their efforts.

He affirmed that the DPRK has full possibility and potentiality to produce and introduce various types of UAVs and it would open a prospect of combining and applying new and promising tactical methods also in the aspect of art of war as required by modern warfare.

He said that recently the WPK has attached importance to and steadily supplemented the line of perfectly combining unmanned military hardware systems with operational plans and war principles in its military policy. He

referred to the plan of the Party Central Committee on developing unmanned military hardware and set forth a crucial strategic policy for implementing it.

His on-site guidance on the work of the UATC serves as a landmark occasion that gave fresh vitality to the struggle for firmly defending the sovereignty and security of our Republic by dynamically promoting the qualitative development of the unmanned military hardware systems that are practical and essential in bolstering up the national defence capabilities and actively deterring and controlling potential challenges and threats in all defence areas with their absolute superiority.

Treaty on DPRK–Russia comprehensive strategic partnership ratified

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The “Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

and the Russian Federation”, which was concluded in Pyongyang on June 19 2024, was ratified as a decree of the President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

The DPRK head of state signed the decree on November 11 2024.

The treaty will take effect from the day when both sides exchange the ratification instruments.

Benevolence shown for builders in flood-hit areas of North Phyongan Province

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The loving care shown by the benevolent father for the builders, who are performing innovations in a grand drive for reconstructing the flood-hit areas in the northwestern part of the DPRK according to the blueprint unfolded by the great Central Committee of the Workers’

Party of Korea, is getting deeper with each passing day.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent necessary materials to the builders, in consideration of their dietary life, who are devoting themselves to turning the afflicted area into a socialist paradise where people will enjoy full happiness.

The materials, associated with the warm love of the motherly Party, were conveyed to the members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade, service personnel and other builders involved in the reconstruction of the flood-hit areas in North Phyongan Province on November 12.

Inspecting the reconstruction

sites several times, the tender-hearted leader highly appreciated the builders’ feats and showed them boundless loving care. His paternal care pervades the whole reconstruction sites.

The builders extended deep thanks to Kim Jong Un for giving them great strength and courage and leading them to perform fresh

miracles and feats.

All of them were filled with loyalty to successfully build the flood-hit areas into the ideal people’s villages to be envied by the world, true to the noble intention of the Workers’ Party of Korea which is bringing about world-startling miraculous victory through selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people.

SPA Standing Committee Chairman inspects Kangwon Province



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Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman

of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, inspected various units in Kangwon Province.

Learning about the construction of regional-industry factories in Kosan County, he encouraged the soldier-builders who are stepping up the project at the final stage with loyalty and patriotism to repay the deep trust of the Party Central Committee, which placed them at the forefront for implementing the regional development policy in the new era.

Going round the Kosan County Raw Materials

Base Station, he called for raising the per-hectare yield at the raw materials bases by manuring and tending crops in a scientific and technological way and improving the management method to ensure the normal operation of regional-industry factories.

At the Wonsan Leather Shoes Factory and the Kosan Combined Fruit Farm, he called upon the officials and employees to further raise the modernization level of footwear production, steadily improve the quality of products and develop the fruit storage and processing technology, bearing in

mind the pride and honour of working at the glorious workplaces associated with the leadership exploits of the peerlessly great persons.

He said that the Ogye Farm, the forest management station and the goat farm in Anbyon County should make steady preparations for next year's farming on the basis of successes, experience and lessons in this year's farming, create forests in a profitable way so as to contribute to the economic development and the improvement of people's living standards in the region and increase the milk production by

holding fast to the four main links of the stockbreeding development, including the securing of improved varieties and the supply of feed.

Learning about the judicial administration of the Anbyon County People's Committee, he stressed the need for the deputies to fulfil their mission and duty as servants of the people and conduct education in law observance in a diverse way with the main emphasis on establishing the law-abiding climate among the masses and, in particular, decisively enhance the role of members in charge of law explanation.

Young women players get hero's welcome on return from World Cup and world championships

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The DPRK's promising women footballers won the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in the wake of the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup by making strenuous efforts with a burning desire to live up to the expectations of the country and the people. As a result, they have lifted four winner's trophies this year to fully display the reserved strength and prospects of development as Asian and world champions.

A DPRK woman boxer bagged a gold medal in the women's 60kg category event of the IBA Youth World Boxing Championships 2024. These and other remarkable successes in various international games this year added a wonderful and remarkable page to the history of the development of Juche-oriented physical culture and sports.

The successful DPRK players in the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup and the IBA Youth World Boxing Championships 2024 returned home on November 9.

At Pyongyang International Airport, there were many people who turned out to welcome the players who won victories in international games through their strong spiritual strength and strenuous offensive peculiar to Juche Korea and glorified the powerful DPRK with gold medals.

Present at the stopping place were Kim Il Guk, minister of Physical Culture and Sports of the DPRK, members of the National Sports Guidance Committee, officials concerned, officials in the sports field and families of the players.

When the plane arrived, sportspersons and working people put garlands around the necks of the players and coaches and

presented bouquets to them amid the playing of song "Our National Flag".

The parents hugged their children, sports stars of the country who brought their dreams, hopes and talents into full bloom under the loving care of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The sportspersons, who demonstrated the ever-victorious spirit and reputation of the dignified DPRK, left Pyongyang International Airport on a splendidly-decorated open vehicle.

Along streets, Pyongyang citizens, students and children warmly congratulated the players who created another sensation in the world sport circles.

The DPRK Cabinet hosted a reception at the Okryu Restaurant on November 14 to congratulate the DPRK players who won the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup and the IBA Youth World Boxing Championships 2024.



Along streets, Pyongyang citizens, students and children warmly congratulate the players on their triumphant return home and the DPRK Cabinet hosts a reception to welcome the players on November 14.

DPRK martial artists back home

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DPRK players returned home on November 14 after taking part in the 9th International Martial Arts Games held in Uzbekistan.

Secretary General of the Cabinet Kim Kum

Chol who is concurrently member of the State Sports Guidance Commission, officials from the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee, families and other players warmly greeted them at Pyongyang International Airport.



DPRK martial artists return from the 9th International Martial Arts Games on November 14.

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Birthday spread sent to woman centenarian



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to So Pang Ok, a centenarian living in neighbourhood unit No. 2 of Wonhyon-ri, Kowon County, South Hamgyong Province, on her 100th birthday.

Officials of the organs of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government in the county, and family members, relatives and neighbours congratulated the centenarian on the auspicious event. So Pang Ok shed tears of gratitude to the loving care of Kim Jong Un

who sent the birthday spread to an ordinary old woman.

National exhibition and symposium in sports field held

The 26th national exhibition of sports scientific and technological achievements and the national symposium on teaching methods in the field of sports-2024 took place at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang from November 5 to 12 under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Physical Culture and Sports.

Teachers, researchers, coaches and instructors from more than 300 units attended the exhibition and symposium. Valuable sports scientific and technological achievements were displayed and new teaching and training methods presented there.

Happy Mother's Day



Communist Mother Honour Prize awarded

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The Communist Mother Honour Prize was awarded to women who have made a contribution to faithfully passing on the baton of revolution and succession, invariably following the road of devotion for their families and posterity and for the prosperity of the country.

Present at the ceremony for conferring the prize held at the Hall of Women in Pyongyang on November 14 were Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's

Union of Korea, officials of the women's union and exemplary members of the women's union.

Ri Il Hwan delivered an address.

He said that the Communist Mother Honour Prize is a precious commendation given by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to the mothers who set an example to be

followed by women of the present era by fulfilling the duty they have assumed for their families and society.

The sincere and devoted efforts of the mothers who have devoted themselves to the future of their beloved country for decades are shining beautifully under the respect of the people as they are led by the great leader,

he noted.

Among the women who are honoured with the precious honour of a communist mother are mothers who trained their sons to be DPRK heroes and labour heroes, mothers who have encouraged their children to stand at army posts for national defence and work at difficult and labour-consuming workplaces, devoted themselves to the implementation of the Party's agricultural policy and assistance for the army and mothers who have brought up orphaned children healthily and mothers of the families of scientists and educators and wives of honoured disabled soldiers, he said.

Saying that the country is strong and its future is firmly guaranteed as such revolutionary and patriotic mothers are steadily increasing in number, he requested the mothers who firmly link the lifeblood of the revolution always with resolute and upright characters to lead the rising generations along the road of patriotism in good health in the future, too.

The certificates of the Communist Mother Honour Prize, certificates of gifts and gold rings were awarded to 21 mothers amid the warm applause of the

participants at the meeting.

Then followed a congratulatory speech and pledge-making speeches.

Speakers warmly congratulated them on behalf of all sons and daughters of the country, saying that the communist mothers are the personifiers of genuine outlook on life and maternal affection who think of the country before the happiness and comfort of their families and bring up their children to be honest and upright.

They expressed their determination to cherish this honour all their lives and invariably follow the road of repayment, always firmly trusting and following the WPK.

All the participants renewed their firm will to work hard for the prosperity, happiness and rosy future of the great socialist family true to the noble intention of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who hopes all mothers of the country would glorify their life in the same ranks advancing to communism.

At the end of the ceremony, a performance was given by the artistic information squad of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea to congratulate the winners of the Communist Mother Honour Prize.



A ceremony for conferring the Communist Mother Honour Prize takes place at the Hall of Women in Pyongyang on November 14.

Affection and respect for mothers

By Ri Sung Ik PT

November 16 is Mother's Day in the DPRK.

Marking the day, everyone makes every sincere effort to please their mothers and the whole country is in an atmosphere of respect and affection for mothers.

At the first national conference of mothers held in the country in November 1961, President Kim Il Sung referred to the importance of the duty and role of mothers in the education of children.

Thus, mothers in the country came to realize their duty and mission anew.

Though weak as females, they devoted themselves

to bringing up not only the future of their families but also that of the country with strong mental power and will, and became the foundations, models and teachers for the development and education of their children.

Despite manifold trials and difficulties in the way of advance of socialism, children grew up vigorously

and all parts of the country resounded with the happy singing of children free of worry thanks to their mothers' noble traits and unassuming devotion.

So, all winners of hero medals, doctor's medals, gold medals and other decorations bow in humble reverence to their mothers, who instilled in them valuable memories

of their families, the preciousness of the country and the sense of mission for it, with filial affection and disciples' affection for their true teachers in life.

In December last year the country arranged the fifth national conference of mothers splendidly for those who had made a great contribution to the prosperity and development of

the country with irreplaceable love and affection. And the Communist Mother Honour Prize was instituted for the first time at the meeting.

It is the aspiration of mothers in the country to live as communist mothers and the winners of the prize will continue to increase.

Happy mother's Day



'Appellation of mother is really precious'



Whenever Mother's Day comes round, not only my children but also factory colleagues and many strangers send me letters of sincere congratulation, though I am not an official of a power organ or a large factory but a staffer of a regional-industry factory.

Our factory producing various kinds of vinyl products with recycled materials is well known to the country as an enterprise which thrives on the strength of self-reliance and as a small, yet important factory.

It took only ten years.

I pride myself on the factory because there has been a dramatic change in my life along with it.

I posed for a photo of glory with the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un which I had wanted in dreams, became a member of the Workers' Party of Korea, took part in the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army and the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War as an activist in the traits of assisting the army, was

honoured with the titles of Merited Accountant and meritorious person of socialist patriotism, and became a software maker. Thus I became not only beloved mother to my children but also a respected mother and true teacher of life to them.

In retrospect, what I wanted after having children was to bring them up healthily so that they could become decent persons for the country.

Every mother wants it, but it was really hard for me to bring up three children (two daughters and a son) that way during the Arduous March.

It was difficult for me to keep family alone, so I got the eldest daughter to stay with me after she finished middle school. One day, however, she told me she was going to volunteer to work at the construction site of the Huichon Power Station.

She said that young people were volunteering for the construction site of the large-scale hydroelectric power station which would take a big share in solving the problem of electricity in the country and that she did not want to lag behind them.

I tried to dissuade her, thinking only of my family affairs but in vain.

But I could not imagine that she grew in mind beyond recognition and became a famous poetess at the construction site that Chairman Kim Jong Il had visited although he was unwell and after returning to the country from a foreign visit.

As the Huichon Power Station was nearing completion, her poems further touched the heartstrings of the builders. And the state had her enrolled at the Korean language

faculty at Kim Il Sung University, the highest university of the country.

And the second daughter became an announcer, the pride of her unit, and my son a model soldier and an officer.

And I thought.

Did the children grow so well thanks to merely my maternal affection? No.

I exerted myself, thinking that to the grown-up children I should become a mother lauded by society as well as a birth mother.

So I devoted my all energy to building our factory, a part of the country and a cornerstone that propels its advance, and to revitalizing and putting production and accounting on an IT basis day and night. With the firm determination I learned the method of programming at the age of 50 to develop a material management and accounting program. I took greater pleasure and pride in the progress of the factory than the successes of my children.

But, I am sure, my life today is unthinkable apart from the Workers' Party of Korea which has inspired and led me lest I should feel fatigued, valued and glorified what I did as a citizen and lauded even my devotion to my children.

So, on Mother's Day, when children of the whole country congratulate their mothers, I extend sincere thanks to the Workers' Party of Korea, the mother who bestowed on me glory and happiness that even my own mother could not.

Hong Song Ae, staffer of the Kangson Vinyl Sheet Factory

A gift to mother

By Pang Un Ju PT

Shortly ago, a meeting took place in Unjong District to welcome Kim Kum Yong who returned home after bagging a gold medal in the women's singles of the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships.

"I didn't imagine even when I went to the airport to receive Kum Yong that my daughter's victory in the championships would give such a great pleasure to our people across the country," said Ri Song Hui, mother of Kim Kum Yong, as she recollected her childhood.

Kim Yong Chol, Kum Yong's father, who was engaged in education at the University of Sciences, was very fond of table tennis, so he told his wife to teach their daughter the sport.

"I still remember young Kum Yong, who came to see me with shining eyes holding his father's hand in her kindergarten days," said Kim Won Sil, an instructor of the then Unjong District Juvenile Sports School.

At that time, the instructor asked Kum Yong to try as many as she could hit up the ball, and she did it pretty well.

After Kum Yong started her table-tennis career at the suggestion of her father, her mother devoted known and unknown sincerity to her growth. Sometimes, when Kum Yong got sick, her mother accompanied her to the training ground to take care of her.

It was in her early teens that Kum Yong won the first gold medal in the Pyongyang municipal table-tennis tournament.

When she returned home with the medal, she asked her father to hang the national flag on the wall of a room. "Dad and mom, I will win

medals from now on and fill them up in this wall," Kum Yong said.

Later, when Kum Yong was picked as a table-tennis player of the Hwaepul Sports Club, her mother told her to realize her dream.

A left-handed shake-hand gripper, she has a swift moving ability and great short-distance defence capability. She took part in the 2019 Asian and the world youth table tennis championships and employed diverse tactics and special skills.

Kum Yong attracted the attention of the table tennis circles by finishing runner-up in the mixed doubles of table tennis at the 33rd Olympic Games held in Paris this year, and then won the first place in the women's singles of the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships held in October.

When she returned home after attending a grand welcome party, she put her gold medal around her mother's neck.

"Oh, dear, you've given me the best gift," Ri Song Hui said with deep emotion.



Ri Song Hui, mother of table-tennis player Kim Kum Yong.

Mom's pride and joy

By Kim Rye Yong PT

Rim Chun Ran, aged 65, lives in Chilgol-dong No. 3, Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang. She has

three sons.

The eldest one is a technician at an important institution, the second an officer of the Korean People's Army and the

youngest a lecturer at Kim Il Sung University and PhD in his thirties.

As they had good brains, they received excellent education under the genius

education system of the country from the middle school days. All of them have fulfilled their wishes today. Referring to the key to success in their careers, they say in unison that the image of their mother always encouraged them to redouble efforts.

What then is the image of their mother engraved on their mind?

Chun Ran had worked for nearly 40 years in a public health institution as a nurse and senior nurse.

Nurses' job is so important and difficult that the international day of nurses was set and has been observed worldwide.

However, Chun Ran never neglected her family duty of caring for her husband and three sons, that is, four men.

And at the time when her sons grew up fast, the country had a hard time, called the Arduous March.

She never failed to supply food to her children though she continued to tighten her belt.

The image of their mother, who was strong and resolute yet careful in learning about the study of her children and meticulous in correcting their mistakes, was a silent "textbook" for the children.

"One day, I returned home late at night after playing outdoors without doing my homework. My mother, who had generously forgiven me for other mistakes, scolded me severely at the time. Since then I had acquired a habit of doing my homework correctly in time and told my younger brothers to follow suit," said Kim Jin Hyok, the eldest son.

The three brothers still remember the time when they studied at their mother's hospital more often than at home.

They followed their mother

who was on night duty on holidays

The three brothers finished middle school and university courses with flying colours thanks to those days and nights of devotion of their mother.

Now, they got married and live in fine houses provided by the country. But they often visit their mother's house.

"No mother regards it as a trouble to bring up her children. And under the socialist free education system all my children learned to their heart's content without paying even a penny. But the country invited me to the Fifth National Conference of Mothers and showed me favour greater than filial piety of my children, in full consideration of the natural 'trouble' of a mother. I only hope that my sons would do their work well for this benevolent embrace," said Rim Chun Ran.



Rim Chun Ran (fourth from left) with her family members.

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New houses built in different farm villages



Agricultural workers and their families have a photo session in celebration of moving into new houses.



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New houses have been built at the villages of the Oryu Vegetable Farm in Sadong District of Pyongyang.

Present at the ceremony for moving into new houses were Kim Kwang Su, secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the Party and power organs, builders and agricultural workers in Sadong District.

Ho Ju Song, vice-chairman of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, made a congratulatory address, before licences for the use of houses were handed over.

As the moving into new houses began, a cheerful dance party of the agricultural workers was held.

Praiseworthy entities of rural civilization have sprung up again in the villages of vegetable workteam No. 1 and crop-raising workteam No. 2 at the Kumdae Farm under the Pyongyang Municipal Rural Economy Committee.

A ceremony for moving into new houses took place on the spot on November 8.

Present there were Ri Myong Chol, secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the Party and power organs in Rangnang District, officials of the units who contributed to the construction, builders and agricultural workers.

A congratulatory speech was made there.

Then licences for the use of houses were handed over and vowing speeches made.

New modern houses have appeared at the Jaktong Farm in Poptong County of Kangwon Province.

A ceremony for moving into the houses took place with the attendance of Kim Myong Chol, secretary of the Kangwon Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and officials of the Party and power organs, working people and builders in the county.

Pak Yong Chan, vice-chairman of the provincial people's committee, made a congratulatory speech.

Licences for the use of houses were handed over and vowing speeches made.



Secret of becoming one of top 10 businesses of the country

By Kim Rye Yong PT

Among the top 10 businesses of the country in 2023 are the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex and the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex.

The successes achieved by these units bring valuable experience to many industrial establishments.

Converting business management into work with people

The Hungnam Fertilizer Complex is a large-scale fertilizer producer of the country.

The employees of the complex took a step forward in the work for readjustment and reinforcement including the increase of clean water production capacity of the water supply workshop 1.5 times, while overfulfilling its national economic plan last year, which was of key importance in implementing the five-year plan.

The complex works hard to ensure it would become a continuing success.

The primary duty in industrial management is to work with people well and this is the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Even if a business is fully equipped with modern

facilities and properly supplied with raw and other materials and the production organization, leadership ability and technical and practical qualifications of its officials are high, it is unthinkable to make any development unless its employees play the role of actual masters of business management in accordance with the principles of socialist management.

The complex made sure that all the innovative measures taken to improve the production and management activities were surely directed to improving the ideological viewpoint and work attitude of officials and raising the consciousness and enthusiasm of employees as masters of them.

After hearing the report that the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was to be held early in February last year, the working people in the complex turned out in the campaign for increasing the fertilizer production by thousands of tons.

At that time, officials of the complex seriously discussed how to increase the daily fertilizer output.

Many ideas were suggested there including what kinds of technical problems should be solved before anything else, who in which workshops

were suitable for solving them and what were needed to provide the conditions for research for technical innovations.

But at the time the senior official of the complex drew a distinct line, saying that it is of course important to solve technical problems, but more important is to inspire the working people. "To raise their spirit and pool their wisdom--herein lies the key to solving the problem," he added.

All the officials took an active part in the political work and worked together with the employees at the workplaces.

A dramatic surge was brought about in the fulfilment of the production plan of the complex.

The complex also turned technical innovation and readjustment and reinforcements into work with people.

It was beyond discussion that technical innovation and readjustment and reinforcement in the complex depended on how actively the officials, technicians and workers take part in them.

Today, too, officials of the complex unanimously say that what the masses were most sympathetic as they did political work among them was that the workers of the complex take great pride in implementing the Party's

policies.

Powerful mass technical innovation drive

The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex, which has put production and management activities on a new scientific basis to achieve amazing production results this year again after last year, is definitely turning the development of science and technology into an affair of all employees themselves.

In any units of the complex are seen at once the boxes for good ideas of new technical innovations.

That these boxes were fixed on every unit did not mean everything went well of their own accord as it desired.

The complex attached noticeboards related to the boxes in conspicuous places in its compound and introduced in detail that they could be used by all employees and prizes would be awarded to the ideas recognized by the complex as significant after examination according to their value, high or low.

It appraised the employees who set an example in thinking up new innovative ideas regularly and effectively in the meetings for the review of monthly production to

steadily fire public enthusiasm for it. The number of novel ideas for technical innovation suggested in the third quarter of this year increased 5.5 times over the same period of last year, a simple fact showing the radical change taking place in the complex.

With the utility rate of these boxes growing, the complex informatized the work.

It opened a new idea box in the homepage of LAN to ensure the openness, accuracy and promptness of the conception and introduction of technical innovations more strictly and broaden the scope of conception ranging from scientific and technological issues to those of business management.

It also attached importance to the operation of sci-tech learning space, a base for disseminating new technologies.

It regularly learned about the running of its sci-tech learning space and took measures to overcome deviations.

It built a local area network in workshops to diffuse scientific and technological data so that employees could read them near the workplaces at any time, and assigned workshops to those in charge of sci-tech dissemination to ensure they worked at the workplaces for one or two hours every day to learn about the data needed

for sci-tech development in the relevant units and helpful to the workers' conception of novel ideas.

And it encouraged them to search for relevant scientific and technological data in the data communication network and add them to the database of the local area network in time.

It made it possible to solve the sci-tech problems arising in the workplaces promptly.

The process of promotion and evaluation of talents also improved.

The complex ensured that talents were objectively and fairly assessed for what they are needed when they were reenlisted in the first and second half of the year.

In other words, primary importance was attached to the devotion to society and the collective before the technical knowledge and skills of each employee. As a result, all the employees tried hard to become true talents with a high sense of patriotism as they acquired technical knowledge and skills and it became a tendency of the complex.

The technical innovation drive, in which all the employees take active part with great enthusiasm, was really powerful and this was the main factor behind an enormous boost in the production of the complex, say its officials.

Exhibition showcases development aspect of health sector

By Pang Un Ju PT

The national exhibition of sci-tech achievements in public health-2024 was held at the Grand People's Study House in Pyongyang from November 1 to 10.

According to a relevant official from the Ministry of Public Health, previous exhibitions of the public health sector drew only the public health sector and relevant units, but the recent show brought together ministries of Education and Railways, other ministries and national agencies and the number of exhibits, such as scientific and technological achievements, medical supplies and health information technology products, also increased.

On display there were more than 2 300 medical scientific and technological achievements and many medicines, medical

appliances, health foods, sanitary goods and health information technology products.

The universal dentist's chair and automatic drip bulb produced by the Myohyangsan Medical Appliances Factory, a bio-resonance diagnosis and treatment device based on iris imaging and device for treating osteoporosis by the medical appliances research institute of the Medical Appliances Industry Management Bureau under the Ministry of Public Health and various other medical appliances drew the attention of many people.

The bio-resonance diagnosis and treatment device based on iris imaging combined two kinds of diagnosis functions and made it possible to ensure the precision of diagnosis.

A celioscope light source device and anion-generating cupping

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machine presented by the Kim Man Yu Hospital, a 24-hour blood pressure measurement device, mobile first aid resuscitation push cart and biliary tract washer made by the Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences, the sci-tech proposals and medical appliances presented by the Okryu Children's Hospital, Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital and Academy of Medical Sciences also drew the interest of visitors.

The success of the Hungnam

Pharmaceutical Factory which ensured domestic production and industrialization of essential medicine intermediates, which had been imported in the past, caught the eyes of officials in the pharmaceutical industry sector.

Many medicines and medical appliances, whose efficacy has been proved in the treatment of various diseases, were presented to the show. They include Kumdang-2 injection with special efficacy

for treating viral, digestive and cancerous diseases, silybarin hepatitis injection with good effect for treating liver diseases, ribonucleic acid injection, injection good for treating gynaecological diseases like sterility and menstrual dysfunction, portable tonsil treatment device and otorhinology plasma treatment device and multipurpose blood-purifying device. The number of exhibited medicines and medical appliances reaches more than 1 600 kinds.

Advantages and efficacy of traditional medicines of Korean nation



Koryo medicines, traditional medicines of the Korean nation, demonstrate their great viability in clinical practice and the range of their application is expanding with progress being made in putting them on a scientific basis.

Recently, a *Pyongyang Times* reporter had an interview with Jang Kum Ryon, PhD, associate professor and department chief of the Koryo Medicine Faculty of Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences.

The Korean people have long used Koryo medicines and their position is being raised with each passing day. Would you tell me about the advantages of Koryo medicines?

Koryo medicines are made by gathering and processing natural materials, unlike modern medicines. Koryo medicines can effectively treat diseased organisms generally and comprehensively and also cure some diseases that even modern medicines cannot as they contain various ingredients.

Koryo medicines also have remarkable effects in improving subhealth which cannot be said to be a disease.

Modern medicine fails to cure subhealth completely but ensures only medicinal treatment for some symptoms. But Koryo medicine diagnoses subhealth as the upset balance between the negative and the positive and between vigour and blood in the body and applies traditional medicines to the treatment of the relevant conditions.

Koryo medicines not only cure diseases but also accelerate recovery.

In particular, they are effective in treating obstinate infections which show no reaction to antibiotics among patients with various underlying diseases or immune dysfunction.

Koryo medicines include many tonics for good health and longevity and anyone can easily acquire and use them as relevant resources are abundant in the country.

What should not be overlooked is that unlike some modern medicines that have negative effects on other organs in the course of the treatment of a disease, Koryo medicines causes no negative effect. Rather, they improve the overall condition of the body, thus promoting medical treatment and boosting vitality.

Research is intensified to put production of Koryo medicines on a scientific basis and make their use more convenient, I think.

Many achievements have been made in the work to scientifically clarify the pharmacological effects of Koryo medicines, make Koryo medicines extractive and elucidate their efficacy in clinical treatment, contributing to medical practice.

The Koryo medicines that are popular these days include the *Astragalus membranaceus* and *Ledebouriellae radix* immune modulating pill effective in improving the immunitic functions of the respiratory organs, the honeysuckle and licorice antipyretic granule which is clearly efficacious in reducing fever and causes no adverse effect and the Kumdang injection and RE-Berine injection, third-generation Koryo medicines known worldwide.

Hospital makes good job of Koryo therapy

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Medical workers of the Koryo Medicine General Hospital in the DPRK are making efforts to put the diagnosis and treatment of Koryo medicine on a scientific basis.

They have recently developed new Koryo therapies for treating urinary system disorders and introduced them into clinical practice.

In general, urinary disorders are known to be difficult to treat and have a high recurrence rate.

They studied a method of detecting the acupoints that are most related to urogenital disorders and, based on it, rationally set the depth and angle for applying acupuncture according to diseases and scientifically

confirmed their accuracy.

They also studied Koryo therapies for 10-odd kinds of incurable diseases including ectopic lumbar disk dislocation and prolapse of lumbar disc.

They developed health-promoting drinks including siberian motherwort compound drink and insam and Korean epimedium anti-cancer pills by intensifying research into medicinal materials widely known from ancient times, and established a

quality management method of various Koryo medicines.

Research groups of anorectal surgery, gynecology, and obstinate diseases departments made achievements in the work to make reference books on Koryo therapies for incurable diseases by conducting on-site clinical introduction in central-level hospitals and provincial, city and county-level hospitals.

Doctors treat a patient with slipped lumbar disc at the Koryo Medicine General Hospital.

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Tea culture inscribed as national intangible cultural heritage element

-Practice of cultivation and use of Unjong tea-

By Pang Un Ju PT

Korea has a time-honoured history of tea culture.

Tea was reportedly introduced into the country as Buddhism found its way to Koguryo in 372.

That the Koguryo people drank tea is evidenced by a painting in a tomb mural in the period of Koguryo in Ji'an of China, which was the capital of Koguryo. The painting depicts the male hero having a chat with guests, seemingly monks, while drinking tea.

Tea culture further developed in the period of Koryo (918-1392).

There was a central government office controlling the country's tea relations as a whole in the Koryo Kingdom. It dealt with all affairs related to tea, especially the supply of tea to the royal palace,

tea sale in the market, collection of tea tax and manufacture of tea sets and tea storing jar.

Tea trade was brisk with China's Song dynasty in this period and the Song people highly appreciated Koryo's tea culture.

There were lots of literary works including poems related to tea, and teacups took a large proportion of Koryo ceramics.

Tea culture was inherited and developed in the period of the feudal Joson dynasty (1392-1910). Typical teas the Koreans had enjoyed were chrysanthemum, angelica, insam, magnoliavine, wolfberry and persimmon-leaf teas.

Thanks to the people-oriented policy of the DPRK on inheriting and developing the tea culture of the Korean people with

a long history and traditions, the work of breeding cold-resistant tea tree varieties, creating tea tree fields and researching tea-processing techniques have been pushed ahead positively.

There is the Kangnyong Unjong Plantation covering a large area in Kangnyong, South Hwanghae Province, and the Korean people enjoy the Korean-style tea culture as they drink green, black and Cholgwanum teas, the products of the tea-processing plant which are fragrant and good for health.

It is very important what kind of tea trees are grown, when to collect tea leaves and how to process and brew them as tea is people's fancy item.

In order to promote people's health and longevity and improve their material and cultural level, the National Authority for the Protection of Cultural Heritage inscribed as national intangible cultural heritage element No. 116 this year the tea culture, or the practice of cultivation and use of Unjong tea comprising the whole process of production and use of tea, that is, the cultivation of tea trees, production and processing of tea leaves, brewing of processed tea leaves and drinking the tea in teacups.

It contains the tea tree cultivation technique, tea products production techniques, packaging and storage of tea products, the methods of brewing tea, tea sets and utensils and the methods of using them, and tea drink service.



Unjong tea.

Socialism is science

By **Ri Sung Ik** *PT*

Thirty years have passed since Chairman Kim Jong Il published the work *Socialism Is a Science* on November 1 1994.

Between the late 1980s and early 1990s, there took place a tragic incident of collapse of socialism in different countries.

Taking advantage of this, the imperialists and reactionaries clamoured about the “end” of socialism, and the renegades of socialism tried to justify their despicable treachery, saying that socialist ideal was itself wrong.

At this juncture, Chairman Kim Jong Il published the work *Socialism Is a Science*

to declare that the collapse of socialism in different countries was not the failure of socialism as a science, but the failure of opportunism that made socialism degenerate.

According to the sophism of the imperialists, reactionaries and renegades of socialism, socialism should be brought to an “end”.

But Korean-style socialism has existed for more than half a century and is winning victory after victory, far from coming to an “end”.

The DPRK is changing in status in the world political landscape and it has become a full-fledged military giant possessed of even the world’s most powerful strategic missiles.

New streets have been built in the capital city every year and bases for modern cultural and leisure activities constructed to improve the people’s cultural standards beyond recognition.

Regional areas are also changing.

Rural villages across the country are undergoing a radical change as news about moving into new houses has been reported throughout the year, while the Regional Development 20×10 Policy has been pushed, eliminating the centuries-old backwardness of regional areas.

Natural disasters and the spread of malignant diseases inevitably entail misfortune and suffering, but no one

has fallen into despair due to them in the DPRK.

Socialism is kept as life and faith in the people’s mind as there are the Workers’ Party of Korea, the state and the socialist system which get closer to them in hard times to defend their destiny and provide them with a better life and future as early as possible with warm love.

The scientific accuracy and truth of the Juche-oriented socialist theories have clearly been proved in the reality of socialist Korea.

Socialism, where everything serves the people and everything is created by their inexhaustible strength and which has taken root deep in their hearts, is sure to win.

Building research universities an important education policy



Yom Tae Son, department director of the Ministry of Education

Accelerating the construction of research universities is an important task to be tackled in developing our education onto a world level as early as possible and steadily boosting the scientific and technological forces of the country.

That’s why our country set the building of research universities as a major task before the education sector and directs close attention to it.

The policy of building research universities is for major universities to turn their advanced faculties and courses with solid foundations into the first-class ones which can have world supremacy, and to increase their number through a positive campaign to overtake and learn from

advanced units.

And it is also to step up the building of research universities by generalizing the experience to other universities.

At present, we are working to turn different courses into the first-rate ones and generalize the experience in the efforts to develop major universities into world research universities.

Here, it is important to set proper standards in the building of research universities and top-notch courses.

We are working to set proper standards of such universities and courses in conformity with our reality and to convert the educational structure from the teaching-oriented form to a research-oriented one and establish an advanced talent training

system in line with the global trend of educational development.

The main point here is the competent and excellent scientific and educational forces. In other words, the educational structure should be changed centering on the forces.

In our experience, it was fine to transform departments into research institutes, set up laboratories of all fields in the research institutes and perfect the structure of courses centering on the authoritative talents who can play a key role in the relevant fields.

Scientific research can lead education when departments and labs are developed into prestigious academic groups and efforts are put into research on new basic theories and development of new technologies.

The innovation of the educational structure is of great significance in training a larger number of outstanding talents by speeding up the building of research universities and

first-class courses.

Since research universities attach importance to postgraduate education, it is needed to alter its structure and train highly competent talents through the postgraduate courses.

In keeping with the innovation of the educational structure, it is also necessary to improve teaching contents and methods, turn universities into centers for cutting-edge scientific research and bases for international academic exchanges and put in efforts to perfect the educational conditions and environment including the foundations for experiments and practical training.

We are pressing on with the building of research universities based on the successes achieved at central and local universities including Kim Il Sung University, Kim Hyong Jik University of Education, Pyongyang Han Tok Su University of Light Industry and Hamhung University of Chemical Industry.

Unequal, illegal treaty

By **Pak Song Min** *PT*

The “Ulsa Five-Point Treaty” was a document the Japanese imperialists cooked up to establish colonial domination over Korea.

Japan had intensified the moves to invade Korea for a long time with an ambition to reduce it to its colony.

After provoking the Unyogo incident in 1875, it forced the Korean feudal government to conclude the aggressive and unequal “Kanghwado treaty”.

Later, through the Sino-Japanese war and Russo-Japanese war, it created conditions for having exclusive dominion over Korea, before dispatching special envoy Ito Hirobumi to Korea in November 1905.

He produced a letter of the Japanese king before the Korean emperor Kojong and tried to compel him to conclude the gangster-like “treaty”. But Kojong vehemently rejected the request, saying that he could not allow it, because if he allowed it, it would mean his country’s ruin.

Then the Japanese imperialists began to mobilize their military power. After encircling the inside and outside of the imperial palace with many troops, the aggressors conducted military drills in front of the palace. In such an atmosphere, a royal council meeting on the matter of the “treaty” took place in the emperor’s presence in the imperial palace on November 17, in which ministers of the Korean feudal government decided to refuse to conclude the “treaty”.

Upon hearing the news that the negotiations came to a rupture, Ito Hirobumi went into the palace and forced the ministers of the Korean feudal government to gather in a room and tried to press them to approve the “treaty”.

When several ministers expressed disagreement, Ito threatened and pressurized them openly, and even ordered his lackeys to kill them if they did not give in.

After fabricating the “treaty” by such a coercive method, the Japanese imperialists unilaterally declared that the “treaty” was concluded. They were so base as to unhesitatingly steal the seal of the foreign minister and stamp it on the “treaty” to “legitimize” it.

The “Harvard Report” of 1935 defined the “Ulsa Five-Point Treaty” as illegal and put forward as the reason the forced conclusion of it by mobilizing the Japanese troops. A report submitted to the 15th UN International Law Commission in 1963 also defined the treaty as the result of duress or act of threat and as absolutely invalid.

With such an illegal document, the Japanese imperialists seized the sovereignty of Korea and subjected its people to colonial slavery for decades.

The human, material and mental damage the Japanese imperialists inflicted upon the Korean people during their military occupation of Korea is so enormous and absolutely intolerable.

The Korean people will surely settle accounts with Japan for its past crimes.

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Russian Federation ratifies treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership with DPRK

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The Russian Federation ratified the Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with the

President Vladimir Putin signed the law on ratification of the treaty.

The relevant document was announced on

Earlier, the State Duma and Federation Council of Russia adopted and approved a bill on ratifying the treaty proposed by the president.

UNESCO actively promotes development of human civilization

By Choe Song Jun PT

November 16 is the anniversary of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

When it was founded, UNESCO set it as its goal to contribute to global peace and security by promoting cooperation among different countries over the world in the fields of education, science, culture and information.

Comprising more than 190 countries of the world as its members, the organization has developed international exchanges of information, cultural dissemination, adult education and

child education based on TV, films and newspapers and fostered collaboration in the fields of world cultural heritage protection and intellectual activities.

Above all, it channels big efforts into the development of education and the enhancement of international understanding through education. In particular, it pays close attention to improving and expanding compulsory primary education in developing countries and bettering the training of teachers and the courses of study.

In the field of science, it assists countries with the formulation of policies for

the development of science and technology, encourages the training of scientists and technicians and fosters international exchanges and cooperation in wide fields. While encouraging research into social sciences, it conducts activities for making international regulations needed for the building of all-inclusive society.

In the cultural field, it promotes mutual understanding of each country's culture and wide-ranging cooperation in the restoration and management of international cultural relics.

UNESCO has published books related with education, science,

culture and information and many other publications.

Since it joined UNESCO on October 18 1974, the DPRK has strengthened cooperation with the organization, while making constant progress in different fields, including education, science and technology, and culture.

In the course of this, such areas of Mts Paektu, Kuwol, Myohyang, Chilbo and Kumgang were listed as world biosphere reserves, tomb murals from the period of the Koguryo Kingdom and historical relics in Kaesong were put on the UNESCO World Heritage list, folk song "Arirang", kimchi-making practice,

ssirum (Korean wrestling) and Pyongyang cold noodles-making practice were added to UNESCO's Representative List of ICH of Humanity and national classics "Muyedobothongji (Illustrated Book of Martial Arts)" and "Honchonjondo", an astronomical chart, were inscribed as heritage elements in the Memory of the World Programme of UNESCO.

The DPRK will continue to contribute to human progress and the development of civilization by further strengthening international cooperation and exchanges and taking an active part in UNESCO's activities.

Japan endangers regional security

By Song Kwang PT

Shortly ago, the leader of Japan's Social Democratic Party criticized the authorities' moves for increasing the defence expenses.

On October 15 in Okinawa Prefecture where the US Futenma air base is stationed, he censured the government for pushing the boost in "defence spending" and the removal of the Self-Defence Forces to the Nansei Islands, asserting that the military budget is skyrocketing and urging the government to allocate the budget for free childcare and education and the like.

Japan's buildup of "defence capability" has aroused concern of the international community in recent years.

The budget for 2024 increased the share of the "defence expenses" by 16.9 percent over last year, an all-time high in history. Even major Japanese newspapers say that the large-scale budget has already exceeded the demand of defence and the government is going to build defence forces beyond its own capabilities without any concern about whether stable financial support could be secured.

In fact, Japan is steadily increasing its attack hardware including long-

range missiles, stealth fighters and aircraft carriers in the guise of escort ships.

It has long expanded the SDF's sphere of activities which had been confined to its vicinity under the signboard of "exclusive defence" to the whole world and allowed the exercise of the "right to collective self-defence" on the pretext of "military support to allies".

This year, too, Japan has been hell-bent on developing its war potentials while staging various military drills with the US, Australia and other countries in different parts of the world including the vicinity of China and Hawaii.

It is also putting spurs to the strengthening of its naval forces.

After establishing a 22-submarine system in 2022, it keeps building attack submarines in succession. In October, it launched the latest attack submarine Chogei (giant whale) which would be officially commissioned as the main warship of the Maritime SDF.

Japan's ever-more undisguised moves for becoming a military giant are seriously destroying security environment in the region.

The international community is closely watching Japan's military moves to endanger regional security.

SCO promotes cooperation for common development

By Jong Chol PT

There was a conference of the council of heads of government of the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Islamabad, Pakistan, in mid-October.

The meeting released a statement on improving cooperation among the member states in different fields including information security.

The statement specified such problems as to support the member states in introducing digital technology into economic and social fields, arrange various events involving the member states, observer states and dialogue partners and pointed to the matter of examining the initiative on setting up a sports association in the organization and holding sports games of the member states.

At the conference, the Russian Prime Minister said that although the West is intensifying pressure on

his country, the initiators of sanctions will certainly fail to attain their goals and that his country is concentrating efforts on exploiting internal potentials and supporting major sectors of the national economy and businesses, while proactively developing cooperation with friendly countries.

The trade volumes between Russia and the SCO member states approached a record high of 30 trillion roubles last year and the mutual trade increased by 5.5% in the first half of this year.

Referring to such successes, the Russian Prime Minister called on the member states to offer each other access to high technology, utilize advanced security models in the digital space and take a unanimous stand on the energy security issue.

Stating that the SCO has every potential to be one of the powerful centres of a fair and multipolar world currently in the making, he appealed to its member states to join efforts for economic prosperity.

Briefly

Russia

Hegemony will gain no footing, says president

Russian President Vladimir Putin declared at a plenary meeting of the "Valdai" international discussion club on November 7 that a multipolar world order will be formed, where the West's hegemony will gain no footing.

Asserting that the world is moving towards a multipolar structure in which everyone's voice can be heard, he said that those who are accustomed to "solo" and want to play alone will have to adapt themselves to a "new world music".

Russia has no intention to teach anyone anything or enforcing its world outlook, but is always ready for dialogue on the basis of fully considering each other's legitimate interests, he stated.

Saying that the shameless and unprecedented geopolitical ambition of the West is the real cause of world conflicts, Putin emphasized that Russia repeatedly stopped whoever sought world domination and will do so in the future, too.

Cooperation with Kazakhstan

The secretary generals of the security councils of Russia and Kazakhstan signed the 2025-2027 bilateral cooperation plan in the negotiations held in Moscow on November 6.

During the negotiations, they reportedly discussed the regional security issues including those of cooperation in the field of military technology and fight against international terrorism and extremism and others.

Yemen

Resistance force conducts military operation against Israel and US

A Yemeni resistance force attacked an air base in the southern part of Israel with hypersonic ballistic missiles on November 8.

A spokesman for the resistance force announced that a precision military operation was conducted as a token of its support for the Palestinian Islamic resistance movement, Hamas, and Hezbollah, an organization of the Lebanese patriotic forces, and that the target was hit.

That day, the resistance force shot down the US drone "MQ-9" in the sky above the northern part of the country.

The resistance force has reportedly downed 12 drones of the same type since November 2023.

FAO

Food price goes up

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization announced on November 8 that the world food price went up by 2 percent last October as compared to the previous month, hitting a record high since April last year.

The vegetable oil price reportedly jumped by 7.3 percent.

FA Cup domestic powers' tournament closes



By Ri Sung Ik PT

After the 2023-2024 DPRK premier league came to an end, the male and female teams that entered the rankings at the national championships and the premier league played another competition.

It was the FA (Football Association) Cup tournament of domestic powers which

was held amid the interests of football fans and experts.

Shortly ago, there were the final matches between the teams which finally advanced to the final through group league matches and semifinals at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang.

The teams which advanced to the men's final were Ryomyong and Amnokgang teams that took the first and

fourth places in the premier league.

Being optimistic about his team's chances of success before the final match, the head coach of the Amnokgang team expressed his determination to win without fail the football league cup of domestic powers.

Meanwhile, the head coach of the Ryomyong team said, "Though our team emerged

victorious as a new champion in the premier league, we're not content with that. We'll do our best to win this fierce battle to demonstrate the might of a genuine power."

In the match that started with the Amnokgang's kick-off, the players of both teams unfolded thrilling scenes through fierce attacks from the outset.

The Ryomyong opened

the score in the 80th minute. Its forward No. 22 dribbled the ball passed long by the goalkeeper to the opponent's penalty area and kicked it into the net.

However, 6 minutes later, the Amnokgang's No. 16 scored an equalizer with a long-distance shot.

The match went into the extra-time, but there was no more goal. So they had to

decide the match by a penalty shoot-out.

In the shoot-out, the Ryomyong team beat the Amnokgang 5-2 and lifted the winner's trophy.

In the women's final that was played earlier, the April 25 team was placed first.

The Naegohyang team, which had won the women's premier football league, took the fifth place.



April 25 vs. Amnokgang



Ryomyong vs. Amnokgang

Final matches of male and female domestic powers are played at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang.

Teqball makes debut in DPRK

By Ri Myong Jun PT

The teqball technical innovation tournament took place at Pyongyang Municipal Sports Village.

The contest, divided into six categories, brought together more than 30 men and women players selected from the Pyongyang Sports Club, the Ministry of Light Industry Sports Club, the Rimyongsu Sports Club and the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex Sports Club.

The first ever tournament since the Teqball Association was organized aroused curiosity of many people, drawing popularity with the thrilling playing scenes as time passed.

Winners were decided by putting together the scores obtained through the league matches in the team event and doubles and by holding a knock-out competition in the singles.

The players fully displayed the

physical, technical and tactical abilities they had improved in ordinary times, including skilful handling of ball, rapid movement and correct serve.

The singles matches were nail-biting for the seesaw battles.

The spectators felt very excited and nervous to see them as they were a physical, technical and tactical confrontation and a psychological contest as well.

In the first round, the Pyongyang Sports Club player won by an overwhelming margin, but in the second round, the player from the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex Sports Club put psychological pressure on the opponent while taking the lead by making effective use of his strong points.

The player from the Pyongyang Sports Club, who recovered his form in the third round, won the match by playing the match with composure to the last.

The Ministry of Light Industry Sports Club won the team event

in the teqball technical innovation tournament.

To be more specific, the Pyongyang Sports Club was placed first in the men's doubles, the Ministry of Light Industry Sports Club in the women's doubles and the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex Sports Club in the mixed doubles and the Pyongyang Sports Club won both the men's and women's singles.

Most players played the matches relatively well at a certain level though they learned to play the sport for only less than six months, said Yun Chol, secretary general of the Teqball Association. "As it was the first event of this sport in our country, imperfections were revealed in the organization of the tournament, but it was a big success. We will work hard to improve the techniques of the sport to the world level as early as possible so as to live up to the expectations of experts and fans."

Kwangbop Temple

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The Kwangbop Temple stands at the foot of Mt Taesong in Pyongyang.

It is a Buddhist temple which was built in the period of Koguryo (277 BC-AD 668).

It consists of Haethal and Chonwang gates, Taeung Hall, east and west Buddhist monasteries and an octagonal five-story pagoda, and each building is distributed symmetrically along the central axis passing through the pagoda.

The main building of the temple is a two-storey, luxuriously-painted (kumtanchong) structure with gable roofs.

It has three partitions at the façade and another three at the side on the stylobate built with well-trimmed stones, and in the Taeung Hall, there are the three Buddhas and a Buddhist painting.

There are sculptures representing Buddhist saints riding on an elephant and lion at the Haethal Gate, while there are sculptures of Four Devas defending the east, west, south and north at the Chonwang Gate.

The Kwangbop Temple has a lotus pond, which has existed since ancient times, the monument to the Kwangbop Temple erected in 1727 and a monument to the extension and tanchong (colourful painting) of the temple, which was built later.

