

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un receives Russian Minister of Defence

He affirms that the DPRK government, army and people will invariably support the policy of the Russian Federation to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity from the imperialists' moves for hegemony

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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 on November 29 Minister of Defence Andrei Belousov, who is on a visit to the DPRK leading a military delegation of the Russian Federation.

Kim Jong Un gladly greeted Belousov, who visited Pyongyang again after five months, and had friendly and trustworthy talks with him.

Belousov courteously conveyed the friendly greetings from Russian President

Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin to Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un expressed deep thanks for this, and asked him to convey his warm comradely greetings to the respected Comrade Vladimir Putin.

During the talks, there was a wide-ranging exchange of views on the issues of further developing the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries, including the defence field, and defending sovereignty, security

cooperation and relations between the two armies.

Expressing great concern over the ever-escalating developments of the Ukrainian

and interests of the two countries and international justice in the face of the rapidly-changing regional and international security environment, and a satisfactory consensus of views was reached.

Kim Jong Un said that the visit to the DPRK by Belousov would greatly contribute to bolstering up the defence capabilities of the two countries and ensuring their security and serve as a useful occasion in promoting friendship, mutual



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Art performance welcoming Russian military delegation given

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un watches art performance together with Minister of Defence and members of military delegation of Russia

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The close ties between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation, which have developed into invincible relations of alliance and strategic partnership with the realization of independence and justice as a common ideal, are getting stronger

day by day, ushering in an era of overall efflorescence thanks to the special comradely friendship and trust between the heads of state of the two countries.

An art performance was given at the April 25 House of Culture on November 29 to welcome Russian Minister of Defence Andrei Belousov and the military delegation led by him on a visit to the DPRK with friendly feelings.

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, saw the performance with the Russian friends.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared at the auditorium together with Russian Minister of Defence Andrei Belousov, all the audience welcomed them with warm applause.

Among the audience were Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the

DPRK, officials concerned, commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, teachers and students of military academies at different levels and other service personnel of the People's Army, creators and artists in the field of culture and art.

Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and his embassy staff were invited to see the performance.

Put on the stage of the performance, which began with male chorus and ceremonial military music, were famous

songs portraying the noble patriotic spirit and indomitable mettle of the armies and peoples of the two countries, who have displayed matchless bravery and heroism for the dignity and glory of their sacred countries and for great victory.

The audience was deeply impressed by "The Sacred War," "My Russia" and

"Motherland" and other songs that reflect the valiant spirit of the Russian army and people who are resolutely defending the sovereignty, security and development interests of their country while smashing the imperialists' high-handed practices and moves for war of aggression.

The performance fully showed the invincibility of the just cause of the peoples of the two countries and the militant friendship of the army and people of the DPRK with their Russian counterparts.



DPRK Ministry of National Defence hosts reception for Russian military delegation



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The DPRK Ministry of National Defence gave a reception at the April 25 House of Culture on the evening of November 29 in welcome of the visit to the DPRK by a military delegation of the Russian Federation.

Present there at invitation were members of the military delegation of the Russian Federation led by Minister of Defence Andrei Belousov, Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and staff members of the Russian embassy.

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, was present at the reception.

Present there were No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the

DPRK, and Pak Jong Chon and Jo Chun Ryong, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, and major senior officials of the WPK Central Committee, commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, commanders of the KPA services and officials concerned.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared at the reception hall together with Belousov amid the playing of welcome music, the participants warmly applauded them.

No Kwang Chol made a speech at the reception.

On behalf of all the service personnel of the armed forces of the DPRK, he extended warm militant greetings to all the officers and men of the heroic Russian army.

Referring to the fact that the DPRK-Russia friendship is developing into

relations of invincible alliance and comrades-in-arms thanks to the special comradely relations between the heads of state of the two countries, he expressed the steadfast stand and will of the WPK and the DPRK government and armed forces, which fully and most powerfully support the just sacred war of the Russian army and people for defending the sovereign rights, security and interests of their country.

He said that Belousov's Pyongyang visit would serve as an important military and political occasion for powerfully demonstrating the militant friendship and unity between the two armies, which are getting stronger day by day in the same trench on the common front for independence against imperialism.

Andrei Belousov made a reply speech. Saying that the two armies have maintained long-standing and good relations of cooperation, he noted that they are further consolidating the invincible comradely ties in the struggle to cope with all threats of the present era challenging independence and justice.

The comprehensive strategic

partnership between the Russian Federation and the DPRK has provided a crucial driving force for firmly defending the sovereignty of the two countries from all sorts of aggression and arbitrary practices by imperialism and developing the precious Russia-DPRK friendly relations in a diversified and long-term way, he said.

Extending heartfelt thanks to the militant solidarity of the Party and government of the DPRK with the sacred war waged by the Russian army and people against the imperialist strategy for hegemony, he expressed the will to make more positive contributions to global peace, regional stability and prosperity of the two countries.

The participants toasted the health of Comrade Kim Jong Un and President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and the further expansion and strengthening of the relations of cooperation between the armed forces of the two countries.

The reception proceeded in an amicable atmosphere full of comradely feelings.



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situation, Kim Jong Un expressed the stand that the recent anti-Russia measures taken by the US deserve condemnation by the international community as they are irresponsible acts that foment prolonged conflict and threaten all mankind.

Noting that the US and the West instigated the Kiev authorities to attack Russia's territory with their long-range strike weapons, he said that it means their direct military intervention in the conflict and that it is a righteous exercise

of the right to self-defence for Russia to take resolute action so as to make the hostile forces pay the price as they have emerged as an aggressive entity in the anti-Russia war. And he stressed the need to take clear action in order to give a signal that the provocative forces led by the US will not benefit from their disregard for the warnings of Russia.

The recent counterattack against Ukraine by the Russian government and army is a timely and effective measure that informed the US, the West and

Ukraine, which are resorting to reckless military adventurism, of the gravity of the situation and the will of Russia to take hard-line counteraction, he said, affirming that the DPRK government, army and people will invariably support the policy of the Russian Federation to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity from the imperialists' moves for hegemony.

The strong DPRK-Russia relations serve as a powerful security device for promoting the well-being of the two peoples, easing the regional tension and guaranteeing international strategic

stability, he said, expressing his will to more vigorously expand and develop the relations between the two countries in the political, economic, military and all other fields true to the agreement reached at the DPRK-Russia Pyongyang summit in June last.

Kim Jong Un asked Belousov to convey his best wishes to the respected Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and the Russian government, army and people, and reaffirmed that Pyongyang would always be on the side of Moscow.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects Sinpho City Offshore Farm in South Hamgyong Province under construction

He repeatedly stresses the need to help all regions lay the foundations for developing independently by effectively developing and using their own natural and economic resources

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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, visited the Sinpho City Offshore Farm under construction in the Phungo-dong area in the city of Sinpho, South Hamgyong Province, to acquaint himself with the progress made in its construction, creation of its culture grounds and

preparations for their management and operation.

Accompanying him were major cadres of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, leading cadres of design



and construction units, Jang Kyong Guk, chief secretary of the Sinpho City Committee of South Hamgyong Province of the WPK, and other senior officials of the city.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, chairing a historic consultative meeting on regional economic development on July 15, set forth a revolutionary policy of putting the material and cultural life of

the regional people on a track of radical development by working out a proper plan for exploiting and utilizing the economic resources and overall potentialities of each region in keeping with its actual conditions and by taking practical measures to decisively boost the regional economy with strong national support. To confirm its feasibility, he gave a task for building a new model of offshore farming on a trial

basis. According to his instructions, the construction of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm has been propelled for several

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months as a major target of the regional construction policy.

With firm resolve to thoroughly implement the Party's regional economic development policy, soldier-builders and officials, technicians and employees of the farm have simultaneously pushed ahead with the construction of buildings and culture grounds and preparations for their management and operation. As a result, the overall construction project has been carried out at over 70 percent along with the completion of 100 hectares of culture grounds, where scallops and kelp are being farmed on a trial basis.

Under a goal to put its modern offshore farming on the highest scientific level, the farm has proactively introduced new farming techniques and methods to ensure the survival rate of a fast-growing species of scallop at 80 percent and provide a scientific and technical guarantee for increasing its production. It has also achieved important successes in applying advanced techniques to kelp farming.

Thanks to the direct care and solicitude of the Party Central Committee, the farm is being furnished with essential production means, equipment and implements, including various fish farming materials, plastic boats and aquaculture mother ships, and the manufacturing and securing of sets of equipment to be installed at the

processing grounds is proceeding at the final stage.

Saying that to secure the motive force of regional economic development by fully exploiting various resources and natural and geographical environments of regions, in addition to the main construction projects in each region specified by the Regional Development 20x10 Policy, also takes an important share in the Party's regional economic development policy, he repeatedly stressed the need to help all regions lay the foundations for developing independently by effectively developing and using their own natural and economic resources. To this end, it is important to first map out correct long-term development orientation and plan for each city and county to make the most of their conditions and environments for their own economic development, he added.

Through the designing of this farm, the industrial facility design sector has grasped and put into practice new concepts of design based on the proactive application of various space-using methods, focusing on functions and management convenience, by eliminating such a previous mode as planning the plane uniformly without considering scientific accuracy and practicability, he said, appreciating this trend as a positive change that has resolved stagnation in designing industrial facilities.

But our overall construction still fails

to strictly go through all the processes, ranging from the working out of the requirements of the construction progress to designing, deliberating, approving and budget planning, according to scientific and legal procedures based on the construction law, he said. Pointing out that in recent years, architectural designs have revealed not a few such taste-oriented undisciplined practices of not ensuring economic profitability as laying stress only on the visual effect, rather than the uses, capacities and functions of the relevant facilities, and fixing scales without proper calculations, he cited their typical examples.

Saying that the overall design sector should base itself on an improved work system on the principle of properly calculating the economic efficiency and profitability, reflecting on designs the way of obtaining optimum results and enhancing the utility-specific functions of relevant structures, he stressed the need to further strengthen the system of inspecting, deliberating and approving designs.

He instructed the relevant national agencies to establish a well-regulated system for disseminating the latest sci-tech data of advanced shallow-sea culture and push ahead with improving the technical skills of the relevant units' employees.

After learning about the progress made in construction, he concluded that it is

necessary to send more skilled workers in order to successfully complete the project, which is being pushed ahead as a major policy-oriented project this year, before the forthcoming December Plenary Meeting of the WPK Central Committee, and gave relevant instructions.

Calling for properly building and managing the Sinpho City Offshore Farm to turn it into a model of offshore farming and propagate its experience across the country, he noted that the state should responsibly provide coastal cities and counties with conditions for revitalizing aquaculture. He stressed repeatedly that in order to implement the Party's regional development policy, it is necessary to create maximum possibilities for the regions to achieve their development, after making scientific calculations on the basis of a comprehensive survey of all resources across the country.

His field guidance at the offshore farm under construction serves as an important occasion that provided a firm practical guarantee for all regions to work out a clear development strategy and set long-term goals for radically improving the scientific character and efficiency of their development and to actively push ahead with their implementation from an innovative and creative standpoint in the drive for carrying out the historic cause of regional rejuvenation, which is being dramatically expanded and intensified.



Leadership for development of space science

By **Han Jong Ho** PT

On December 12 2012, the DPRK successfully launched its first application satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un acquainted himself with the space scientists who had contributed to the successful launch of the satellite on New Year's Day in 2013 when the whole country was

overflowing with joy.

There were two scientists who had devoted their whole lives to realizing Chairman Kim Jong Il's desire to turn the DPRK into a space power.

One was a twice Labour Hero, People's Scientist, academician, professor and PhD who trained many doctors and masters of engineering and wrote valuable technical books while working as a researcher

and leading official for a long time and the other was an ordinary scientist.

After acquainting himself with them one by one, the General Secretary made sure that the ashes of the first scientist were buried at the patriotic martyrs cemetery and a certificate of socialist patriotic death was awarded to the other scientist so that the feats performed by them for the

country and people could be handed down generation after generation.

Later, for the successful launch of the earth observation satellite Kwangmyongsong-4, he visited the satellite launching ground despite the biting cold in January to guide the preparations for launching the satellite all day long and sent the autograph "Kwangmyongsong (Shining

Star-Tr.)" to be inscribed on the carrier rocket.

Afterwards, he personally guided the vertical hoisting of the carrier rocket, encouraging scientists there.

As a result, the earth observation satellite Kwangmyongsong-4 blasted off into space successfully.

The satellite was successfully launched in winter amid biting cold, which had been considered

difficult, having no harmful effect on neighbouring countries. The DPRK completed the design, making and launch of it with its own efforts and technology.

Successes have been made one after another in the core space sci-tech studies under the wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and last year the reconnaissance satellite "Malligyong-1" was launched.

Talks between defence ministers of DPRK and Russia held

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There took place talks between No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Andrei Belousov, minister of Defence of the Russian Federation, in Pyongyang on November 29.

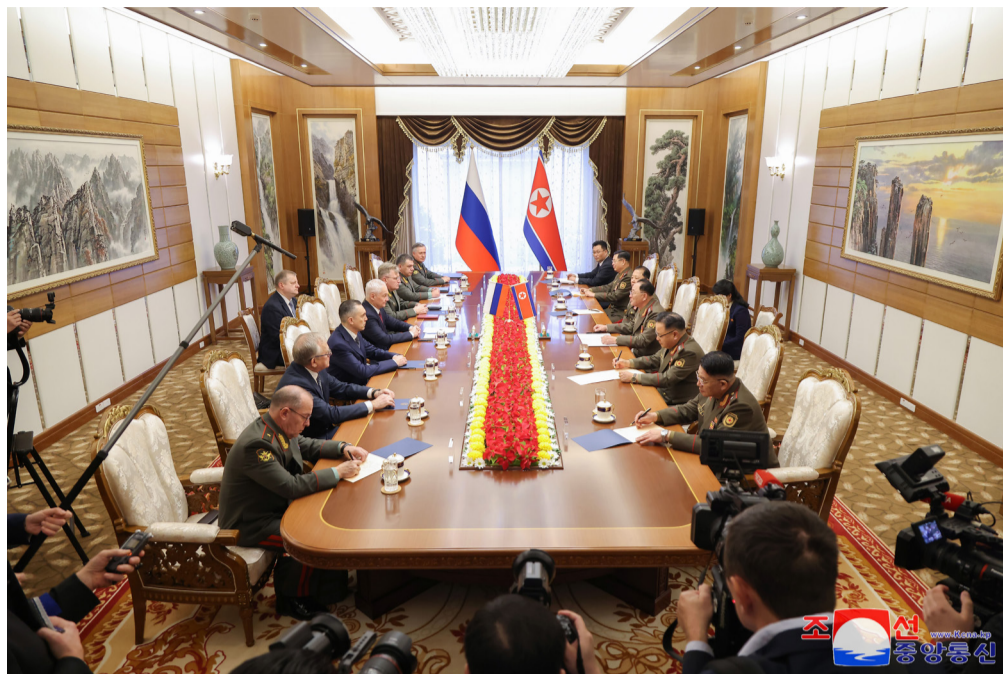
At the talks No Kwang Chol appreciated that the exchanges and cooperation between the defence ministries of the two countries have been dynamically promoted through mutual visits of high-level delegations since the

historic June 2024 DPRK-Russia Pyongyang Summit, and expressed belief that the current Pyongyang visit by the military delegation of the Russian Federation would serve as an important occasion for promoting the friendship, mutual cooperation and development of relations between the armies of the two countries.

Belousov expressed the willingness to further expand the mutually beneficial cooperation under the complicated international situation, referring to the fact that the treaty on the

comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries plays a stabilizer's role in the Northeast Asian region.

At the talks the two sides sincerely discussed the issue of strengthening the militant unity and strategic and tactical cooperation between the armies of the two countries by thoroughly implementing the agreements made by the top leaders of the two countries, and regional and international issues of mutual concern, before reaching a full consensus of views.



Military delegation of Russian Federation arrives in Pyongyang

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A military delegation of the Russian Federation led by Minister of Defence Andrei Belousov arrived in Pyongyang on November 29 to visit the DPRK at the invitation of the DPRK Ministry of National Defence.

The flags of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation were fluttering at the flagstuffs at Pyongyang International Airport, and the guard of honour of the Korean People's Army (KPA) lined up at the apron before the terminal.

The delegation were greeted

by No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Jong Kyong Thack, director of the KPA General Political Bureau, other commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, officials concerned, KPA officers and men, Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the

DPRK, and staff members of his embassy.

A woman soldier of the KPA presented a bouquet to Andrei Belousov.

There was a ceremony for welcoming the Russian military delegation.

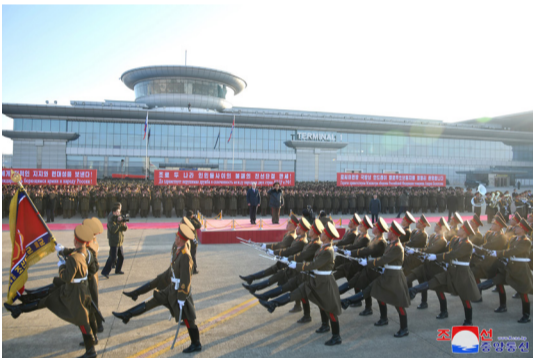
The national anthems of the

Russian Federation and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were played.

Guided by No Kwang Chol, Andrei Belousov reviewed the KPA guard of honour.

KPA officers and men gave a big clap to the Russian delegation to warmly welcome it with warm militant friendship toward the Russian service personnel and people who are displaying matchless bravery and unity in the just struggle to defend the sovereign rights and security of the country from the vicious challenges and threats from the hostile forces.

The Russian military delegation headed for the lodging quarters amid the welcome by KPA officers and men.



Delegation of Pyongyang Municipal Committee of WPK returns home

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The delegation of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea led by its Secretary Ri Myong Chol returned home by air on November 25 after visiting Russia.

During the visit, the delegation went round the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by the wall of the Kremlin and the Red Square and visited the Exhibition of Successes in the National Economy, Russian State University of Agriculture-the Moscow Agricultural Academy named after K. A. Timiryazev and other places in Moscow.

Russian sports minister visits Pyongyang

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Mikhail Degtyarev, minister of Sports of the Russian Federation, and his party arrived in Pyongyang on November 22.

Talks were held between Kim Il Guk, minister of Physical Culture and Sports of the DPRK, and Mikhail Degtyarev, minister of Sports of the Russian Federation, at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on November 24.

Present at the talks from the DPRK side were Vice-Minister of Physical Culture and Sports O Kwang Hyok

and officials concerned and from the Russian side the party of the sports minister and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and staff members of his embassy.

At the talks, the issues of boosting exchanges and cooperation between the sports fields of the two countries were discussed.

Then, a protocol on sports exchanges in 2025 was signed between the sports ministries of the two countries.

Mikhail Degtyarev, minister of Sports of the Russian Federation, and his party looked round different

places in Pyongyang.

At the Tower of the Juche Idea, they were briefed on the grand monument conveying the ideological and theoretical exploits of President Kim Il Sung who had created the immortal Juche idea to illuminate the way ahead of the era of independence. Then they went up to the observation deck of the tower to enjoy a bird's-eye view of Pyongyang.

They also toured the Arch of Triumph, the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, Kim Il Sung Stadium, May Day Stadium, the weightlifting and table-tennis gymnasiums on

Chongchun Street, etc. and saw a demonstration performance of DPRK Taekwon-Do players at the Taekwon-Do Hall.

They also laid a wreath at the Liberation Tower and visited the Jongbaek Church.

Mikhail Degtyarev, minister of Sports of the Russian Federation, and his party left Pyongyang for home by air on November 25.

They were seen off at Pyongyang International Airport by O Kwang Hyok, vice-minister of Physical Culture and Sports of the DPRK, Russian Ambassador Alexandr Matsegora and his embassy staff members.

Donated tractors conveyed to South Hwanghae Province

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Trade union organizations across the DPRK prepared tractors by promoting

various do-good-thing movements.

A ceremony took place at Haeju Square on November 27 to convey "Jingmaeng

(trade union)" tractors to South Hwanghae Province.

Present there were Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central

Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Pak Thae Dok, chief secretary of the South Hwanghae Provincial Committee of the WPK, officials concerned, trade union officials and workers and trade union members in the province.

Pak In Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade

Unions of Korea, delivered an address. And there were speeches.

Speakers noted that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un saw that those "Jingmaeng" tractors were sent to tideland farms in South Hwanghae Province.

They called upon all the officials and working

people to more dynamically conduct the socialist patriotic movements true to the ideas and leadership of the Party Central Committee, and to fulfil their responsibility and duty in implementing the programme for the rural revolution in the new era and the Regional Development 20x10 Policy.

Pyongyang autumn int'l commodity show held



The 16th Pyongyang Autumn International Trade Fair takes place at the Central Youth Hall between November 19 and 25. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Kim Il Jin PT

The 16th Pyongyang Autumn International Trade Fair on the theme of “For independence and friendship, common development and co-prosperity” took place between November 19 and 25 at the Central Youth Hall.

Presented to the fair were electric and electronic goods, machinery, building-materials, medicines, foodstuffs and other products with world competitive edge, which were produced by more than 160 businesses and companies of different countries, including the DPRK and Russia.

On display were many

specialities and natural products from pollution-free mountains and rivers of the DPRK with beautiful landscape.

The Inphung Trading Company presented over ten-year-old wild insam, and its booth was crowded with many visitors. Koryo wild insam tea, Koryo wild insam extract and Koryo wild insam leaf tea were in great demand.

The Kungangsan Speciality Production Company presented different teas of third-stage processing, including those made with mulberry mushroom, *Ganoderma lucidum* and matrimony vine fruit. These products

preserve their characteristics and state and dissolve in hot water well.

The Tachung Trading Corporation presented fur products. They included tiger-patterned carpets made of dog’s fur and skin, and fur caps, mufflers, vests and coats made of various animals’ fur and skin.

Kungangsan-brand cosmetics were popular with women. They were made with Kaesong Koryo insam which excels in medicinal substances worldwide, clear and clean water springing out from Mt Kungang and extracts from over 30 kinds of natural foods by employing latest science and technology. They are so

effective in skin elasticity improvement, whitening, wrinkle prevention and moisturizing that they help women look young and beautiful.

The Yehung Joint Venture Company created a lifelike environment with distinctive room and kitchen furniture pieces to highlight their characters and performance.

Medicines presented by various companies were also popular with visitors.

The Korea Oriental Instant Medicine Centre presented a medicinal stone for the treatment of neuralgia and arthralgia. It was made with pearl and various other natural medicinal stones by processing them with an



advanced processing method. During the exhibition there took place briefings on specialities and export products of the country including Jindallae mobile phone, Kaesong Koryo insam and Pukchong apple.

Exhibition demonstrates competitive zeal of production units

By Ri Myong Jun PT

The 2024 autumn commodity exhibition of the Pyongyang Underground Store ran from November 15 to 21.

“During the exhibition the participating factories and enterprises have obtained new and innovative insights

through the people’s opinions about their goods and successes and experience of other units. And they have become more confident that they can make various high-quality goods badly needed for the people and favoured by them,” said Jang Yong Il, section chief of the Ministry of Commerce.

On display were more than 706 000 goods in over 1 500 kinds, including foodstuffs, footwear and bags, which were made by some 200 units across the country.

South Hamgyong and Kangwon provinces and the municipality of Nampho displayed goods produced by using locally-available raw

materials, making the show more conspicuous.

What drew special attention were distinctive and various agricultural products of each region.

Kangwon Province presented over 30 kinds of agricultural products including bracken, platycodon, walnuts and dried

persimmons. Its booth was crowded with visitors in the whole period of the show for the large amount and variety of exhibits. Particularly, housewives spoke highly of over a dozen kinds of dried seafood such as mackerel, squid, yellowtail and sand lance which it caught in its coastal areas.

South Hamgyong Province put on show over 2 000 articles including kitchen utensils.

Another eye-catcher was the booth of the Wonsan Leather Shoes Factory which is well known for the Maebongsan-brand footwear.

The factory exhibited over 30 kinds of leather shoes for men and women which remarkably improved in quality this year. Unlike previously, it displayed goods of various colours and shapes made by using polyvinyl chloride based on emulsion polymerization. According to staffer Kim Il Chon, winter

leather shoes became more varied in kind and shape and lighter and stronger than the past products.

Various bags of the Pyolmuri bag production station gained public favour for their more refined colours, lightness and good preservation of shape.

The exhibition also drew many functional medicines including a protein-rich nutrient for boosting physical strength, which has mysterious effects for the growth of children and gives youthfulness to elderly people, and a toad-secretion cardiotionic tablet which is highly efficacious for preventing and treating various cancers.

Other crowd-pullers included the booth of the municipality of Kaesong which put on display traditional Koryo ceramics and that of Nampho which displayed many toys that suit children’s mind.



The 2024 autumn commodity exhibition of the Pyongyang Underground Store is held from November 15 to 21. JO RYONG / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Many literary works dedicated to country and era produced

By Jong Chol PT

Amid the brisk mass literature creation activities, hundreds of poems were created and published on September 9 on the occasion of the 76th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

The poems "First lesson", "My home address", "O builders, my age-mates", "Another railway" and "It is clear today, too" deeply impressed the readers as they sing of the breath of the country and the era with poetic words of sincere emotion.

The poem "First lesson" by Im Hong Yon reflects the first lesson that children from the flood-hit areas took in a well-furnished classroom in the building for ensuring important national events after coming to Pyongyang under the benevolent care of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

It is inevitable that the schooling for students who lost their homes and schools owing to natural disasters is interrupted.

But the poet used simple and impressive poetic words to sing of the feeling of the teacher who did not repress her emotion before the clear eyes of the students who had the lesson in the new classroom, which had been prepared thanks to the measures taken by General Secretary Kim Jong Un, free from any slightest worry.

The poem "My home address" by Han Ji Song sings highly of the feelings of the people who are always convinced of the hopeful future as the General Secretary gave field guidance again for the rehabilitation of flood-hit areas to defend all members of the great socialist family and bring happiness to them after the residents of an flood-hit islet village were taken to an airfield and temporary tents and many people of other flood-stricken areas as well as those of the islet village were brought to Pyongyang to spend happy days.

The poem "O builders, my age-mates" by Kim Kang Chol fully expresses amazing scenes of the

capital city of Pyongyang, where a golden age of construction has been ushered in, and the joy and optimism of the builders about the bright future.

Ri Ji Yong, a girl worker of the Rason Railway Bureau located at one end of the country, depicts in her poem "Another railway" the life of a trackwalker who has devoted his patriotic fervour to his work for more than 40 years since his youth through what she experienced in life.

Choe Hak Rim, who wrote the poem "It is clear today, too", expressed in it his pride in producing salt at the salt works associated with his father's strenuous effort and his love for his workplace and native place. Seeing the blue sky of the country and the endless salt field, the poet sang of his love for the country with sincere emotions.

The General Secretary read the poems created by the ordinary working people, though he was so busy with the state affairs.

New cultural, leisure centres add pleasure to people in Nampho



People ride horses at the riding club (above) and cycle down the cycling course in a forest(left). SON HUI YON / PICTORIAL KOREA

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

The Nampho Municipal Riding Club and a general service building provided with excellent facilities for leisure and exercise were inaugurated recently in Hanggu District, Nampho.

As soon as they are opened, they are crowded with visitors.

Below the general service building nestling at the foot of a mountain is the riding club laid out on a vast area, and a cycling course is seen in the neighbouring forest.

Visitors to the riding club get necessary information at the riding knowledge learning space and equestrian training at the

basic training ground, before running along the main track on horseback. Feeling refreshed and relieved, they say that they are very glad to have such a fine riding club in their city.

Seeing on the balcony of the general service building those enjoying riding on the horseback inspires spectators to go riding at once.

Cycling, along with riding, attracts many people.

The cycling course is 4 km.

Riding various bikes along course through the quiet woods relieves stress and promotes health, people say, adding that they feel no tension as they are not in a racing match. When they walk their bicycles up the

steep course, they take deep breath and enjoy the surrounding scenery, feeling relaxed and refreshing. But young people express satisfaction after cycling with sweating as if they were professional bicyclists.

The general service building has a swimming pool, billiard room, amusement arcade, lodgings and dining rooms. Visitors can relax themselves after sporting activities and taste various kinds of dishes made with seafood from the West Sea of Korea.

Not only streets and villages but also the people's cultural living standards are making further improvement along with the era of ever-changing regions.

Elderly amateur tennis player enjoys fame



Ri Yong Bae, 69-year-old amateur tennis player, practises his skills. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Han Jong Ho PT

Ri Yong Bae (pictured), aged 69, won the age group men's doubles in the division of amateur players of the 2024 National Open Tennis Tournament.

The victory was not the first time for old Ri.

He had won first place in the 2019 and 2023 sports contests of persons with disabilities and amateurs and the 2023 spring sports games of old people.

After all, he has so far lifted four winner's trophies, including this time.

Being called an amateur tennis player, he lives in Minhung-dong, Moranbong District, Pyongyang.

Whenever he looks at the trophies he won, he always feels youthful vigour, he says.

It was 15 years ago that he established relations with tennis.

He said he had learned table tennis in a school table tennis group in his childhood.

So he enjoyed playing table tennis at his workplace.

Then one day, his fellow workers advised and encouraged him to play tennis, saying it was something worth trying. So he tried, swinging tennis racket in his bewilderment. Unlike table tennis, the racket was big and long and the court wide and so he felt refreshed.

With it as an occasion, he struggled to practise tennis techniques at leisure

hours and continued to do so even after he became a pensioner.

So he always played a leading role in various mass sports games held as the zeal for sports bubbled up all across the country and made a decisive contribution to winning victory in all doubles matches with his special skill as a powerful weapon.

"Ri Yong Bae always put the opponent on the defensive with back hand cut, his strong point. The ball he cut with back hand was so difficult to receive and give back that opponent players were very afraid of it," said Kang Pyong Chan, an old man who partnered Ri to victory in the men's doubles of the age group division of amateur players of the 2024 National Open Tennis Tournament.

According to Ri, playing tennis helped him maintain rich emotions, stable psychology and a pleasant mind, and it always had a positive effect on various aspects of his work and life.

"I feel as if I am relieved of stress from my body whenever I swing tennis racket. After playing tennis, I always feel refreshed and have no regret about getting older," he said.

Ri Yong Bae still maintains close relations with the people who worked together at the workplace, and receives affection and respect from neighbours as a model householder in the neighbourhood unit and from his wife, children and son-in-law in his family.



Ri Yong Bae returns home with other fans after a day's training.

Painstaking research into farming on reclaimed tideland

Though staffed with some ten researchers, the branch has bred seven high-yielding rice strains highly resistant to salinity over the past several years and introduced them into dozens of thousands of hectares of fields in different areas including those on the west coast of Korea.

The DPRK, which is bounded by the sea on the east and west, abounds in tidal flats.

Therefore, tideland reclamation has long been carried out on a large scale, the area of reclaimed tideland under cultivation increasing with each passing day.

Recently, *The Pyongyang Times* reporter Kim Rye Yong visited the Onchon branch of the Rice Institute under the Academy of Agricultural Science, which produces high and safe yields despite extreme weather and various soil salinity conditions.

The branch is located on Unha Plain, reclaimed tideland on the west coast of Korea.

The reporter met Jong Myong Sun, PhD and head of the branch, who told her about why it was built on the plain.

"With deep insight into the importance of solving the problem of seed in farming on reclaimed tideland, President Kim Il Sung saw to it that an institute specializing in research for a rice strain resistant to salinity was established on Unha Plain in March 45 years ago," said Jong.

Jong went on to say that in the last period of his great life, the President was so pleased to see a good rice strain bred by a researcher that he said the researcher satisfied his desire and had the new rice strain named after the researcher.

Looking round the branch together with the head, the reporter was surprised at its wonderful scenery.

Several buildings of marked modern beauty which is flawless in terms of architectural beauty stand in good order, surrounded by hundreds of fruit trees and flowering shrubs, like in a park.

When the reporter said the institute looked like an advanced central-level agricultural science research institute, Jong said with deep emotion that the branch turned into a modern seed breeding base equipped with sophisticated apparatuses under the meticulous care of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, who attaches importance to farming on reclaimed tideland.

The work style of the researchers changed completely after they keenly

realized the intention of the Workers' Party of Korea which stresses the need to attach importance to farming on reclaimed tideland and give priority to seed improvement in order to bring about a decisive turn in grain production in the country with limited arable land, she added.

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The reporter listened to the detailed explanations about the characteristics of newly bred rice seeds at the achievements showroom of the branch, for example, a rice strain which ensures a per-hectare yield of over 8 tons from reclaimed tideland with low soil salinity, the other one highly effective in increasing yields from such land with high soil salinity or newly reclaimed tideland and a tasty functional rice strain strong in pharmacological action.

In particular, the reporter

was attracted by rice strains which can ensure high per-hectare yield from tideland from the first year after its reclamation.

Then, the reporter went to the bioengineering laboratory to meet with researchers engrossed in research for using a molecular marker technique to select good individuals. They said with confidence that next year they would be able to breed salinity-resistant rice seeds, their intended target.

While going together with the reporter to a test research field by an 80hp tractor, Ri Un Chol, a section chief of the branch, said that they ensure the operation of tractors for 250 days a year by repairing and keeping the vehicles well and that they intend to make an automatic manure loader, adding that it would increase the proportion of the farm work done by machines by over 70 percent.

The test research field covered with an irrigation

system like a net was nice enough to be called a model in irrigation system for reclaimed tideland.

The reporter could not see a satisfactory scene of golden ears of grain swaying on the field as it was just after the end of harvesting, but the sight of the branch's researchers steadily continuing research with unusual attachment to their job enabled her to picture the bright prospect of farming on reclaimed tideland.



Researchers of the Onchon branch of the Rice Institute under the Academy of Agricultural Science are engaged in research into a new seed for producing high and safe yields. RODONG SINMUN

Company creates solar power generating capacity of over 1 000kW

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Renewable Energy and Electric Power Technology Company under the Ministry of Electric Power Industry has built solar power stations with a total capacity of well over 1 000kW in different parts of the country so far since last year.

It put great efforts into creating the solar power generating capacity in urban and rural areas in order to ease the electricity shortage.

It built solar power stations of different capacities on the roofs of institutions and enterprises in different districts, including Taedonggang District in Pyongyang,

by solving scientific and technological problems arising in effectively using the roofs of buildings for the development of solar power generating capacity, and introduced a system-parallel power generating system to effectively use the produced electricity in the national electric power network.

In particular, it built a distributed solar power station with a capacity of hundreds of kilowatts that goes well with the surrounding landscape at the Samgwang Livestock Farm under the North Phyongan Provincial Rural Economy Committee between October last year and May this year to supply the farm with electricity necessary for its management.

Secret behind straight wins

It is another secret of success achieved by South Phyongan Province that those who are in charge of the implementation of the popular policies of the Workers' Party of Korea have kept the steadfast stand that they are fully responsible for their implementation and possess excellent practical abilities.

By Pak Song Min PT

South Phyongan Province took the first place in succession at the show for improving the quality of school uniforms and bags held this year.

The Phyongsong School Uniform Factory in the province won the national show for improving quality in succession and rounded off the production of seasonal school uniforms to be supplied to the new students of schools at all levels in time. Of course, the work of the factory was not smooth from the outset. Like other units, the factory was just inaugurated and therefore it encountered difficulties it had to quickly resolve in production activities, including the quality problem.

To solve these problems, the province decided to appoint a competent person

as the head of the factory. It promoted a person, who had been working as manageress of a not-so-large garment production unit, since she advanced to society. And it appointed a person recognized as the number one in clothes making as an advisor to the factory, thus ensuring the organic combination of rich experience and outstanding ability. As a result, every effort of the factory has been directed to attaining the goal of improving the quality of school uniforms. Once, the manageress went to a nearby school to familiarize herself with the reality. She noticed that parents had to often repair uniforms as their children outgrew their clothes and that the colour of the thread they used was different from that of the uniform cloth. Therefore, the factory focused on solving the problem and its

officials came up with the idea of attaching a pocket with spare thread for each school uniform.

This year the province has renovated production processes with dozens of modern facilities including a laser cutter and hydraulic press at the Phyongsong Bag Factory. It set it as a principle that the facilities for the production of school uniforms should be the best and most advanced ones and that nothing should be spared for the younger generation. Accordingly, they worked out an ambitious plan for modernizing the production processes of the factory and carried it out in a short span of time. This was the main factor that enabled the factory to win the national show in succession.

Meanwhile, the province put the shoes produced by the Phyongsong Students' Shoes Factory to test by making

dozens of students wear them in order to acquaint themselves with the quality of the shoes every day with their own eyes and adopt timely solutions. According to a provincial official, many defects have been overcome in the course of such efforts for improving their quality.

Even though the system and method of work for the rising generations are excellent, it does not mean that quality school uniforms, shoes and bags are produced of their own accord. It is another secret of success achieved by South Phyongan Province that those who are in charge of the implementation of the popular policies of the Workers' Party of Korea have kept the steadfast stand that they are fully responsible for their implementation and possess excellent practical abilities.

Press statement of Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee

KCNA

Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea,

issued the following press statement on November 26:

On November 26, various kinds of political agitation leaflets and dirty things sent by the ROK scum

were dropped again in different areas near the southern border of the DPRK.

The security organs in the areas have blocked the relevant districts

and are conducting the search, gathering and disposal of them.

We strongly denounce the despicable acts of the ROK scum who committed the

provocation of polluting the inviolable territory of the DPRK by scattering anti-DPRK political and conspiratorial agitation things again.



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It is constitutional duty of the DPRK to take measures for self-defence to defend its security environment

KCNA

The chief of the Information Office of the Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on November 23 issued a press statement titled "It is constitutional duty of the DPRK to take measures for self-defence to defend its security environment", which said:

The military tension in the region has recently become more acute as the US continuously flexes its military muscle against the DPRK on the Korean peninsula and in its vicinity.

The US, which deployed the nuclear carrier George Washington strike group in the waters around the Korean peninsula, staged Freedom Edge, the multi-domain joint military drills, with Japan and the ROK from November 13 to 15.

On November 18, Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered attack submarine Columbia arrived at the

Pusan operation base to incite the atmosphere of nuclear confrontation, and on November 21, the strategic reconnaissance plane RC-135S flew above the East Sea of Korea, conducting undisguised air spying on the strategic depth of the DPRK.

The US military provocations, which have been committed in the Korean peninsula where huge armed forces of two belligerent sides are on high alert and the possibility of constant military conflict lingers, constitute the cause of plunging the regional situation into an irretrievable catastrophe.

We strongly warn the US and its followers hostile towards the DPRK to immediately discontinue the provocative and instability-causing hostile acts that can drive the military confrontation in the Korean peninsula and its vicinity into a real armed conflict.

The danger of the US military provocations against the DPRK is that it

will never end in muscle-flexing for frightening others or security instability limited to the region of the Korean peninsula.

The present grave political and military situation in which the US military adventurism has gone beyond the red-line on a global scale foretells that the US military moves targeting the DPRK can lead to a real war situation anytime.

It is the constitutional duty of the armed forces of the DPRK to take measures for self-defence to protect the security environment of the state and maintain the strategic stability and balance of power in the region.

The KPA is closely following the military moves of the US and its allies, opening up the possibility of every option in full combat readiness. If it is judged necessary, it will immediately take action to contain danger in advance and achieve the military and strategic goal of the state.

Okinawa's tragedy caused by Japanese authorities' subservience to the US

By Choe Song Jun PT

Japanese people are becoming increasingly critical of the US military bases in Japan.

Shortly ago, a lecture was given by the governor of Okinawa Prefecture to call on the whole country to take issue with the US military bases. The governor has reportedly given such lectures on 13 occasions since his inauguration in 2018. He said that all kinds of accidents caused by the US forces and problems such as noise and water pollution are also occurring in Okinawa, calling for thinking about what are the rights of the people and democracy through the issue of the US military base.

This issue has been a constant topic in Japanese society.

A Japanese civic organization, in a recent article contributed to a newspaper, strongly urged the authorities to immediately stop the project for removing the Futenma US air force

base being pushed forward in Henoko, denouncing them for turning Okinawa and Japan proper into a theatre of war.

Meanwhile, citizens staged demos in different parts of the prefecture in demand of the withdrawal of the military base on the occasion of the 52nd anniversary of the return of Okinawa from the US.

As is known, Okinawa, where more than 70 percent of the US military facilities in Japan are concentrated, is a hotbed of GI crimes. Sexual assaults, robberies and murders by the American soldiers frequently occur and the number of crimes committed by them has reached more than 6 230 cases in the period between 1972 and 2023.

The US military bases in Japan are also the root cause of all kinds of accidents and environmental pollution. The noise of US military aircraft and frequent accidents have inflicted unbearable pain on the locals and caused tremendous disasters. The

residents have suffered from all kinds of diseases including neuropathy due to sharp noise produced by aircraft when they take off and land, and sustained a lot of damage from plane accidents.

At least 270 environmental pollution cases occurred at three US military bases in Okinawa from 2002 to 2016, seriously contaminating vast tracks of land and the environs of the sea with various toxic substances.

However, the Japanese authorities zealously patronize the US forces, claiming that GIs play a great role in ensuring peace and stability and that they should not regard the US forces as villains, while turning a blind eye to the pain and misfortunes suffered by the people.

And the US military gets ever more puffed up for the servile attitude of the Japanese authorities.

The tragedy of Okinawa is a due result of the Japanese authorities' pro-US sycophantic policy.

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Ceasefire should be achieved in Gaza immediately

By To Kyong Chol PT

November 29 is the day of world solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The 32nd Session of the UN General Assembly in 1977 decided to commemorate November 29 every year as the day of solidarity with the Palestinian people. This was an expression of the international community's firm support to and solidarity with the Palestinians' struggle for winning back their national rights and founding an independent state.

The Palestinians,

who were deprived of their territory due to the manoeuvres of the US and Israel, have waged a long, proactive struggle to put an end to foreign occupation and win back their national rights.

The Palestinian issue has attracted close attention of the international community as it is not only a matter of the sovereignty of the people of this country but also a problem directly linked with ensuring peace in the Middle East.

The Palestinian people are now in a crisis of life and death.

More than 44 000 Palestinians have been

killed and many others reduced to refugees due to Israel's indiscriminate military attacks since October last year.

Most of the buildings in Gaza were destroyed and a large area of farmland for producing food was devastated. According to a UN agency, the debris of buildings destroyed by the Israeli forces amounts to 37 million tons and it will take 14 years to remove it by mobilizing 100 trucks. And there are a large number of unexploded bombs in the debris.

Not content with causing such a horrible humanitarian disaster,

Israel issued a statement declaring that it would bulldoze the office building of the UN Palestine refugee relief organization in the West Bank and quit the agreement allowing the activity of the organization.

For the Palestinians who are at the crossroads of life and death, the aid from this organization is as good as an oasis in a desert.

Israel's atrocities are tantamount to the outrages Nazi Germany committed in European countries to exterminate nations in the first half of the 20th century.

Despite such barbarities,

the Palestinian people continue to fight.

Sovereignty is life and soul of each nation, and therefore the Palestinians are fighting against Israel death-defyingly.

Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, which is becoming a hotbed of national extinction and manslaughter, should be achieved as soon as possible.

Broad segments of the international community should not turn their eyes away from the death of innocent Palestinians, but punish Israel which is dead set on national extermination in disregard of international law.

Briefly

Russia

President stresses need to take resolute countermeasure against aggression

Russian President Vladimir Putin in his online speech on November 21 pointed to the stand to resolutely counter the acts of aggression against his country.

As regards the attacks on military installations in Kursk and Bryansk by US and UK long-range missiles, he accused the US and its NATO allies of persistently pursuing the line of escalating tension by deciding on the use of long-range missiles against the Russian territory and noted that the use of such weapons is impossible without the direct involvement by military experts of the countries that produced them.

Saying that the Russian armed forces struck in reaction to the attack the Ukrainian munitions industry complexes with new-type medium-range ballistic missiles, he affirmed that the anti-missile systems the Americans are building in Europe are unable to intercept the missile.

China

US censured for obstructing cease-fire in Gaza

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry in a regular press conference on November 22 censured the US for having obstructed the adoption of the UNSC's resolution on cease-fire in the Gaza Strip.

The conflict persisting in Gaza has entailed over 40 000 deaths and unprecedented humanitarian disasters, he said, adding that the recent resolution reflected strong voices of the international community for peace.

He said that the US alone exercised veto several times to hinder the adoption of resolutions on cease-fire in the region, thus bringing the efforts of the UNSC and the international community back into stagnation.

Iran

US' interference in internal affairs of Venezuela denounced

A spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry denounced the US' interference in the internal affairs of Venezuela on November 23.

Commenting on the US State Secretary's recent remark that his country recognized an anti-government figure of Venezuela as "president-elect", the spokesman decried it as interference in the internal affairs of Venezuela and as an act running counter to international law and the UN Charter.

UK, Ireland

Storm and floods hit island nations

The whole area of the UK have recently been struck and damaged by a storm and floods.

Heavy rain accompanied by the storm killed three persons and paralysed the traffic by November 24.

Hundreds of buildings were submerged in South Wales, and a state of emergency was declared in connection with the severe flood in Rhondda Cynon Taff.

So far, a flood warning has been issued in more than 300 areas across the country.

Floods were caused by the storm in Ireland, cutting off power supply in tens of thousands of houses.

Russia channels great efforts into educational development

By Song Kwang PT

Russian President Putin recently met with winners of the pan-Russian best teachers' contest with Teacher's Day just ahead.

In the meeting held in the way of video-conferencing, he said that the role of teachers is important in making educational space in conformity with future development goals.

The innovative teaching methods of teachers, who won high appraisal in the contest, should be widely generalized and such meetings should be often organized with the support of the Ministry of Education and regional educational institutions to share experience, thus contributing to the improvement of teachers' qualifications, he stressed.

Saying that exchange with representatives of the specialized fields including scientists will help raise the knowledge level of teachers and correctly confirm the educational priority, he stated that the government would further activate such an undertaking.

Highly praising the efforts of the teachers who have devoted themselves to raising students into excellent persons possessing ample knowledge in a congratulatory meeting on the occasion of Teacher's Day, he stressed the need to update education programmes and improve educational infrastructure so that they can give students a modern education as required by the present reality, an era of advanced technology.

Russia is now pushing ahead with projects for further arousing the national interest in education and developing education.

It works to introduce excellent things of the educational system of the former Soviet Union and restore its edifying and valuable elements, while applying advanced

technology to the courses of study.

It focuses its efforts on developing the education in mathematics, physics and chemistry as it orients education towards not only patriotism but also the training of competent experts.

Its increase of investment in the educational field has resulted in a series of successes.

Since it started the work to set up advanced engineering schools in 2022, it has so far established 50 such schools in 28 areas.

Last year, more than 22 000 students finished the schools and 75 000 engineers were reeducated.

There are reportedly 21 bases in a recently built industrial zone in the eastern area of Moscow, including workshops and laboratories where students can apply to practice the science and technology of different fields they have learned at school.

According to a decree on science fund development strategy adopted this year, Russia is planning to establish over 100 advanced higher educational institutions and sci-tech centres by 2030.

And efforts are being made to support backward scientific research sectors, build up advanced research groups and apply cutting-edge technology to the economy.

Russia strengthens its technological independence by way of introducing new technologies into production and makes active investment to build up talent forces of vocational educational institutions at all levels.

It also channels big efforts into improving educational environment.

It has a plan to repair 18 500 school buildings and about 800 dormitories by the end of 2030.

Russia's efforts to develop education have provided favourable conditions for social progress and stimulated the building of a powerful state.

For territorial integrity and social progress

By Sin Pyol PT

On November 16 1970, there was a corrective movement in Syria.

Although Syria achieved independence after having been trampled under the domination and control of the colonialists for a long period, its situation was very complicated and unstable due to interference by the imperialists. Under such situation, the progressive forces centring on the Arab Socialist Baath Party carried out the corrective movement on November 16 1970.

The movement marked an epochal turn in the struggle of the Syrian people for building an independent and prosperous new society.

Since then the Syrians have made positive endeavours to defend their national sovereignty, achieve territorial integrity and build new society.

The imperialists have made persistent moves even in recent years to drive the country into the vortex of terrorism and dispute while intensifying sanctions as part of their manoeuvres to realize their ambition for domination over the Middle East.

The US and its servile follower Israel have destroyed its urban and rural areas through indiscriminate military attacks on the country and killed many civilians, while applying sanctions against it to undermine its stability and arrest its development. The American troops illegally stationed in the country do not hesitate to systematically plunder its natural resources including oil.

The Syrian government and people have taken drastic measures against the ever-

undisguised moves of the US and its following forces as they advance along the road of independence against imperialism. They are trying hard to boost their military capabilities to thwart the military threats and schemes Israel is intensifying in the Middle East.

Syria has also taken positive measures to stabilize the people's livelihood and put the economy on a normal track. To solve the power shortage, it has channelled efforts into the creation of generating capacity based on renewables. Its government worked out a strategy for sharply increasing power production capacity relying on solar heat and wind power by 2030 and is going to allocate the sites of power stations in and around the deserts.

Externally, Syria promotes cooperation with the countries aspiring to independence against imperialism, while strongly opposing the manoeuvres of hegemony-seeking forces.

Last May it signed an MOU with Iraq on cooperation in the fields of security including anti-terror, combat against drug trafficking and organized crimes and border control. In late October its minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates held talks with the Belarus Foreign Minister in Minsk to denounce the West's interference and illegal sanctions moves and agreed to develop cooperation between the two countries to cope with the moves.

The DPRK people extend full support and solidarity to the struggle of the Syrian government and people for territorial integrity and social progress.



Mt Jongbang in autumn

Autumn-tinted thick forests of Mt Jongbang in Sariwon, North Hwanghae Province, unfold a beautiful scenery.

Games of disabled persons, amateurs draw growing popularity



By Ri Sung Ik PT

The 2024 Games of Disabled Persons and Amateurs took place at the Handball Gymnasium on Chongchun Street in Pyongyang.

Since all amateurs can take part in the events along with disabled persons, the games grow in scale every year and people's interest is growing increasingly.

The recent contest brought together over 600 disabled persons and sports amateurs in Pyongyang. Table tennis competition was played in four categories and tennis and badminton in three categories respectively.

Disabled players were the objects of admiration of

spectators in the table tennis tournament.

They not only showed off strong mental strength and noble sportsmanship in every match but also displayed high skills, thus leaving spectators with deep impression.

Many people cheered Kim Yong Rok, who was familiar with spectators through several rounds of sports games of disabled persons and amateurs. He was placed first in the doubles of table tennis and third in the singles.

After the game was over, he said, "The number of players in the annual tournament increases and the level of the game rises. Though I came third this year, I am pleased to see the new looks of newcomers."

Ho Jong Chol won the

first place in the table tennis tournament for the first category (disabled), Kim Yong Rok and Chae Yong Il in the second category (disabled and amateur), Ri Kwang Hyok, Jon Hyon Chol and Kwon Chol In in the third category (the men's amateur team event) and Ri Tok Bong, Kim Chang Il and Han Wi Sok in the fourth category (aged amateurs).

Tennis matches were played after the table tennis tournament was rounded off.

Kim Kyong Il and Ri Hyok Chol won the men's amateur doubles, Om Se Ryong and Choe Song Chol the men's amateur doubles in the aged category, and Pak Won Chol and Yun Kum Sil in the mixed doubles.

Then the badminton contest

The 2024 Games of Disabled Persons and Amateurs take place at the Handball Gymnasium on Chongchun Street in Pyongyang. KIM YONG CHAN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

took place.

Han Song Guk and Kil Jong Sun took the first place in the mixed doubles of the first category played by men and women amateurs aged from 20 to 39, and Jon Song Rim and Kim Kyong Sun in that of the second category played by men and women amateurs aged from 40 to 59.

Kim In Chol and O Chun Hyang won the third category.

People enthusiastically cheered O Chun Hyang, a disabled player in her twenties. She said at the podium, "Now I am very happy. Many people cheered me up all through the games and it was really invigorating and encouraging. I would like to offer my thanks to all those who loved and cheered me up enthusiastically."

Water-deer in Mt Kuwol, living monument

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The water-deer belongs to the deer family.

It is usually 90-100cm long and weighs 16-20kg.

It looks like the musk deer, but is a little bigger. Its fur changes in shape, compactness and length according to seasons.

The fur is long and dense in winter, and short and thin in summer. It is generally yellowish brown at the back and white at the belly.

There are habitats of the Mt Kuwol water-deer in the areas of Woljong-ri of Anak County and Churung-ri and Kohyon-ri of Samchon County, which form the southern slope of the mountain.

