

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends message of condolence to Lao President

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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, sent a message of condolence to Thongloun Sisoulith, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and president of the People's

Democratic Republic of Laos, on April 2.

The message said:

I express deep condolences, on behalf of the Workers' Party of Korea, the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people and on my own behalf, to you and the party, government and people of Laos and the bereaved family, upon

hearing the sad news that Comrade Khamtay Siphandone passed away.

I am convinced that the party, government and people of Laos would overcome the pain of loss and achieve bigger success in the struggle for defending and advancing the cause of socialism as desired by Comrade Khamtay Siphandone.

DPRK officials pay condolatory visit to Laotian embassy in Pyongyang

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Officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Cabinet of the DPRK, working people's organizations and ministries visited the Laotian embassy in Pyongyang on April 6 to mourn the death of Comrade Khamtay Siphandone, former president of the Lao People's

Democratic Republic and general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party.

Present there were Kim Song Nam, director of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Pak Sang Gil, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, and officials concerned.

A wreath in the joint name of the Central Committee of the WPK, the Standing Committee of the DPRK

Supreme People's Assembly and the DPRK Cabinet was laid in front of the photo of the late Comrade Khamtay Siphandone.

Also placed there were wreaths in the name of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of External Economic Relations, the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League and the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions

of Korea.

Written on the ribbons of the wreaths were the letters reading, "In memory of the late Comrade Khamtay Siphandone".

The participants paid a silent tribute to the memory of Comrade Khamtay Siphandone who had contributed to the development of the Lao party and state and the DPRK-Laos friendly relations.

They made entries in the condolence book.

Photo exhibitions held in provinces, cities and counties

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Photo exhibitions dealing with the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's immortal exploits in glorifying 2024 as a year of proud victory are going on in all provinces, cities and counties.

Officials, working people, youth and students visit the exhibition venues with boundless enthusiasm for Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, who adorned the days and months of the significant last year with eye-opening events and gigantic changes with his rare ideo-theoretical wisdom and bold revolutionary practice.

Looking at the photo entitled "The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un makes an important conclusion at the Enlarged Meeting of the Tenth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee

of the Workers' Party of Korea" and others, visitors deeply grasp the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great man who clarified the far-reaching strategy and perfect practical programmes for the Korean revolution and worked hard to translate the long-cherished desires of the people into reality all year round.

On display are the photos dealing with the immortal history of revolutionary leadership of the illustrious commander who put the DPRK on the status of a powerful nation fully equipped with powerful physical means of self-defence.

Other photos show the struggle of the Korean people who are out in the general advance for overall development of Korean-style socialism under the grand blueprint unfolded by the Eighth Congress of the WPK, true to the Party's ideology and leadership.

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

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Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, issued the following press statement "The anachronistic 'denuclearization' idea of the US, Japan and the ROK can never affect the position of our state" on April 8:

The diplomatic authorities of the US, Japan and the ROK talked again about someone's "complete denuclearization", terming the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's exercise of its sovereign rights a "threat" on the occasion of the recent NATO foreign ministers'

meeting.

It fully exposed once again the uneasiness and anxiousness of the US, Japan and the ROK in a desperate plight of having to talk about "denuclearization" in chorus, filled with fear, although they just know that "denuclearization" of us is nothing but a pipe dream that can never come true.

Just two months ago, we clarified how stupid the US is in pursuing the goal of "denuclearizing" the DPRK, something utterly impossible and unrealistic in both practice and conception.

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Russian party delegation returns home

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The delegation of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation led by

Kazbek Taysaev, secretary of its Central Committee and head of the Russia-DPRK Friendship Parliamentary Group of the State Duma,

left Pyongyang for home on April 7.

It was seen off at Pyongyang International Airport by officials of the

Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Russian ambassador to the DPRK and his embassy staff members.

On the occasion of birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung

Photo exhibition opens to celebrate birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung

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A national photo exhibition, “Journey dedicated to happiness of people”, opened with due ceremony at the Okryu Exhibition House in Pyongyang on April 7 to celebrate the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

On display at the exhibition hall are photos showing the personality traits of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who are all praised as great men for having laid eternal foundations for building a powerful socialist country with their outstanding ideas and theories, rare leadership ability and gigantic revolutionary practice and working hard to bring earlier the rosy future when the people’s dreams and ideals will come true.

Photos show the President’s noble outlook on and great love for the rising generation, with which he worked heart and soul to make the children the happiest in the world.

There are also photos showing the great devotion of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who visited pharmacies in Pyongyang Municipality to acquaint himself with the supply of medicines during the period of the top-level emergency anti-epidemic campaign.

Present at the opening ceremony were Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, Sung Jong Gyu, minister of Culture, officials concerned and working people in the city.

Vice-Premier Kim Myong Hun made an opening address.

National industrial design exhibition starts

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A national industrial design exhibition for celebrating April 15, the birthday of President Kim Il Sung, opened with due ceremony at the Industrial Design Exhibition House of the Central Industrial Design Bureau on April 8.

At the venue of the exhibition there are photos of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un giving field guidance at various sectors of the national economy.

On display at the exhibition on the theme of “New era of great change and industrial design” are 590-odd industrial designs of various kinds personally guided by Kim Jong Un, over 800 designs and models produced by experts, students and fans, products presented by more than 30 production units including the Sinuiju Cosmetics Factory and the Ryuwon Footwear Factory, books related to industrial design and multimedia presentations.

Present at the opening ceremony were officials concerned and officials and creators in the field of industrial design.

An opening address was made.



A national industrial design exhibition is held with due ceremony at the Industrial Design Exhibition House of the Central Industrial Design Bureau on April 8.

State academic degrees and titles awarded to intellectuals

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State academic degrees and titles were awarded to intellectuals.

Present at the awarding ceremony held on April 8 were Vice-Premier Jon Sung Guk and intellectuals.

The title of candidate academician went to Faculty Dean O Chon Il, Department Head Yu Chol Jun and Section Chief Kim Nam Chol of Kim Il Sung University, Choe Chol, official of the University of National Economy, and Hong Chol Hwa, director of an institute of the Academy of Social Sciences.

Professorship was awarded to Pak Kyong Il, head of a department of Kim Il Sung University, O Hui Nam, lecturer of the university, Kim Kuk Mo, deputy department director of Kim Chaek University of Technology, Kang Hyon Mi, head of a department of Pyongyang University of Foreign Studies, and Ri Sok Ryong, rector of the Unjong area postgraduate school of the State Academy of Sciences.

Doctoral degrees were conferred on 54 persons including Pak Kyong Hui, lecturer of the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Pak Un Hak, head of a department of Kim Hyong Jik University of Education, and Kim Hye Yong, rector of Hyesan Teachers Training College.

True to the idea of the Workers’ Party of Korea of attaching importance to science and technology, they achieved successes in research conducive to the development of the country’s economy and the improvement of the people’s standard of living and made positive contributions to the education of the rising generation.

April spring people’s art festival opens

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The Ninth April Spring People’s Art Festival was opened with splendour in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, to mark the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

The festival will draw artistic group members of different institutions, industrial establishments and farms.

An opening ceremony took place at the Pyongyang Circus Theatre on April 10.

Sung Jong Gyu, minister of Culture who is also chairman of the festival organizing committee, delivered an opening address.

Week-long film show opens to celebrate April holiday

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A week-long film show opened to celebrate April 15 on the occasion of the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Documentary and revolutionary films dealing with the noble career and immortal exploits of the President who devoted his whole life to the prosperity of the country and well-being of the people, and feature films on various themes will be screened at cinemas and houses of culture across the country during the week-long film show.

An opening ceremony took place at the Pyongyang International Cinema House on April 9.

It was attended by Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, officials, creators and artists in the film sector and other people in Pyongyang.

At the end of the ceremony, the participants watched a documentary film “Father of People”.

Such events took place in all provinces on the same day.

National schoolchildren’s art festival opens

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The 60th National Schoolchildren’s Art Festival opened with due ceremony at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren’s Palace on the occasion of the greatest auspicious April holiday of the nation.

The festival will be held, divided into folk song contest of art group members of the schoolchildren’s palaces, individual art contest of schoolchildren and general art performance of schoolchildren from all provinces.

Present at the opening ceremony were officials concerned and schoolchildren.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made a report.

He said that the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un, who always prioritizes the work for the younger generation and shows boundless love and affection to them, took measures to renovate the schoolchildren’s palaces and children’s camps and visited the newly-built schools and extracurricular educational bases one after another and showed warm benevolence for the children to make sure that their reading and singing resound far and wide on this land.

He called on all schoolchildren to further improve their artistic skills while learning good experience during the festival, and declared the 60th National Schoolchildren’s Art Festival open.

National calligraphy festival begins

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A national calligraphy festival opened with due ceremony at the Pyongyang International House of Culture on April 9 to celebrate the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Presented to the festival were more than 250 calligraphic pieces produced by calligraphy experts and fans.

Ardent yearning and boundless reverence for the President, great sage of the revolution and founder of socialist Korea, are reflected in such works as “The eternal leader of our people” and “The leader, we are yearning for you”.

Such calligraphic works as “We are happy children” and “The biggest country united with love” and “Successor” represent the boundless pride and happiness of the new generation growing up to be reliable successors who will shoulder the future of the powerful DPRK under the leadership of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

Present at the opening ceremony were officials concerned, creators, working people, youth and students in Pyongyang.

Fine art exhibition for aged artists kicks off

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A fine art exhibition for aged artists opened at the Pyongyang International House of Culture on April 9 to celebrate the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

On display at the exhibition hall are more than 50 artworks, including Korean paintings and oil paintings, created by the aged artists to reflect the Korean people’s deep reverence for President Kim Il Sung and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Oil paintings “Old home at Mangyongdae”, “Mt Paektu in spring” and other works make visitors recollect with deep emotion the noble revolutionary career and immortal exploits of the President.

Such artworks as a Korean painting “Golden autumn” mirror the ever-changing appearance of the DPRK.

Relevant officials concerned, creators, working people, youth and students in Pyongyang appreciated the art pieces.

Workers, TU members hold oratorical meeting

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An oratorical meeting of workers and members of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea (GFTUK) took place on April 10 at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang to commemorate the 113th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

It was attended by Pak In Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the GFTUK, officials concerned, trade union officials and workers and TU members in Pyongyang.

At the meeting, the orators praised the noble revolutionary career of the President who regarded it as his lifelong motto to believe in the people as in Heaven and made the immortal revolutionary exploits of respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Spring of Mangyongdae brings eternal prosperity of DPRK

By Won Yang Hyok

April is the spring season when all kinds of flowers are in full bloom in the DPRK.

The balmy season comes every year, but the Korean people feel unusual feeling in the spring of April.

Spring is not merely a natural season that gives the vitality and vigour of resuscitation to this land.

As spring of April comes every year, the Korean people recollect with deep emotion the spring of Mangyongdae.

There was no spring in the minds of the Koreans during Japanese imperialists' military occupation. Though spring came round every year, they shed tears of blood as a ruined nation, being deprived of their spoken and written language and even surnames.

A new spring of national resurrection began after President Kim Il Sung was born at his old home in Mangyongdae on April 15 1912.

The historic relics which are preserved at his straw-thatched

house in Mangyongdae still tell the noble careers of revolutionary family members of Mangyongdae who devoted their all to the sacred cause for the country and nation and the noble patriotic intention of the President.

In the family, the President grew up to be a revolutionary under the patriotic education of his parents.

The immortal classic "Nostalgia" resounding far and wide in the spring of significant April shows the noble patriotic history of the President and the whole world of the bloody anti-Japanese war.

A lovely spring at Mangyongdae with the Taedonggang flowing by,

O I do not forget this sweet home even in my dreams.

I shall return when the country is set free.

During the anti-Japanese war, he led the ranks of guerrillas to advance inch by inch in the cold snowstorm as he always remembered the suffering and destiny of his homeland. It was the spring of Mangyongdae, a new spring of Korea filled with the people's happiness, that he pictured in his mind by the campfire at the

secret camp and in the battlefields where bullets showered like hail.

At the age of 14, he left Mangyongdae with a firm pledge not to return home before Korea had become independent and liberated the country.

The spring of Mangyongdae tells the noble life of the President as the son of the people and the leader of the people.

Though he longed to go to Mangyongdae so much, he did not visit his old home where his grandparents, other family members and villagers of Mangyongdae were waiting for him after liberating the country.

It was because he prioritized the great cause of rallying broad masses of the people under the banner of patriotism and laying the solid foundations for the building of the Party, the state and the army. He headed for his old home only after achieving the historic cause of founding the Party which brought about the spring of genuine happiness for the people.

Even in the days of the fierce Fatherland Liberation War, the

President went to the forefront by braving danger in order to instil in the commanding officers and soldiers of the Korean People's Army the ever-victorious strategy and confidence in sure victory. On a hill on his way to the front, he said that the anti-Japanese guerrillas used to sing "Nostalgia" visualizing the day of national liberation, and quietly sang the song. With such faith and will, he achieved victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War by defeating the ferocious imperialist power and later provided the great self-defensive capabilities constituting the cornerstone of the inexhaustible might of the DPRK.

His wise leadership wrote the proud history of socialist industrialization, which was accomplished in a matter of 14 years, though it took hundreds of years for others to carry out industrialization, and ushered in a period of prosperity in the era of the Workers' Party when a great leap forward and innovation are made on all fronts of socialist construction.

He was on a constant inspection tour all his life, even on his birthdays,

to bring happiness to the people. He provided all the students throughout the country with new school uniforms and found the greatest pleasure in the people's joy and laughter ringing out from their houses.

The spring on this land was so warm as the Korean people were led by the fatherly leader.

A new era of great creation and changes is being ushered in in the DPRK under the outstanding leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. The news about the inauguration of a new street in every spring of April makes the people delighted and the cheerful laughter of children in new school uniforms reverberates across the country on the occasion of school-opening day. The gigantic structures built in different parts of the country in the new era of overall national rejuvenation outline the future of the country which will prosper forever.

The President, founding father of socialist Korea, will always be alive in the hearts of the Korean people along with the spring of Mangyongdae.

President Kim Il Sung's old home at Mangyongdae

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Mangyongdae has been known as a place of great scenic beauty from olden times.

It was called thus as it commands a bird's eye view of the kaleidoscopic variety of beautiful scenery. The name originally referred to Mangyong Hill.

Up on the hill, one can look down on the natural scenery in around 40 kilometres. So it has been called Mangyongdae since olden times.

It was in the 1860s that the family of the President had settled at Mangyongdae.

At the time a landlord in Pyongyang built a grave keeper's cottage to keep his mountains and graves at Mangyongdae. Kim Ung U, great-grandfather of the President, who lived in Jungsong-ri of Pyongyang, was so poor that he could hardly afford even a one-room straw-thatched house. So he decided to look after the mountains and graves of the landlord and moved to the grave keeper's cottage at Mangyongdae.

President Kim Il Sung was born on April 15 1912 in the straw-thatched house, which was commonly seen in every part of the country during the years of tribulations.

The main building has a small kitchen and two living rooms, with the outhouse comprising three small barns, the low attic standing on one side of the courtyard and jars in front of it. The relics in the kitchen and rooms, the plough and other farm implements, straw mat, noodle press, hollowed-out gourd with a hole at the top and others evoke unforgettable memories of the life of his family.

Still many people visit this house revealing vivid traces of poverty, going through a small brushwood

gate.

The gate tells many touching stories.

When members of his family said farewell to his grandfather and grandmother and left the house, they would walk out through the brushwood gate in high spirits, saying that they would return after liberating the country from Japanese military rule. But it was only President Kim Il Sung who returned.

When he returned to Mangyongdae after liberating Korea 20 years after he left home and 40 years after the national ruin, his grandmother hugged him outside the brushwood gate and pounded him on the chest, saying: "How have you come back alone? Where did you leave your father and mother? Did you not want to return with them?"

Referring to his feelings at the time, the President recalled in his reminiscences With the Century: "With her heart bursting with such deep grief, what was my agony as I walked through the brushwood gate of my old home alone without bringing with me even the bones of my parents who were dead and lying in a far-off foreign land?"

"After that, whenever I passed through the gate of someone else's home, I would wonder how many members of the family had gone out through that gate and how many of them had returned."

When they enter the old home at Mangyongdae through this brushwood gate, visitors can see farm implements, a plastered water jar, a distorted jar, a pair of worn-out millstones, a lampstand.

The historic relics not only show traces of hard labour.

Pervading each of them are the warm heart that they can live without money but they cannot without humanity and the patriotic

soul of the family members of Mangyongdae.

Kim Ku once visited the President's old home at Mangyongdae after national liberation.

As he entered the house, the President's grandfather Kim Po Hyon was knitting together millet stalks to make fence for the vegetable plot in a plain peasant's dress as usual and his grandmother Ri Po Ik was choosing garlic seeds on the strip of level ground under the caves before the kitchen. He was so

impressed to see them work that he asked them why the grandparents of the leader of a country were doing such rough works.

Kim Po Hyon answered that his grandson was the leader, but he was a peasant and that there was an old saying that "Farming is the mainstay of the country" and only when farmers do their job well, can the country led by him be administered well.

The President was born to such a patriotic and popular family and grew up to be a great revolutionary.

The dawn of the turn of the destiny of the DPRK people came up from this house.

The Korean revolution started from the day when the President went out of the brushwood gate of his old home and embarked on the 1 000-ri Journey for National Liberation and the Juche idea can trace its origin back to it.

So the DPRK people call his old home at Mangyongdae the "cradle of revolution" and habitually visit his old home at Mangyongdae in April every year.



President Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae and some of historic materials preserved in his home. RYU KWANG HYOK/PYONGYANG TIMES

Economic sectors, units advance after fulfilling Q1 plan, sure guarantee provided for implementing five-year plan

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The all-people advancing spirit for greeting the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea as the one of victors and glory is mounting in the DPRK with each passing day.

The workers of the Sangwon Cement Complex recorded the highest monthly production results in January since its inauguration. They registered high production results in February, too, and carried out the first quarterly plan ahead of schedule.

The first quarterly plan was carried out in the metallurgical, chemical, electric power, coal mining and machine-building industries, rail transport and other major sectors and units of the national economy and the overall industrial output has grown considerably as compared with the same period of last year.

Workers in the key industrial sectors are taking the lead in the overall national economy while remarkably increasing production.

The steadfast faith and iron will of officials and workers in the metallurgical industry were displayed at iron production bases and leading iron ore production bases full of the spirit of innovation.

The spirit of increased production was also displayed in the chemical industry, one of the two pillars of the self-supporting economy.

The electric power industry launched a drive to increase the production of electricity, the main power of the self-supporting economy. As a result, tens of millions of kWh of more electricity were produced across the country in January alone and the highest monthly production results in the past several decades were recorded.

More than 400 reserve cutting faces have been secured this year throughout the Ministry of Coal Industry through the high-speed tunnelling campaign in the coalfields across the country, thus providing a guarantee for increased production.

With a sense of responsibility for leading and hauling the overall economic sector, the officials and workers in the machine-building industry have increased production with high enthusiasm every day.

Officials and workers in the mining industry made strenuous efforts, true to the

intention of the Party to wage a dynamic drive for increased production and economy.

Officials and workers in the field of rail transport carried out their first quarterly freight transport plan and are striving to transport more freight in the same spirit.

Amid the mounting spirit of fresh innovation, bold creation and steady advance in the forestry sector, the first quarterly plan throughout the Ministry of Forestry was carried out ahead of schedule and more than 90 percent of the annual timber production in mountains was carried out.

A movement for creating new standards and new records was conducted in the building-materials industry to usher in a great heyday of construction.

The construction sector is seething with the spirit of creating new miracles and new legendary tales.

The 124th regiments of the Korean People's Army are making uninterrupted innovations and successive leap forward in the construction projects for the new year after the grand inauguration ceremonies of regional-industry factories in 20 cities and counties.

The construction of 10 000 flats at the third stage in the Hwasong area and the Kalma Coastal Resort, a marine park for the people and a world-famous tourist scenic spot in Myongsasipri of the east coastal area, is nearing completion. The project for building 10 000 flats at the fourth stage in the Hwasong area, the construction of a 450-hectare greenhouse farm and vegetable science research centre and the rural housing construction are progressing apace.

News about innovations is being successively heard in socialist farm fields thanks to the devoted efforts of the agricultural officials and workers to attain the goal of grain production without fail this year.

In the first ten days of the new year, millions of tons of self-sufficing manure was transported to farm fields and more than 20 000km-long waterways were repaired and cleaned throughout the country up to mid-March. And preparations were made for the full supply of irrigation water.

The workers in the field of light industry carried out their first quarterly national

economic plan.

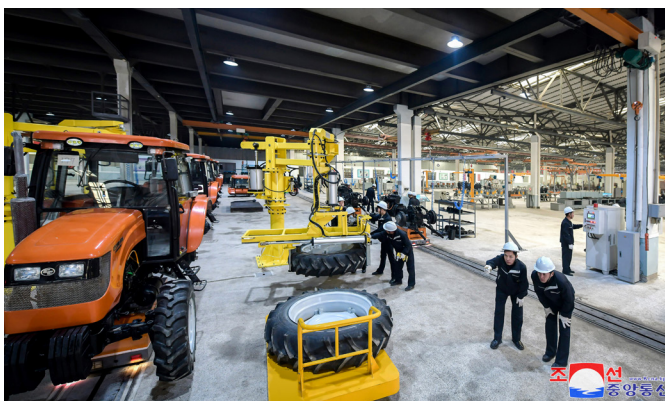
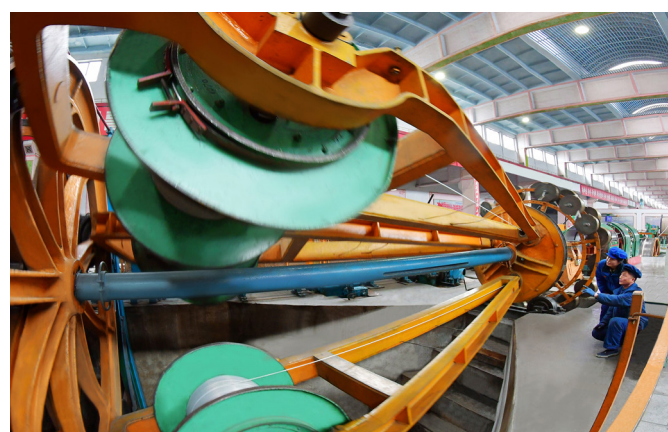
The first quarterly seafood production plan was fulfilled at 111 percent across the country.

All the officials, Party

members and other working people are putting spurs to the campaign for successive offensive towards the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, while

further ensuring the upturn of the national development through a dynamic drive for miraculous increased production for implementing the decisions of the Eleventh

Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, in the spirit of having carried out the first quarterly national economic plan.



Different sectors of the national economy carry out the first quarterly plan, providing a sure guarantee for the implementation of the five-year plan.

Great efforts directed to offshore farming



This year, we set a higher target for the production of mussel, oyster, kelp and *Undaria pinnatifida* than last year, and we are very confident.

The management bureau provided nurseries with measuring and analyzing facilities amid the growing enthusiasm for offshore farming and evaluated water quality according to water areas and is intensifying the work for increasing the output per unit area by correctly selecting the species of marine products.

It also pushes ahead with the work to double the area of nurseries under the management bureau, to build large ships with great horsepower and complete a modern fishing tackle factory which can satisfactorily produce all kinds of fishing tackles and materials within this year.

The shellfish and seaweed outputs produced through offshore farming so far prove in reality that the prospects of the fishing industry lie in offshore farming.

Thak Yong Min, section chief of the Kangwon Provincial Fishery Management Bureau

The fishing condition is changing greatly due to El Nino and other abnormal weather conditions.

Accordingly, the Kangwon Provincial Fishery Management Bureau is channelling great efforts into offshore farming this year, true to the Workers' Party's policy on diversifying fishing and briskly conducting fish farming in the sea and offshore farming.

All the units under the management bureau are actively carrying on this undertaking after setting a high target for producing shellfish and seaweeds.

The Wonsan Seafood Production and Processing Station is making an unprecedented success in the culture of mussels.

This serves as a valuable experience for everyone and raises the competitive spirit of all units.

Station increases mussel production with advanced cultivation method

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Wonsan Seafood Production and Processing Station increases mussel production by introducing an advanced method of breeding mussels.

What is notable in the station's breeding of mussels is the introduction of the new breeding method which can markedly increase the per-hectare yield.

The advantage of the new mussel breeding method is that it helps increase mussel production by way of transplanting thinned out mussels on new guide lines without discarding them as before.

Generally, mussel larvae are collected around the end

of May, but the station floats guide lines in the waters of the cultivation ground one month earlier to ensure the uniform size of mussels and make the larvae cling to the lines.

It also introduced an additional mussel planting method which makes it possible to prevent most of mussels from falling on the bottom of the cultivation ground when they are picked for thinning based on natural breed gathering and thereby keep the ecological environment from being polluted.

Previously, the young mussels picked off the lines to be thinned out were just dropped on the bottom of the cultivation ground, which was thus aged by gas and other residues from the dead

young mussels, resulting in a sharp decrease in mussel production. Now, however, it has become able to prevent such phenomena.

Meanwhile, the station has taken reasonable measures to increase mussel production, including those to prevent the guide lines from getting tangled by waves during the cultivation, to rationally adjust the depth of water for the cast of rope by supplementing buoys according to seasons and prevent the fall of mussels by waves.

It has also taken a measure

to keep the survival rate of mussels from falling due to abnormal weather conditions, thus making it possible to produce good mussels.

"Recently, the station staged a national exhibition after achieving great success in mussel breeding. People from many units visited it to learn from its experience," said Kim Song Su, manager of the Wonsan Seafood Production and Processing Station.

The production of mussels at the station is expected to increase considerably this year again after last year.



The Wonsan Seafood Production and Processing Station increases mussel production by breeding mussels well. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Marine resources favourable for offshore farming

By To Kyong Chol PT

It is the consistent policy of the Workers' Party of Korea to do offshore farming with high economic effectiveness on a large scale.

In the significant speech he made in celebration of the inaugural ceremony of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm in December last year, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that our country with a long coastline has a number of coastal cities and counties, and our seas are clean and their ecological conditions are very good, so it is necessary to conduct farming and culture on a large scale in coastal areas by utilizing these favourable conditions.

The Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea set forth an important task of building an offshore farm in another area on a trial basis on the basis of the experience gained in the construction of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm.

Accordingly, a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Ragwon County Offshore Farm took place in South Hamgyong Province on February 14.

As the seas of the DPRK have plenty of favourable conditions for offshore farming, there are many suitable places for raising kelp, seaweed, abalone and sea cucumber.

The East Sea of Korea alone, for example, has a monotonous coastline, a relatively small number of islands and several bays including East Korea Bay. Therefore, it is comparatively favourable for offshore farming and culture. As its overall waters are clean, with their currents being good, and its submarine topography is comparatively deep close to the coast, farming grounds can be built nearby.

The East Sea of Korea has conditions favourable for selecting a variety of species for offshore farming.

Typical of them are sea cucumber, sea urchin, scallop, ark shell, surf clam, and abalone, and the main species of breeding bred so

far include sea cucumber, sea urchin, mussel, oyster, scallop, kelp, seaweed and *Gracilaria verrucosa*.

The West Sea of Korea is also very good for offshore farming and has many places suitable for offshore farming.

It is suited to the life of marine animals and plants in terms of marine ecological environment and conditions including water quality, water depth and water temperature. In particular, the current of the whole waters is very good and wide tideland spreads, thus providing very good conditions for offshore farming.

And it is completely open to the south to be easily fed by deep sea water, runs deep into the land and many rivers,

large and small, empty into it. So it is rich in nutrient salts, which are very good for the growth of various species of breeding.

Large profits are now being made on the West Sea of Korea by breeding short neck clam, trough shell, large clam, *Mcitra veneriformis*, razor shell, oyster, *Cyclina sinensis*, *Octopus variabilis*, sea cucumber, mussel, kelp, seaweed and laver in such favourable conditions for offshore farming.

If South Hwanghae Province, which has natural and geographical conditions with a much indented coastline and many islands to make the locality less affected by typhoon and tidal wave and with less developed

tideland, raises kelp and mussel in a scientific way by an advanced method of farming, it can further increase the per-hectare productivity and the city of Nampho near the Taedong River can pep up offshore farming by using rich nutrient salts.

On the West Sea of Korea, it is also possible to raise fish by using tideland regulating ponds without much effort such as installing and managing cage-nets.

Jon Myong Song, section chief of the Ministry of Fisheries, said that the work for developing offshore farming on a large scale by actively employing favourable conditions is going on in a vigorous way.

Winners of Best Inventor Award for 2024

By Kim Il Jin PT



Scientist contributes to development of agriculture

Kim Sang Chol, PhD, associate professor and section chief of the Agricultural Chemicalization Institute of the Academy of Agricultural Science, wrote "Photo album of blight in grassland", a book of national treasure value, which is badly needed for normal management of artificial grassland in the Sepho area eight years ago. It has since been widely disseminated and used in the scientific research sector and production units in the agricultural sector.

He developed and introduced six kinds of mixed herbicides, which help increase grain production per hectare by raising weeding effect in the cultivation of grain crops, and a seed coating material, which prevents damage by underground harmful insects and birds, making a great contribution to the country's agricultural development.

The products developed by him in recent years prove highly effective in the agricultural sector.



Best inventor in public health sector

Won Sung Gwon, professor, PhD and section chief of the orthopaedics hospital of the Korea General Red Cross Hospital, made artificial caput femoris and articulatio coxae body of various forms to suit the physical constitution of the Korean people by conducting research on ensuring domestic

production of medical appliances and applied them to the treatment of trauma and diseases.

He also researched and completed the methods of surgical operations for lumbar disc herniation, cervical spondylosis, coxarthrosis and other diseases to suit the constitution of the

Korean people, making a great contribution to the development of public health.

He developed and introduced essential medical instruments and surgical materials for cutting-edge operations in the fields of traumatic orthopaedics and spinal surgery to enhance the therapeutic effect. He has come up with several inventions of



Korean-style geothermal pump

Pac Jun Il, director of the Sinhungsan geothermal technology research and manufacturing company of the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of Science and Technology, is also known as a vacuum pump and heat engineering expert for his elaborate inventions. Though he has brought enormous benefits to the country, he is more conscious of what he has to do than what he did.

He achieved great success by developing an advanced Korean-style geothermal pump using refrigerant abundant in the country and introducing it into various units.

He designed several inventions including a new-type high-performance natural draft boiler, a Korean-style powdered milk production equipment making technology

and a technology for breeding sea cucumbers in all seasons with the help of seawater heat pump to make a distinguished contribution to implementing the childcare policy of the state and developing offshore culture.

In particular, he made several inventions to optimally design and manufacture the vacuum pump, a core of the powdered milk production facilities, to meet the domestic situation and bring its quality indices up to the advanced level in the course of developing the Korean-style technology of manufacturing powered milk production equipment.

In recent years, he made a great contribution to the development of the country's regional economy and the improvement of the people's living standards by designing six significant inventions.



Scientist contributes to power production and development of paper industry

Ro Yong Chil, PhD, associate professor and section chief of the Paper Engineering Institute of the State Academy of Sciences, made a great contribution to the electric power production by ensuring the domestic production of air oil separator and filter paper for large screw compressor.

Typical of his successes is the development of special functional papers to promote the progress in various sectors of the national economy and public health.

Referring to the invention of national significance urgently needed for the paper industry, experts say that it is a success showing his scientific conscience and high ability.

In particular, it is a success of great utility value that he developed base paper of release paper for the production of synthetic leather to suit the specific conditions of the country and thus laid the foundations for its production at factories.



Two-time winner of Best Inventor Award

Among the winners of Best Inventor Award is So Myong Hyok, officer of the Public Security Forces.

The award winner in 2021, he was nominated for the Best Inventor Award again in 2024.

The fact clearly shows the genuine outlook on life of So Myong Hyok, who devotes his all to the social progress and development with knowledge and technology.

He came up with five significant inventions conducive to the management of revolutionary battle sites and revolutionary sites, eternal treasure of the Korean revolution, in the past three years. One of them is a new rotating body of the automatic flag fluttering device he invented and introduced, contributing to demonstrating the dignity and might of the country.

Group of technical talents promotes development of province

By To Kyong Chol PT

The high-tech products manufacturing company under the North Hwanghae Provincial Commission of Science and Technology is called a treasure group indispensable in achieving the development of the province.

Though the company was inaugurated 14 years ago and is now staffed with 40-odd employees, it is manufacturing production facilities badly needed for industrial establishments in the province at will.

The company has established the work habit of "we can do it" and "we must carry it out without condition", not "we cannot do it", whatever task it faces.

Kim Hak Song, director of the company, said that the course of overcoming difficulties and hardships

is just the process of development, adding that if they do their best, they will be able to attain their goal without fail.

The company has produced a large number of pieces of modern equipment and supplied them to many factories and enterprises conducive to the improvement of the people's living standards in the province, including the Ryesonggang Power Station, North Hwanghae Provincial Tree Nursery, Jongbangsan General Foodstuff Factory, Sariwon Schoolchildren's Footwear Factory, Sariwon Instant Noodles Factory and Sariwon Duck Farm.

The employees of the company readily solve technical problems arising in other fields as well as their majors, and all of them have the ability to carry out every task from design to



Officials of the high-tech products manufacturing company under the North Hwanghae Provincial Commission of Science and Technology work to solve problems arising in practice.
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manufacture.

For example, when production facilities were needed for the Sariwon Instant Noodles Factory under construction, the researchers and technicians of the company pooled their efforts and wisdom with the belief that there is nothing impossible for those who are

conscious of their duty and successfully manufactured them, though they were not specialists in the foodstuff industry.

"The ambition to make our things better by relying on our own efforts always enables us to create excellent things of our own," said Kim Hak Song.

Device proves effective in reality

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The portable semiconductor laser plant irradiation device developed recently by a research group of the Physics Faculty of Kim Il Sung University is attracting the attention of officials and working people in the agricultural sector. It is simple in structure and convenient to handle.

It reportedly has a good effect on the growth of crops for the important role of light in growth and development of the crops and the characteristic features peculiar to laser light.

The Hyangjong Farm of Paechon County applied such laser light treatment technology to all the processes of farming practice to increase the production of paddy rice per hectare by over 500 kg

last year.

According to Kong Wan Gyu, manager of the farm, the laser light treatment technology raises the activities of several kinds of enzymes related to sprouting and breathing of seeds and the crops in growth stage and speeds up the process of metabolism and cell division to help crops grow quickly, ripen early and produce a higher yield.

Kim Thae Sun, a workteam leader of the farm, said that the technology was not only good in preventing crop damages by blights and harmful insects but also greatly beneficial in dry-field farming.

Through last year's farming all its farmers adopted the viewpoint that scientific farming brings them ten times more benefits than investments.

Spring national footwear exhibition held



The 2025 Spring National Footwear Exhibition takes place at Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 between April 3 and 10. PAK KWANG HUN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Kim Il Jin PT

The 2025 Spring National Footwear Exhibition took place at Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 between April 3 and 10.

The exhibition was aimed at improving the quality of products by exchanging and sharing the sci-tech achievements made in the production of footwear to diversify the consumer goods in terms of kind and shape by directing efforts into developing new products and increasing kinds.

Presented to it were more than 190 000 products of over 800 kinds produced by over 40 units, including the Wonsan Leather Shoes Factory, Ryuwon and Hamhung footwear factories, Jusun Footwear Workshop and Sosong Songdo Leather Shoes Manufacturer, and more than 60 research achievements made in the field of the shoe-making industry.

Han Yong Sik, section chief of the Ministry of Light Industry, said that the exhibition was characterized by the fact that the quality of the overall footwear of the participating units was remarkably improved and the products were diversified unlike in the past.

As in the past, the eye-catchers of the exhibition were the products bearing "Maebongsan", "Ryuwon" and "Songdo" brands.

"It is hard to distinguish

between the goods produced by centrally-run factories and those produced by locally-run factories merely at the sight of their outward appearance," said the visitors to the exhibition.

The booth of the Wonsan Leather Shoes Factory which has become popular for its Maebongsan-brand leather shoes was crowded with visitors.

The factory has recently made progress in ensuring the convenience of the leather shoes it produces by establishing a shoe production process using hot melting core wire while making various shoetrees in line with the requirements of shoe engineering. The factory thus presented tens of thousands of shoes in over 130 kinds which are free from the shortcomings of the previous shoes which had changed in shape after a certain period of wearing.

The booth of the Wonsan Footwear Factory, too, was crowded with visitors as it had smart and refined shoes on display.

"The factory has recently introduced such excellent technologies as those of producing shoe uppers without sewing and producing uppers decoration effects while producing shoes with local raw materials, not the imported, unlike in the past, with the result that its booth was filled with splendid shoes," said Choe Song Il, manager of the factory.

The other eye-catchers were different shapes of trainers of the Ryuwon Footwear Factory, which were good to see and very convenient for movement.

The Sosong Songdo Leather Shoes Manufacturer, well-known for producing quality shoes in various forms, presented over 60 kinds of more convenient and refined products to the exhibition by developing and introducing more than 10 kinds of new techniques of making shoetrees to suit different foot shapes and characteristics.

Shoes for men and women presented by the Jusun Footwear Workshop aroused the curiosity of visitors as the men's were reduced in weight much more than before and the women's were more convenient and decorated with good colours and elegant patterns to suit the developing attire of women.

Also attractive were children's shoes of different colours and pretty shapes of the Hamhung Leather Shoes Factory, men's ostrich leather shoes of the ostrich products company and men's sandal-shaped leather shoes and canvas shoes of different footwear producers.

During the exhibition, there was an exchange of technology and experience among production units and scientific research institutions through sci-tech presentation.

By Jong Chol PT

The national foodstuff exhibition-2025 took place in the Pyongyang Underground Shop from March 31 to April 7 under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Regional Industry.

Choe Hak Chol, staffer of the Ministry of Regional Industry, said that the exhibition was held on the theme of "Developing our foodstuffs onto the world's level!" and was of great significance as it took place at the time when excellent regional-industry factories are being built in all parts of the country and the campaign

General Foodstuff Factory, Paegunsan General Foodstuff Factory, Kwangbok Kungangsan Foodstuff Factory and Unha Daesong Foodstuff Factory.

In particular, the products won popularity among visitors as their major raw materials were all produced at home and they were made with the specialties of local areas.

The Kwangbok Kungangsan Foodstuff Factory presented more than 160 kinds of products.

Kim Suk Hui, technical staffer of the factory, said that the factory recently built several production processes

they were very good for the growth of children and health of women.

The Songdowon General Foodstuff Factory, Kyonghung Unhasu Foodstuff Factory and Kimhwa County Foodstuff Factory exhibited tasteful and nutritious bread, cakes and sweets.

Functional foodstuff presented by the O-il General Health Drink Factory attracted special interest among the people.

The compound lactobacilli powder presented by them contains biological calcium very important in maintaining the health of the human body

'Developing our foodstuffs onto the world's level'

for creation is being pushed in earnest to achieve great changes in the improvement of the people's living standards.

The exhibition was aimed at developing Korean foodstuffs onto the world's level by focusing on the improvement of quality of condiments and the ensuring of hygienic safety of foodstuffs and sharing the successes and experiences gained in foodstuff production.

The show exhibited hundreds of thousands of products in more than 200 kinds such as condiments, sweets and cakes, drinks, processed meat and processed vegetables produced by over 100 central and local foodstuff production units including the Songdowon

and conducted more briskly the development of new products, thereby increasing the foodstuff output and the variety of products 1.5 times more than previously. She added that the secret of success lies in having put in efforts to train talents and arouse their enthusiasm to the maximum.

More than 30-odd drinks exhibited by the Ragyon Foodstuff Processing Factory were popular among clients.

Various fruit juices containing abundant minerals and proteins needed for the human body, while preserving the original tastes of natural fruits, yogurt products with original taste of natural milk and the delicate flavour of lactic acid fermentation were popular among the people as

and therefore it is good for immunoenhancement, improves the function of the digestive system and allergic constitution, prevents osteoporosis and inhibits the growth of pathogenic microorganisms.

The Samjiyon Blueberry Drink Factory brought out a rich selection of processed products including blueberry jelly and jam to win popularity.

The Ryongsong Meat Processing Factory presented pork, beef, duck meat and chicken tins and attracted the interest of visitors as it explained their nutritive values to customers.

At the exhibition condiments, marine products and processed vegetables were also in great demand.



Visitors show keen interest in exhibits at the national foodstuff exhibition-2025.

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Festival highlights aspects of developing culinary art

The 28th National Cooking Festival takes place at the Pyongyang Noodle House on the theme of “Let us preserve the excellence of national dishes” from March 31 to April 3

By Pang Un Ju PT

The 28th National Cooking Festival took place at the Pyongyang Noodle House from March 31 to April 3 on the occasion of the significant April holiday.

Held on the theme of “Let us preserve the excellence

The festival comprised exhibitions of specified dishes, famous dishes and local special dishes and sci-tech achievements in cooking, a technical contest and demonstration of chefs and waiters and a cooking contest of housewives.

During the festival, the venue of the famous

and other materials abundant in their localities to suit the likings and tastes of the DPRK people never failed to win the admiration of visitors.

The Pothonggang Soft Drinks presented several kinds of bread that can be claimed to be its signature dishes. The Pyongyang Duck Restaurant, Pyongyang

their localities.

Kangwon Province presented Wonsan boiled rice with clam meat, while Kaesong City exhibited five-colour rice cake dumpling and other typical traditional dishes and such local specialties as steamed chicken and red insam, insam jam and insam tea, adding national colour to the



Visitors look round the dishes presented to the festival. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

of national dishes”, the festival brought together dozens of public catering establishments across the country including those in the sector of the Guidance Bureau of Public Catering Service and the external service sector. They presented more than 800 distinctive dishes and drinks and over 270 scientific and technological achievements in cooking.

dishes and local special dishes exhibition was teeming with visitors every day.

Such popular dishes as Pyongyang cold noodles, *sinsollo* (a traditional dish in cooking brazier), fried terrapin, sturgeon steamed in soy sauce and roast songi mushroom made the exhibition more distinctive. And various kinds of dishes made with local specialties

Tangogi Restaurant and Sosong District Restaurant Group also drew the attention of many cooking fans with different kinds of distinctive dishes.

Local special dishes also made strong impression on the visitors.

Those from coastal areas presented fish dishes, those from plain areas cereal dishes and those from mountainous areas distinctive dishes of

exhibition.

Yom Un Sim, who took part in the festival for the first time, said that she learnt many things there including cooking and serving methods, adding she would try to give pleasure to customers by making many kinds of dishes.

The visitors were busy taking shots with their mobile phones of the dishes served in artistic arrangements on



Some foods on display in the festival.

neat plates.

At the exhibition of sci-tech achievements in cooking, valuable cooking inventions were displayed

in the forms of real objects, visual aids and multimedia presentations, and culinary experts and fans shared their experience.

Eye-catching demonstration of chefs

By Sin Pyol PT

A demonstration of excellent chefs and waitresses staged

in several groups as part of the 28th National Cooking Festival revved up the atmosphere of the festival.

The venue of the

demonstration was always crowded with students who specialize in culinary art as well as many cooking fans throughout the festival.



Snapshots from the demonstration of excellent chefs and waitresses conducted as part of the 28th National Cooking Festival. JO RYONG/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

According to Kim Yong Il, a member of the jury, the chefs taking part in the demonstration had to prepare dishes chosen by themselves and present them within a given timeframe.

As the event began, the chefs applied themselves to making the dishes using main and additional ingredients and utensils.

Pak Song Il, a chef of the Haebangsang Hotel, nimbly cut and sliced tomatoes, chives and onions to make several egg dishes. Sonu Kum Sun, a chef of the Taesong District Restaurant Group, skilfully removed bones from tasty

and nutritious mandarin fish without damaging its shape, and Ri Pomi, a chef of the Chongnyu Restaurant, made delicious juices in different colours from a variety of fruits, vegetables and seeds using a blender and other tools. All the participants completed their dishes by skilfully and swiftly moving their hands.

Pak, who presented seven egg dishes including scrambled eggs with tomato and chives, said that he wanted to show housewives and cooking fans the variety of egg cooking methods widely applied in preparing

daily meals through the demonstration.

Egg dishes may seem easy to make but it is difficult to keep their original taste, he said, and kindly explained to the visitors what they should note in cooking eggs with onions, chives and tomatoes that go well with eggs and how to control the amount of oil and the temperature.

Pak Ye Un, who has a deep attachment to cooking, said she filmed the demonstration of chefs in detail, adding she would try their cooking methods at home to surprise her family members.

National flag associated with request

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Jong Sun Yong lives in neighbourhood unit No. 66 in Mirae-dong, Phyongchon District, Pyongyang.

Sun Yong became well known to the whole country along with the national flag hoisted by the DPRK women footballers after winning the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup last year.

It is said that the flag was the one she had sent to the footballers leaving to participate in the world cup.

Why did she prepare and give the flag to the footballers? What unusual connection does she have with the flag?

Previously, she gained a reputation as a player and coach in the field of rhythmic gymnastics.

Her mother Choe Myong Sim, too, was a People's Athlete who devoted her whole life to the development of the country's rhythmic gymnastics for nearly 50 years. The elegant movements she showed in international games left an indelible impression on many experts and spectators at that time.

The TV series "Fluttering Ribbon" about Myong Sim was produced and broadcast.

The love of the mother for the national flag and her soul were inherited by Sun Yong.

The image of her mother flying the national flag in international games made a strong impression on her and she would draw the flag in her diary and homework notebook



Jong Sun Yong (middle) and her family members always treasure the national flag of the DPRK. RYU KWANG HYOK/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

in her childhood. Later, she also became a rhythmic gymnast like her mother.

During her playing career, she flew the national flag in international games several times. Later, she distinguished herself as a competent coach.

Whenever she hears the national anthem of the DPRK resounding across the country at dawn, she recollects the worthwhile days in which she flew the national flag in international games.

She still cherishes the memory of her seeing the flag being hoisted while singing the national anthem with deep emotion and joy on the winner's rostrum. Even after her retirement, she volunteered to support the events of rhythmic gymnastics and women's football.

That is why she sent the national flag to the women footballers, requesting them to demonstrate the dignity of the country, before they left to take part in the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.

The flag was just the one the women footballers fluttered running around the football ground after winning the championship by beating all their strong rivals and the one they waved so enthusiastically the moment they lifted the world cup.

They said the national flag associated with the expectations and sincerity of Jong Sun Yong and other sportspersons of the preceding generation always encouraged them in the so intense and difficult matches.

Supporting growth of her children and disciples

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Hwang Thae Yun, a woman living in Tungme-dong No. 1, Songyo District of Pyongyang, has devoted her whole life to the education of younger generations.

From their childhood, her children witnessed her working as a devoted educator caring for her students like her own flesh and blood.

Innumerable are her disciples who grew up to become excellent persons under her familial care. She strove to improve their knowledge, providing them with reference books, and paid special attention to the health of a weak student.

Whenever she taught the students until late at night, she would walk them home before going to her house.

During vacations, her home would turn into a classroom.

The students followed her like they would do their own mothers as she not only taught them knowledge but also took warm care of them and always led them to go straight by sometimes reproving them severely.

Though always busy with her work, she would prepare and take relief materials to soldiers

together with her children. And she set practical examples to inspire her children to love work and be industrious.

She was faithful to her duty before society and always honest and conscientious, setting practical examples for her children.

That is why her eldest son and daughter, who began their careers after graduating from university, have become respectable officials and the second son was awarded the title of Labour Hero.

Many disciples of hers, who are different in age and occupation, still visit her and recall with deep emotion the days when they senselessly spent time with play and the days when they wept as they were reprimanded by her.

Now the disciples are middle-aged innovators and meritorious persons. Still, Hwang tells them as ever that devoting life to society, collective and the country is more worthwhile than enjoying it.

The state awarded her the Communist Mother Honour Prize as she, as mother and educator, had supported the growth of her children and disciples as good persons for society, collective and the country.

Devotion works miracles

By Han Jong Ho PT

Choe Un Ju is one of common household doctors working at the Songyo Polyclinic in Songyo District, Pyongyang.

However, she achieved a miraculous accomplishment others can hardly make.

Mun Hyon Suk, resident of Songyo-dong No. 1 of Songyo District who became able to walk again thanks to Choe's efforts, recalled with deep emotion the days when she was under the devoted care of the doctor.

Choe struck up an acquaintance with Mun, who had been bedridden with an incurable disease, in June 2010 when she was assigned to the polyclinic as a doctor.

At that time, the doctor was 27 years old. While calling on each family in her charge to acquaint herself with the health conditions of the residents for the first time, she came across the gloomy atmosphere of a family. The boys were preparing a

decoction in their untidy kitchen badly requiring housewife's care.

And then she was surprised to see a woman sitting with her back against the wall, leaning on a thick quilt, in a room.

She was just Mun Hyon Suk who had been diagnosed with polyradiculoneuritis at the age of 39 and completely paralyzed gradually.

The cause of the incurable disease was unknown and partial paralysis developed into complete one, threatening her life.

During conversation with the patient, Choe got to know that she had already given up treatment.

"You don't need to worry about me," the patient said assertively. Out of sympathy for her, Choe tidied up the kitchen and room until late at night and left the house, leaving the brief remark that she should not lose confidence, but keep receiving treatment.

"My heart was broken when a little boy held my

hand and asked whether his mother could walk again," Un Ju recalled.

She agonized over one question: Will it be impossible to treat her? One day, she revealed her agony to her mother who had worked as a doctor.

She greatly encouraged her daughter, saying that the power of human love is sometimes greater than that of medicine and that's why they say the power of love is the greatest.

From the following day, she became a regular visitor to the patient's house. Along with the treatment based on Western medicines, she applied the massage therapy drenched in sweat and acupuncture on certain spots.

Nevertheless, nothing changed in Mun's health conditions even though several months passed.

Choe's mother suggested combining acupuncture, massage and moxibustion with Koryo medicinal therapy good for activating cells. It

was a great inspiration to her. She boiled dozens of kinds of medicinal herbs to extract substances good for curing palsy by activating nerves.

Thanks to Choe's years of devotion, Mun gradually felt some pain and finally became able to walk step by step.

However, their joy did not last long. Mun's illness took a sudden turn for the worse due to ill-defined heavy bleeding and pamplegia recurred, bringing the patient into the jaws of death.

She fell into a coma and Choe cried with the patient in her arms. All her devoted efforts for Mun seemed to have gone up in smoke.

But she buckled down to treatment again, as she saw Mun's son, Jong Ryong, who had been rated as a talent at Pyongyang Middle School No. 1 volunteering to serve the army, instead of entering a university, to defend the socialist country, where there are many obliging people like the doctor, and the patient entrusting her life to her.

As sincerity moves heaven,



Choe Un Ju (left), doctor at the Songyo Polyclinic in Songyo District, Pyongyang, and Mun Hyon Suk. PAK KWANG HUN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

a miracle was wrought in Mun's health at last.

Her fingers began to move one by one and her sensory nerves revived in the legs some months later. Last year, she became able to walk again.

"Dr Choe Un Ju spent 14 years of her youth, the prime of life, for me. She raised me up by devoting her love and the happiness of her family. Such miracle is possible only in our socialist country

where human life is valued most and where the fine traits of helping and leading one another forward permeate society like air," said Hyon Suk in tears.

Whenever the residents in Songyo-dong No. 1 and many colleagues congratulate her on her success and whenever journalists visit her for news coverage, Choe says modestly that she only tried to fulfil her duty as a household doctor.

Immortal exploits performed for cause of independence for mankind

By Choe Song Jun PT

The cause of independence for mankind can victoriously advance along the track of development in the face of all ordeals only when there are scientific ideas and theories correctly reflecting the people's aspirations and ideals.

President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il performed immortal exploits for accomplishing the independence cause and their revolutionary activities conducted on their visit to Indonesia are recorded in their histories of leadership.

The President and the Chairman paid a visit to Indonesia in April 1965 to attend the event held in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the first Asian-African conference (Bandung Conference).

The conference was a meaningful international gathering demonstrating to the world that the people of newly independent countries in Asia and Africa, who had been subjected to maltreatment and oppression, emerged into the global arena as a powerful anti-imperialist independent force. The event to mark the tenth anniversary of the Bandung Conference drew heads of state and government of nearly 40 Asian and African countries and many other prominent figures.

At the meeting with Indonesian President Soekarno, President Kim Il Sung expressed firm support to and solidarity with the anti-imperialist and independent stand and policy of Indonesia and highly praised the spirit of the Bandung Conference reflecting the aspirations of Asian and African people for independence. During the visit, he also met heads of state and government of other countries to encourage Asian and African people in their struggle to eliminate domination, subordination, exploitation and oppression. He delivered an important lecture on the experience gained in building socialism in the DPRK at the Ali Archam Academy of Social Sciences of Indonesia.

On different occasions during his Indonesia visit, Chairman Kim Jong Il stressed the need to develop friendly and cooperative relations between developing countries and make the anti-imperialist independent forces pool their efforts to thwart the hegemony-seeking schemes of the imperialist forces and step up the cause of independence for the masses of the people.

At a meeting with high-ranking officials, important figures and service personnel of Indonesia, he referred to the issues of building up the forces of developing countries and smashing the piecemeal-defeat strategy of the imperialists, who were viciously manoeuvring to check and destroy the unity and cohesion of the anti-imperialist independent forces, with the strategy of unity.

Branding US imperialism as the common enemy of the world people, he clarified the truth of the revolution that they will surely emerge victorious when they unite and fight under the banner of independence. Filled with deep admiration for his idea of independence against imperialism and outstanding wisdom, the Indonesian personages unanimously vowed to always remain faithful to the cause of independence against imperialism and conduct positive activities to further strengthen and develop the friendship between the DPRK and Indonesia.

Afterwards, the Chairman made public "Let Us Strengthen Friendship and Solidarity with the Newly-Emergent Countries" and many other works to give scientific answers to the theoretical and practical issues arising in building up the anti-imperialist independent forces and developing the cause of independence for humankind.

The Indonesia visit by the President and the Chairman was a journey of historic significance that greatly contributed to promoting the unity and solidarity of developing countries and anti-imperialist independent forces around the world and the cause of independence for humankind.

Great man ushers in new era of creation and change

By Ri Jong Won

The DPRK has ushered in an era of great prosperity when the great national might is demonstrated to the whole world and the people's centuries-old desire is translated into reality, a new era of overall development of socialism when people, society and mountains and rivers undergo remarkable change.

The new era of the overall development of socialism is the greatest heyday of bolstering up national power when politics, national defence, the economy, culture and all other fields make simultaneous progress and the dignity and prestige of a powerful country are demonstrated to the whole world.

The political and ideological might, the irresistible force peculiar to Juche Korea which no country can possess or imitate, and the strongest military muscle capable of mercilessly destroying any enemy, looking down everywhere on earth, are the first dignity and prestige of the DPRK admired by the world at present.

The trend of economic growth has been maintained steadily and the self-supporting economy has been consolidated as a firm foundation for building a powerful country amid the steady national efforts to push forward with the readjustment and reinforcement set forth at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, establish strict discipline in planning and ensure the organic connection between the economic work system and sectors.

The appearance of Pyongyang, where a golden age of construction is being ushered in, constitutes the most striking transformative entity demonstrating the spirit of the powerful DPRK rising higher and faster from miracles to greater miracles and a source of great strength leading the rejuvenation and development of the whole country.

The scientific and technological field has established a research climate for solving the problems urgently needed for the development of the self-supporting economy and the improvement of the people's living standards and achieved proud results in the

high-tech fields including space science and technology, thereby contributing to boosting national strength.

Not only the capital city but also local areas undergo change beyond recognition. This is another characteristic of the present times when the DPRK advances dynamically towards overall rejuvenation.

There appeared ideal, model towns, an unheard-of mountain-gorge town, the world's leading greenhouse farms, wonderful facilities epitomizing new civilization and new modern rural villages and thereby all parts of the country are filled with the people's laughter. Along with the construction of modern regional-industry factories, public health and grain storage facilities and leisure complexes, which have not even been conceptualized in the history of regional construction, are being built to turn local areas into ideal villages envied by urbanites.

The era of the comprehensive development of socialism is a period of great positive change in the ideological and spiritual aspects of people, which leads to ever-growing revolutionary enthusiasm and fighting spirit.

Today, the Korean people's insight, way of thinking, rhythm of life, fighting style and style of work are also changing remarkably. Amid the growing trend of new innovations, bold creation and steady advance, the whole country is full of the people's zeal, vigour and pulsation to become standard-bearers of the times with the dignity and personality of citizens of a powerful country.

Today, their patriotic enthusiasm and fighting spirit are focused on the aspiration to overall national rejuvenation and they are putting forth all their energy.

Patriotic scientists, patriotic meritorious persons, patriotic workteams and patriotic families grow in number in every site of creation for making a leap forward toward the world by dint of self-reliance and giving full play to the advantages of Korean-style socialist system centred on the masses of the people in all sectors and fields.

Today, the burning desire to go to communism permeates the struggle and life of the Korean people aspiring after overall national rejuvenation. Amid such a strong trend, genuine people who have communist ideology and spirit, the personifiers

of communist virtues and traits who think of the collective before themselves and share joy and sorrow with one another, are produced in large numbers to add warm feelings and fragrance to the great harmonious socialist family.

A milestone of the times for epochal changes is set up by an outstanding leader and a great history begins along with the strong indication of creation and innovation.

The present new period of takeoff and overall development in which great leaps forward and innovations are being made in all fields of socialist construction is the brilliant fruition of the outstanding and seasoned leadership of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

His revolutionary leadership, which covers all domains of politics, the economy, diplomacy and military and solves all problems perfectly, is consistent with the offensive-oriented leadership braving all difficulties and the people-oriented leadership giving full play to the initiative, creativity and activeness of the masses.

The spirit of offensive of unhesitatingly making a bold decision at every critical moment decisive of the destiny of the state and pushing forward with the great cause of building a powerful country and the revolutionary mode of finding the best method of overcoming difficulties and a breakthrough for creating miracles in the simple voices of the masses while discussing state affairs with them are the outstanding traits and art of leadership of the General Secretary, who reverses the period of the worst-ever ordeals into a heyday in beefing up national strength, and the textbook model of powerful politics, genuine socialist politics, opening up a period of miracles.

The revolutionary leadership of the General Secretary, who creates models of the times one after another, is characterized by the setting of ambitious goal and clear orientation consistent with new and development-oriented things and the single leap-based and simultaneous creation.

The present stirring era, an era of comprehensive development of socialism, which has been ushered in by the profound thinking and outstanding leadership of the General Secretary will shine along with his august name and the great exploits of the General Secretary writing a great history of socialist Korea will be immortal.

BYWORD

Today, the revolution in construction is an essential prerequisite to implementing the development strategy of the Workers' Party of Korea for bringing about an epochal change on this land, and the implementation of all important policies of the Party and the state is accompanied by construction in all sectors,

units and regions.

It would be no exaggeration to say that construction is the most effective means of expressing politics visually, bringing people closer to civilization and prosperity they dream and rapidly increasing the wealth of the country.

The design sector is urgently required to go ahead of other sectors at

present when the scope of construction is steadily expanding and the struggle for comprehensive national rejuvenation is going full steam ahead.

The designs of architectural structures to be built for the people should properly combine modernity with national identity while giving top priority to the safety of

the people's lives and the promotion of their wellbeing and reflect the great ideology and noble political creed of our times and the aspirations for higher ideals and civilization.

In this sense, it can be said that designers are "political artists" who draw the ideas and policies of the WPK in reality.

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Anachronistic 'denuclearization' idea of US, Japan and ROK can never affect DPRK's position

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

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They still talk about "complete denuclearization", lost in the past unfulfilled daydream, which is as good as revealing by themselves to the world how anachronistic and absurd their political discernment is.

Whenever they got together, they racked their brains and shouted noisily, but they could not come up with any good idea for realizing someone's "denuclearization".

If they enthusiastically cry out for "denuclearization" with genuine belief in it,

they cannot but be called the half-witted.

The position of the DPRK as a nuclear weapons state, which was established along with the existence of its substantial and very powerful nuclear deterrent and permanently fixed in the supreme and organic law of the state according to the unanimous will of all its people, is a result of its inevitable choice accurately reflecting the hostile threat from outside and the change in the present and future world security mechanics. Therefore, it does not change no matter how desperately anyone denies it.

We do not care about

anyone's denial and recognition and we never change our choice.

This is our steadfast choice that can never be reversed by any physical strength or clever artifice.

We make it clear once again on this occasion that if anyone openly talks about nuclear abandonment before us or attempts to revive the dead concept of "denuclearization" under various pretexts, it just constitutes the most hostile act of denying the sovereignty of the DPRK and forcing it to give up its constitution and social system.

The nuclear forces of the

DPRK not only play a key role in deterring aggression and threat from outside and defending the sovereignty and security of the state but also make an important contribution to ensuring the balance of power and strategic security in the region and the rest of the world.

The only way for the US, Japan and the ROK to remove their current security concern is to completely give up their unilateral attempt at changing the status quo by shaking the present position of the DPRK and intently find a method of avoiding head-on conflict.

If the US and its vassal forces stick to anachronistic "denuclearization" while talking about "threat" from someone, it will only give unlimited justness and justification to the advance of the DPRK aspiring after the building of the strongest nuclear force for self-defence.

The DPRK will make steady responsible efforts to thoroughly defend the supreme interests of the state and ensure regional peace and stability, given that the US is maximizing its nuclear threat and making ever serious confrontational moves based on nuclear alliance.

International Day of Human Space Flight and space development

By Yang Ryon Hui

April 12 is International Day of Human Space Flight.

On April 12 1961, Yuri Gagarin, an astronaut of the former Soviet Union, was carried into outer space on spacecraft Vostok. During the 108-minute flight the spacecraft orbited the Earth and performed a successful re-entry into the atmosphere. Thus, mankind realized its long-cherished dream of space flight, and space science and technology entered a new stage of development.

The 65th session of the UN General Assembly held on April 7 2011 commemorated the 50th anniversary of the human space flight and adopted a resolution on marking April 12 every year as International Day of Human Space Flight.

Around the day every year several countries hold such events as photo exhibition, symposium and publication of commemorative stamps.

Many countries launch satellites of different purposes as outer space, which brings staggering benefits to mankind, can only be developed and used through satellites and other space probes.

So far remarkable progress has been made in various fields such as satellite carrying technology, new-type satellite development, manned space flight and exploration in outer space.

In conformity with the global trend of space development and the spirit of the treaty on space which defines the peaceful use of outer space as the right of a

sovereign state, the DPRK is pushing its space programme amid nationwide and public concern and expectations.

The country has since long ago successfully launched purely home-made test and application satellites, thereby laying a reliable foundation for space conquest.

On April 1 2013, it established the National Aerospace Technology Administration and adopted the law on space exploitation, a guarantee for promoting space conquest more vigorously.

Besides, it founded the National Non-permanent Space Science and Technology Committee and the Korea Space Association embracing scientists, technicians, university teachers and researchers in the sector of space technology application and encourages wide-ranging academic research and exchanges to promote space development and use.

The national symposium on space science and technology is held on a regular basis under the sponsorship of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea, and valuable papers concerning the development, control, observation and communications technology of artificial earth satellites are presented to make contributions to the development of space science and technology in the country.

The achievements made in space science and technology are actively promoting the economic development of the country and are widely applied to different cultural sectors including science, education and public health.

US tariff war arouses bitter opposition

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The US is now indiscriminately brandishing the tariff stick, regardless of its allies or foes.

In March, it took a measure to impose a 25 percent tariff on imports from Canada and Mexico and increased a 10 percent additional tariff, which had been imposed on China-made goods since February, to 20 percent. It also levied a 25 percent tariff on steel and aluminium goods imported from all countries.

This month, the US has got fiercer in its tariff war.

On April 2, it took a measure to slap a 25 percent additional tariff on all imported motor vehicles.

At the same time, it made public a mutual tariff measure for imposing a 10 percent standard tariff on goods from all countries and a higher tariff against some countries large in trade scale, that is, it intends to introduce up to a 50 percent tariff against dozens of countries, including the European countries and China which it regarded as the "worst violators" of its economy.

Noting that the measure is shocking the global economy, foreign media outlets are reporting that the US' major trade partners hit by the "tariff bombs" are reacting violently and that a full-scale tariff war has started.

China, the main target of the US' tariff war, is resolutely standing up to it.

European countries, too, are resisting the US' attempt at collecting additional tariffs.

Then what is the US' indiscriminate imposition of tariffs for?

Raising import duties on foreign goods is to protect domestic market and industries, and this phenomenon of protectionism was once rampant.

Experts, however, assert that additional tariffs can never restore the US' bankrupt manufacturing industry in view of its deformed economic structure with main stress put on consumption and service work thanks to the position of the US dollar as principal currency and its global financial supremacy.

For instance, imposition of additional tariffs on foreign-made steel and aluminium goods was previously witnessed, and yet the areas including Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, the hubs of the US' steel industry, have not still cleared themselves of the stigma of "ruined industrial zone".

According to the result of a recent opinion poll by the University of Chicago, 98% of economists asserted that American consumers will shoulder the main burden by high tariffs.

In the past there were several rounds of the US' tariff war, but none of them indiscriminately covered a wide range of fields and targets like the current one. It corroborates that the US is now falling into desperate stagnation.

A foreign newspaper website said that the US' tariff storm is sweeping the world to disturb the geopolitical order. It added that the US is trying to make use of its hegemony to tie the interests of the military, financial, sci-wwwtech and trade sectors into a bundle.

The US is now brandishing the tariff stick at random at the risk of losses. This can be said to be its speculative and desperate attempt to gain benefit to the maximum and maintain its hegemony by threatening its allies engrossed in depending on it for their security and disturbing the conventional economic and trade dealings with its trade partners.

The US' reckless moves are arousing strong opposition from the international community.

Briefly

Iran

President calls on Islamic countries to unite

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian recently called on Islamic countries to unite in a telephone conversation with the Saudi Arabian crown prince.

He asserted that the Islamic countries can guarantee regional peace, security and development and prevent oppression and crimes against Palestine and other countries, if they strengthen unity and cooperation on the basis of common features.

And he stressed that though Iran does not pursue a war, it will not hesitate in defending itself and that it is getting ready for self-defence on the highest level.

China

Retaliatory tariff levied on imports from US

China imposed a retaliatory tariff against the US on April 4.

Taking issue with the fact that the US recently decided to levy a 34 percent tariff on goods from China on the pretext of "mutuality", the tariff regulations committee of the State Council of China said in its official notice that China would impose a 34 percent additional tariff on all the US-made imports from April 10.

Meanwhile, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce decided to put 16 American entities into the export control list and take the relevant measures.

Yemen

Resistance force retaliates against US aggressive acts

The Yemeni resistance force said that they carried out a retaliatory attack on a US aircraft carrier in the northern waters of the Red Sea on April 3.

A spokesman for the resistance force asserted that they attacked a US aircraft carrier and escort warships with cruise missiles and drones in retaliation against the US aggressive acts.

That day, the resistance force shot down a US' MQ-9 drone which flew to the sky over the western area of the country.

Canada

Retaliatory tariff imposed on US-made cars

Canada announced on April 3 that it would impose a 25 percent tariff on the US-made imported cars in retaliation.

The prime minister of the country said that yesterday and today of global economy differ fundamentally, adding that the measures taken by the US administration will plunge the global economy into chaos.

The long-standing relationship between the two countries, which pursued integration, has ended and the US' economic position collapsed, he added.

PYONGYANG INTERNATIONAL MARATHON HELD



The 31st Pyongyang International Marathon takes place at Kim Il Sung Stadium on April 6.

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The 31st Pyongyang International Marathon took place on the occasion of the birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

The contest, divided into

marathon, half marathon, 10km running and 5km running, brought together marathoners from the DPRK, China, Romania, Morocco and Ethiopia and amateurs from different countries and regions.

An opening ceremony

took place at Kim Il Sung Stadium on April 6.

Present there were Pak Jong Gun, vice-premier and chairman of the State Planning Commission who is vice-chairman of the National Sports Guidance Committee, Kim Il Guk, minister of

Physical Culture and Sports, officials concerned, officials in the field of sports, Pyongyang citizens and foreign guests.

The contest began after a speech.

Players of the DPRK took the first place in

the men's and women's marathon.

DPRK players also won gold, silver and bronze medals in the men's and women's half-marathon.

Polish players took the first, second and third places in the men's amateur marathon

and a Hong Kong player of China came first in the women's amateur marathon.

There took place a closing ceremony.

Trophies, medals and diplomas were awarded to the winners.

Stone Buddhist image discovered in Sukchon

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A stone Buddhist image dating back to the early years of Koryo (918-1392) has recently been unearthed in Yakjon-ri, Sukchon County, South Phyongan Province, and registered as a relic of preservation.

Officials and a research

group of the Archaeology Institute of the Academy of Social Sciences and the National Authority for the Protection of Cultural Heritage have made a deep survey and unearthing of historical relics. In the course of this, they discovered this stone Buddhist image.

The stone Buddhist image

depicting Amitabha is 171 cm high and 26-54 cm thick.

Through analysis of the position of the Buddha's two hands and other depiction, scholars confirmed it as the image of Amitabha. They also deepened the survey of tile pieces from the surroundings and discovered that they were made in the early 10th

century, the early period of Koryo.

The stone Buddhist image, well-trimmed with delicate and exquisite skills, will be of great help to the study of the history and culture in the period of Koryo as it is another precious legacy showing the excellent talents and wisdom of the Korean ancestors.

