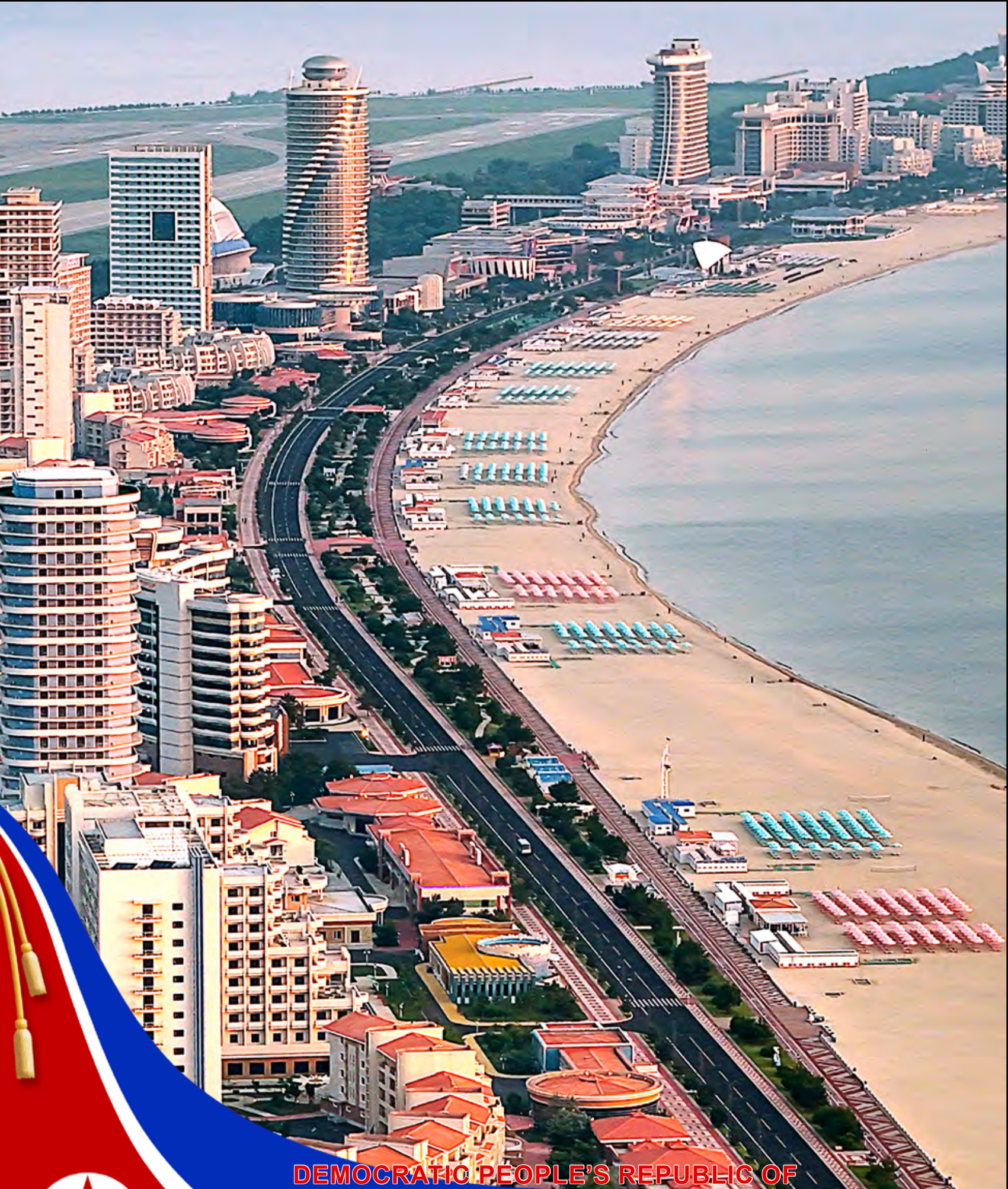




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Enlarged Meeting of Twelfth Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK



The Enlarged Meeting of the Twelfth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held from June 21 to 23, 2025. The plenary meeting was convened to conduct an interim review of the implementation of the major Party and state policies for this year, which were advanced by the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, to reconfirm the central tasks of the work and the orientation of the struggle for the second half of the year and to discuss and decide on the issues arising in the course of expanding and deepening the short-, intermediate- and long-term plans for economic construction.



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Present there were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau and members and alternate members of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Present there as observers were officials of the departments of the Party Central Committee, leading officials of ministries, national agencies and provincial-level guidance bodies, chief secretaries of city and county Party committees, leading Party and administrative officials of major industrial establishments and major commanding officers of the Korean People's Army.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, presided over the plenary meeting.

The meeting heard a report on the successes made in all fields of socialist construction, including politics, the economy, culture,



science, education and national defence, in response to the call of the Party Central Committee for glorifying the year 2025 as an epochal year of fulfilling the grand revolutionary programme set forth at the Eighth Party Congress and a year of eye-opening turn in bringing about an upward trend towards a new stage of development and on the work of the Party organizations at all levels in the period of the first half of the year.





The Party Central Committee made a very affirmative appreciation of the remarkable results achieved in the struggle to implement the major Party and state policies in the first half of the year and the spirit of vigorous advance definitely prevailing in overall socialist construction.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made an important speech at the meeting.

The meeting examined and approved strategic adjustment of a series of the Party and state policy tasks and proposals for their timely implementation on the principle of positively promoting successes and experiences and steadily drawing lessons and solutions in keeping with the features of the times, in which a gigantic struggle unprecedented in terms of the width and depth of the state development and the immensity of its goal is being waged, and with the changing objective situations.

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The plenary meeting discussed and decided on the tasks for

radically accelerating the revitalization and modernization of major industrial sectors of the national economy standing in the vanguard of further strengthening the independent character and development potential of our national economy and guaranteeing the sustainable and stable comprehensive rejuvenation and growth.

It discussed the tasks essential for improving the fighting efficiency and activeness of the basic Party organizations, which occupy an important position in the organizational structure and system of the Party, and for putting the work for the inner-Party structure on a more streamlined and efficient basis as required by the line of Party building in the new era, and adopted a relevant decision.

It dealt with the organizational matter.

The sector-specific study and consultative meetings were held for two days under the guidance of members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee to take measures for correctly carrying out the plans for the second half of the year on the basis of the main spirit of the plenary meeting for thoroughly attaining the goals set for this year by making more courageous, effective and intensive efforts in the most responsible course, in which the work for significantly celebrating the 80th anniversary of national liberation and the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK coincides with the campaign to



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greet the Ninth Congress of the WPK as a congress of victors, a glorious congress, and thus bringing about epochal achievements to be specially recorded in the history of the Party and the country.

The draft decisions, amended and supplemented on the basis of the constructive and dynamic opinions presented at the consultative meetings, were discussed at the 25th meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

The finally confirmed decisions were submitted to the plenary meeting and adopted with the unanimous approval of members of the Party Central Committee.

Through the enlarged meeting of its Twelfth Plenary Meeting, the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK discussed and decided on practical measures for expanding the ideal and solid cornerstone for the comprehensive prosperity of Korean-style socialism as soon as possible, firmly maintaining the rising trend of the development of the state which was achieved with the revolutionary spirit of self-sustenance and indomitable courage of advance, and thus successfully went through an important process essential for accelerating the advance towards a new victory.

The important speech made by Kim Jong Un at the June 2025 Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the WPK and the decisions adopted at the meeting will be published as inner-Party documents and distributed to the Party organizations at all levels.

Tourist Attraction on East Coast—A New Scenic Beauty of Socialist Cultural Efflorescence

Inaugural Ceremony of Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area Held



The inaugural ceremony of the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area, a proud and inspiring creation that redoubles the patriotic enthusiasm of our people to lead the world, was held with splendour on June 24.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cut the tape at the inaugural ceremony.

Thanks to the firm revolutionary will of the Workers' Party of Korea to bring about shining efflorescence of socialist civilization on our land in our own way and with our own resources, entities for a new life and for new wellbeing are being created one after another in different parts of the country. In these days of rejuvenation, a modern coastal resort has been developed on the Kalma peninsula, famous for its beautiful coastal scenery, greeting the auspicious moment of its inauguration.

In the Wonsan Kalma area hundreds of buildings of modern beauty and in various forms have been built in harmony with the scenery of the coastal area widely known for its outstanding landscape from olden times, achieving a perfect artistic compatibility and connectivity. The area is a coastal resort town of our own style without an equal in the world both in name and reality.

From among the hotels that can accommodate nearly 20 000 persons, the tourists from home and abroad can choose any one to stay according to their tastes. The tourist area has sea-bathing service facilities and various sports, amusement, commercial and public catering facilities fully equipped with all the necessary conditions, as well as facilities for other cultural and leisure activities, which can offer all year round the real taste of the east coast, presenting a wonderful picture of a 4km-long stretch of beach to be crowded with the people every year.

The transformation of the Wonsan Kalma area, a great auspicious





event of the whole nation, is a brilliant fruition of the profound thinking and inexhaustible efforts of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who unfolded a grand blueprint for building a world-class cultural resort and saw to it that all the architectural structures were perfectly built staking the dignity of our state and the honour of our generation. It is also a prelude to a new era of our country's tourism that was ushered in by the great spirit of service of the Workers' Party of Korea which is steadily carving out new spheres of socialist civilization and important cultural progress that set up an epochal milestone in the building of the tourist industry of our own style.

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When Kim Jong Un arrived, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" resounded far and wide.

Present at the ceremony were members of the central leadership of the WPK including leading cadres of the Party and the government, officials of ministries and national agencies, military and civilian builders, officials and employees of the units in charge of construction and operation and officials, working people and youth and students

in Kangwon Province and the city of Wonsan.

The ambassador and staff members of the Russian embassy in the DPRK were invited as special guests.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Pak Thae Song, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, made an inaugural address.

The inauguration of the coastal resort, which has emerged on the beautiful Kalma peninsula as a masterpiece of Korean-style tourism, demonstrating the tremendous might and rapid development of our state, is clear proof of the inexhaustible creative and vigorous executive abilities of socialist Korea which steadily writes new chapters of history of gigantic transformations and civilization, the

premier said, extending warm militant tribute on behalf of the Central Committee of the WPK and the government of the DPRK to all the builders who have powerfully demonstrated the mettle of the country that proudly paves the way for an eye-opening development towards the future with such a precious asset.

The Kalma peninsula, which can be called a coastal scenic spot with the best ecological environment, has assumed a new elegant and modern appearance—this is an epochal transformation that can be brought about only by our Party. It is a symbol of the great dignity and wellbeing of the people, created thanks to the people-first politics of our Party and the socialist system of our own style. Herein lies the true meaning of the coastal resort and charm peculiar to it and the



noble height no other tourist attractions can reach.

He said that Kim Jong Un energetically led the work of making sure that the worthwhile grand construction project for providing our people with the most civilized resort in the world was dynamically pushed ahead with as a Party-wide and national drive.

The speaker noted that Kim Jong Un broadened the vision of the officials while giving meticulous guidance for thousands of designs,

saw to it that all the structures in the resort were completed at the highest level and gave detailed solutions to all the problems including those of developing unique service methods and capabilities, stressing that his important instructions are a great encyclopedia that comprehensively encapsulates the orientation and ways for building a tourist industry in the new era, and he continued:

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the windy

construction site several times a year, calling upon the builders to present a tourist attraction without an equal in the world to the people by building it into a wonderful cultural recreation ground. His ardent appeal redoubled the loyalty and patriotic faith of all the builders and powerfully encouraged them to a heroic labour struggle. Taking to heart their sacred mission of implementing the intention of the great Party Central Committee on the road of opening a new realm

of tourist culture, the builders successfully set up grand miraculous edifices, creating an amazing construction speed, advanced building methods and exemplary experiences one after another.

The erection of the world-level coastal resort town, the most wonderful maritime park, by our own efforts is a source of valuable honour and worth of our generation holding in high esteem the great leader who is writing a new chapter of history of rejuvenation and prosperity in which people, mountains, rivers and the time are undergoing change beyond recognition through a dynamic construction revolution. The Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area will shine as a monument to the people-first idea and leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

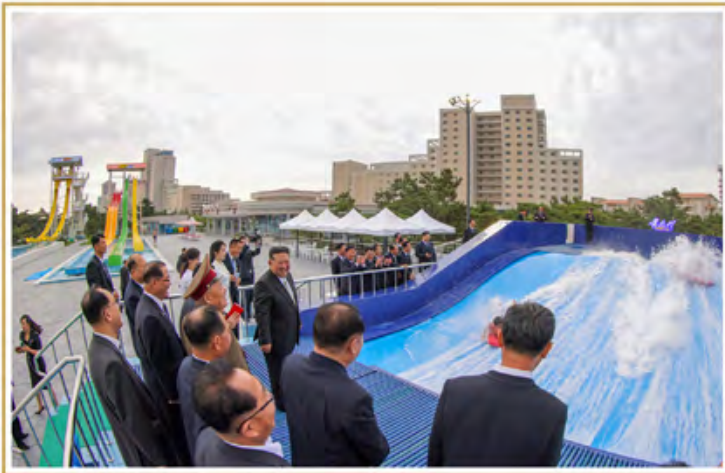
The eye-opening transformation in the Kalma peninsula made with an indomitable pioneering spirit and fortitude represents a new watershed for comprehensive rejuvenation to be surely reached by our state and people despite all difficulties.

The premier then called upon all the people to make a dynamic advance with higher ideals and dreams for the future of our state which will be turned into a paradise for the people along the road indicated by the Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un cut the inaugural tape.

Enthusiastic cheers were raised, fireworks of celebrations set off





and balloons released, beautifully decorating the clear and blue sky over Myongsasimni.

Together with leading officials of the Party and the government, Kim Jong Un went round various places of the resort including the Myongsasimni Water Park, Kalma Moranbong Hotel and Myongsasimni Hotel.

Enjoying a bird's-eye view of the coastal tourist town presenting a wonderful scene, he said with great satisfaction that something which he most wanted to do for the people and to which the Party

had devoted a great deal of effort for a long time with cherished desire was translated into a brilliant reality, and that our inexhaustible pioneering spirit was fully demonstrated once again through the gigantic construction project.

Noting that all the structures in the Wonsan Kalma area are monumental edifices that comprehensively represent the mature phase of our architecture which has made a rapid leap forward with each passing year, he expressed his deep emotion over the building of an eye-opening entity to be recorded as one of the greatest successes

for this year of rounding off the implementation of the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

Saying that the coastal resort should play a leading role in establishing our tourist culture, he stressed the need for all the units in charge of its operation to provide all tourists to the scenic spot on the east coast with the highest level of convenience and leisure space in order to help them spend pleasant and satisfactory days.

Noting that in our country with diverse and rich tourism resources and political stability and institutional durability peculiar to it, its

tourist industry is of great prospective significance as a motive power promoting the efflorescence and development of the cultural field and the advancement of the relevant regions and contributing to the overall economic growth of the state, he indicated an important orientation for expanding and developing our style of tourism on a large scale.

He said that development of the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area is the proud first step on the road of implementing the policy of the Party and the government on the development of cultural tourism



and the Ninth Congress of the WPK will confirm an important plan for developing large promising tourist resorts of various types in different regions in the shortest time possible on the basis of the successes and experiences gained in the development of the Kalma peninsula.

An artistic performance was given to celebrate the inauguration of the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area.

Kim Jong Un expressed belief that the wave of happiness to be raised in the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area will shine its attractive name as a world-level tourist resort, heralding the future of



paradises to be built in different parts of the country.

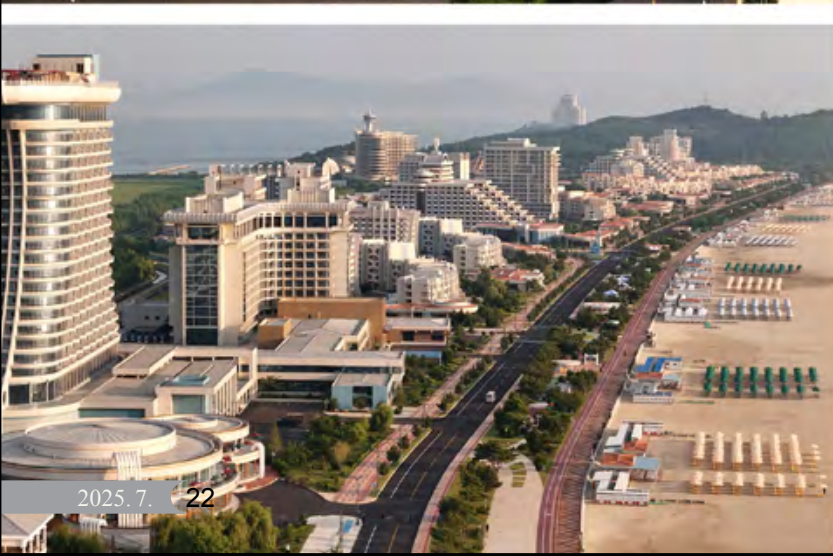
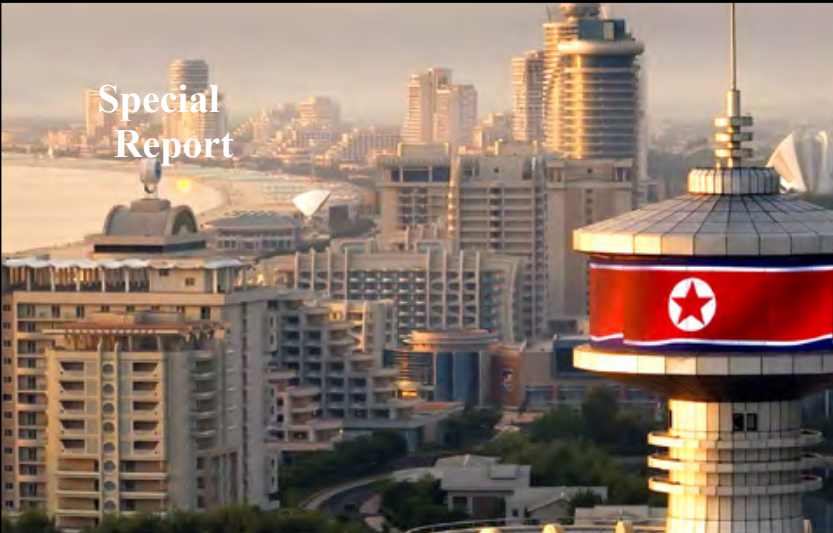
The eye-opening landscape of civilization and sea change on the beautiful beach on the east coast, unveiled thanks to the most people-oriented view of the WPK on the development of the state, will shine long as a cultural treasure that brings the people's laughter into full

bloom year after year, demonstrating the inexhaustible development potential and valiant pioneering spirit peculiar to our state that is confidently ushering in a promising new era of prosperity.

The Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area will start service for the domestic tourists on July 1.







Vigorous Advance and Development of Revolution in Warship-building Industry and Modernization of Naval Forces in New Era

Ceremony of Launching Destroyer of KPA Navy Takes Place with Splendour



The unshakable faith and steadfast revolutionary will of the Workers' Party of Korea to firmly defend the lasting growth and prosperity of our great state with its tremendous, matchless and absolute strength are ushering in a shining heyday of the naval forces of the DPRK along with the steady development of the powerful Juche-type military hardware.

A ceremony of launching a destroyer of the Navy of the Korean People's Army took place at the Rajin Shipyard on June 12.



When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue of the ceremony where the latest multi-mission destroyer was moored majestically, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers as they accorded the greatest glory and respect to the peerless patriot and ever-victorious brilliant commander who is forcing his way along the untrodden, thorny path of pioneering for the country's prosperity and the peace of all generations to come with his great strenuous efforts and iron will in order to usher in a great heyday in the building of a maritime power when the cherished desire of the nation with a history spanning 5 000 years would be fulfilled admirably.

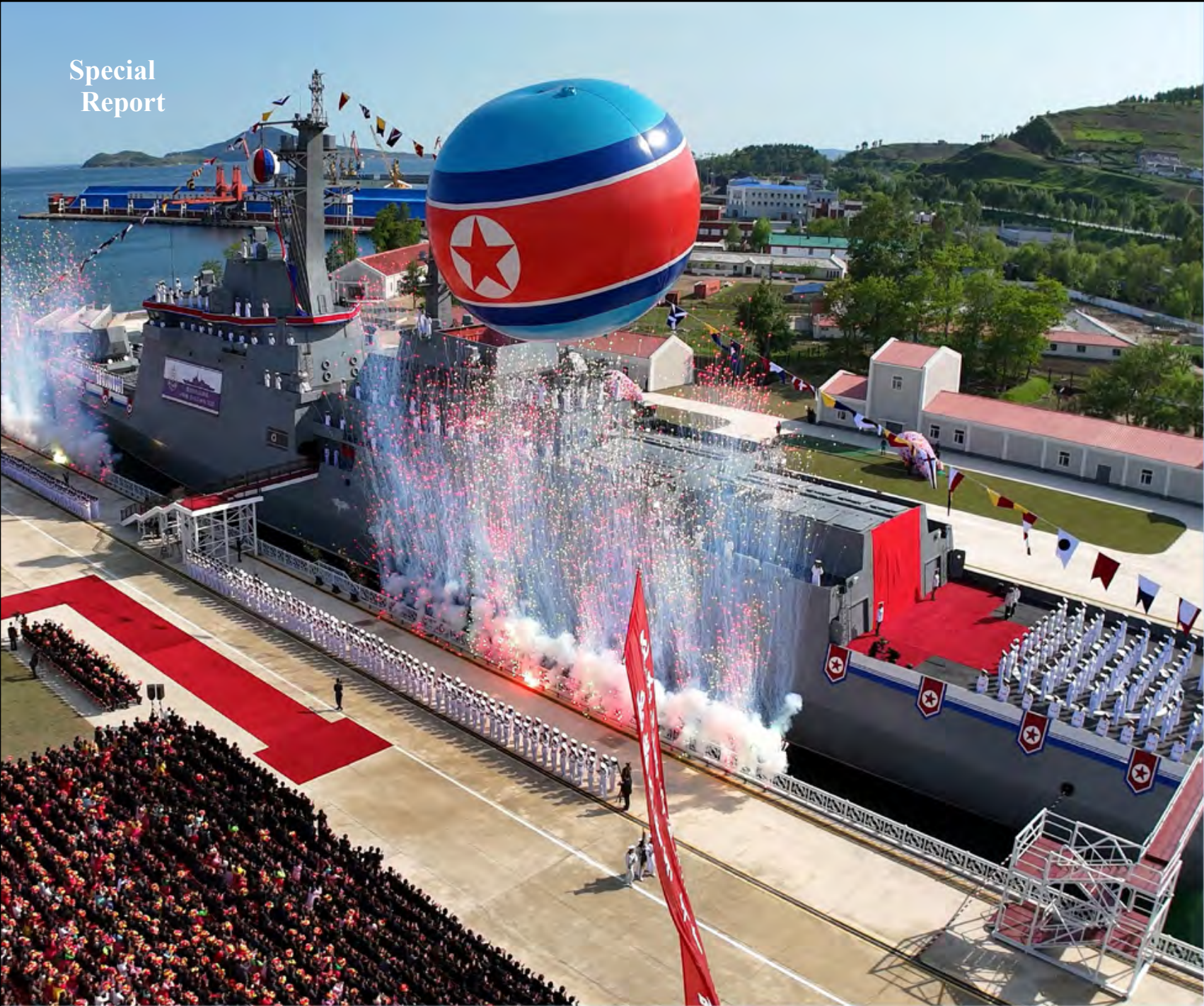
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The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played. Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, delivered a commemorative address. At the ceremony, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, announced an order of the Central Military Commission of the WPK on the grading regulations and naming of the destroyer

which was signed by Kim Jong Un and conveyed a certificate of the warship grading and naming to the commander of the East Sea Fleet of the KPA Navy. According to the order of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, the newly-built destroyer was graded as the *Choe Hyon* class and named *Kang Kon*.

Kim Jong Un conferred the ensign of the destroyer *Kang Kon* on the commanding officers of the East Sea Fleet of the KPA Navy. Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, cut the rope in token of launching the destroyer. Kim Jong Un mounted the destroyer. The warship, which greeted the moment of honour of undergoing



the first inspection by the Supreme Commander, was filled with militant enthusiasm.

After receiving the salute of the captain, Kim Jong Un gave the seamen warm encouragement, going round the stem and quarterdeck of the warship.

The memorial relief image of anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter Kang Kon, the first chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, was unveiled on the destroyer.

Kim Jong Un placed a flower before the relief image of Kang Kon, the loyalist who had rendered distinguished services for army building, and paid high tribute to him, praying that the youthfulness which the prominent military strategist representing the heroism of the KPA and genuine communist revolutionary devoted to the cause of building a state and founding an army and the strong, brave stamina and precious spirit he demonstrated during the southward advance, would be a propelling power pushing the warship and permanent

nutrition of a-match-for-a-hundred combat spirit to encourage the seamen of new generation to record only victorious furrow and inspire the eternal prosperity of the Navy of the DPRK.

He met and encouraged the scientists, technicians and workers in the field of warship-building industry who had contributed to the building of the destroyer and its restoration to the original state.

Shaking the hands of each of meritorious persons, Kim Jong Un expressed his heartfelt thanks to the patriotic loyalty and labour feats of them who had made a contribution to perfectly implementing the order of the Central Military Commission of the Party by displaying their excellent professional qualifications and abilities with one mind in building a warship of new generation and restoring it.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a commemorative speech.

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There was an absurd twist which impaired the dignity and prestige of the country in a moment due to the sheer irresponsibility and unscientific empiricism, but no obstacle could delay the important

course of bolstering up the naval combat power, he said, adding that this is another proof of the power of our mode of revolution and development as nourishment essential for the progress and leap of the warship-building industry.

Saying that we can step up the revolution in the warship-building industry in earnest at present as we have a strong will and have secured our own reliable forces and great technical power to guarantee it practically, he clarified the defence strategy of our Party and practical measures for the rapid strengthening of the naval forces, including the building of two destroyers, which are of or above the *Choe Hyon* class, and the deployment of them in operational waters every year from next year according to the constant view of our



Navy that aggression can be prevented when it has the counterattack strength and capability.

Our cause of ushering in the golden era of the Navy has entered the full-scale stage, he said, expressing expectation and conviction that the workers in the field of the shipbuilding industry would build many large modern warships commensurate with the prestige

of a military giant, as was planned and decided upon by the Party, by giving fullest play to their boundless loyalty, patriotism, actual ability which cannot be ignored and capacity of tenacious execution, and thus continue to write a new history of the leap forward in the shipbuilding industry.

He highly praised the heroic feats of Jo Kum Hyok, head of Sheet



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Metal Processing Workteam No. 1 of the Modernization Workshop under the Chongjin Shipyard who had died at the worksite during the building of the destroyer, and met his wife and son to console them.

Kim Jong Un awarded the main commanding officers of the destroyer commemorative copper coins and had a photo taken with the commanding officers and sailors of the destroyer in front of the

Kang Kon, which would be recorded forever in the army-building history.

He expressed his great trust that all the sailors of the destroyer would reliably carry forward the great spirit and indomitable bravery of the army-founding generation, who had defended the sovereignty of our DPRK with honour, and thus glorify with brilliant feats the



immortal exploits performed by the Navy for the country and its glorious furrow of defence.

He also met the workers, scientists, technicians, skilled workers and officials in the shipbuilding field, including those of Chongjin and Rajin shipyards, who had contributed to the building of warships. And he had a photo session, expressing expectation that they would launch invincible warships one after another in the sea of the country with more vigorous exertion and unyielding struggle so as to continue to dynamically write a great history of steadily increasing the great power of the Korean People's Army.

A performance was given to celebrate the launch of the destroyer.

The launching ceremony was a powerful demonstration of the resolute decision and will of the WPK to firmly defend national sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests by rapidly developing the DPRK Navy into a powerful service in charge of part of the state nuclear deterrent, and a momentous occasion of injecting great vitality into the patriotic struggle of our people advancing dynamically towards the future of prosperity with high ambition and ideal.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Gives Field Guidance at Hospital and Leisure Complex under Construction in Kangdong County



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance at a hospital and leisure complex under construction in Kangdong County on June 2.

First, he looked round the Kangdong County Hospital under construction.

Saying that the work of building modern public health facilities in cities and counties across the country is a great revolution for developing the public healthcare, which has lagged behind other sectors, to surpass them in ten years, he stressed that our spirit of serving the people and attitude to them should be examined once again in the course of successfully carrying out this innovative plan with redoubled efforts. And he reaffirmed his determination and will to build all city and county hospitals into symbols of socialist public health in our era, which fully embody the Party's plan for modernizing public health and its Juche-oriented idea on architectural beauty.

He put forth various tasks for making preparations for operating

the hospital.

Then he visited the construction site of the Kangdong County Leisure Complex.

He said that it is most important to firmly prepare construction workforce before anything else in carrying out the Party's policy on regional development without an inch of deflection, particularly stressing that all the construction regiments should have a vital stake in strengthening the ranks of skilled workers and push ahead with their training according to scientific goals and plans.

Referring to the issues arising in training competent design and construction forces throughout the country, standardizing and enshrining in law the advanced construction methods and achieving rapid development of the building-materials industry, he set forth important tasks for implementing them.

Expressing militant tribute to the lofty ideological and spiritual world and patriotic devotion of the soldier-builders who are struggling with a single mind for completing the construction of the hospital,



leisure complex and regional-industry factories in Kangdong County on the highest level, he expressed expectation and belief that they would achieve excellent successes in the construction projects by

upholding the Party's sincerity for the wellbeing of the people with heroic and resourceful labour struggle.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Gives Field Guidance at the Construction Site of Kusong City Hospital



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance at the construction site of the Kusong City Hospital on June 9.

Making the rounds of the construction site, he learned in detail about the progress made in the construction.

The Kusong City Hospital is one of the hospitals which are under construction on different scales on a demonstration basis in a city and two counties in 2025, according to the decisions of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

Saying that the historic task of rapidly establishing a national system for expanding and strengthening the construction workforce in a qualitative way should be tackled correctly, he underscored its importance repeatedly.

In order to ensure a vigorous advance of gigantic construction to which our Party and state are directing much effort, a rapid state measure should be taken for the qualitative strengthening of

the construction workforce with the main emphasis put on training skilled workers, he said, adding that, to this end, an intensive short course will be organized for the present to improve the practical abilities of officials in the construction sector of units at all levels.

We have a guards hero unit, a unit of competent construction educators with excellent construction potentiality, and if all the experiences and models created by them in construction are positively applied to the construction enterprises at all levels and military construction groups, amazing progress will be made in carrying out our Party's construction policy, he said, adding that this problem can also be solved through the technical short course.

Saying that it is a key issue to train reliable technical forces necessary for the assembly of equipment as the hospital is, unlike dwelling houses and industrial buildings, a functional building in which the terminals of the infrastructure, medical equipment and appliances and all other things should be technically compatible with one another, Kim Jong Un set forth a series of important tasks,



which should be carried out in the construction field without delay, including the tasks of examining the establishment of an enterprise specializing in medical equipment assembly, further increasing the



proportion of mechanization in construction and steadily improving the level of modernization of equipment.



Eighth Enlarged Meeting of Eighth WPK Central Military Commission



The Eighth Enlarged Meeting of the Eighth Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the headquarters building of the WPK Central Committee on May 28.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided the meeting.

Present there were members of the WPK Central Military Commission and, as observers, leading commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, military and political commanding officers of the large combined units at all levels of the Korean People's Army and officials of relevant departments of the WPK Central Committee.

The meeting discussed the important issues of exercising tight control and guidance so that all military and political activities of the DPRK armed forces are thoroughly conducted as required by the Party's military line and policies by further strengthening the functions and roles of the political organs at all levels in the armed forces organs in keeping with the demands of the new stage of the developing revolution and of establishing more firmly the

revolutionary command system and steel-like discipline system.

Saying that only when the roles of the Party organizations and political organs at all levels which perform the functions of the helm in realizing the guidance of the Party Central Committee over the army are steadily enhanced, can all the problems arising in the army building and military activities be successfully solved, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un set forth the important principles to be consistently maintained by the Party committees at all levels in the army in implementing the Party's military line and policies in conformity with their mission and duty as the political general staff and supreme leadership organ of the relevant units and all tasks facing them.

The organizational matter was discussed at the meeting.

The WPK Central Military Commission appointed six commanding officers of corps-level units, the director of the Artillery Bureau and the director of the Security Bureau and dispatched some political commissars.

The meeting discussed the issue of powerfully pushing ahead with major construction projects of political and military significance and gave relevant assignments.



On the basis of an analysis of the situation related to the national security, it discussed and decided on military measures for firmly maintaining the strategic and tactical superiority in all aspects.

It also approved and assigned a series of new construction projects in the fields of defence science and industry.



The meeting made an important conclusion on the orientation of the enhancement of the national defence capabilities and the military and political activities of the armed forces of the DPRK and the immediate tasks to this end.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Oversees Firing Contest of Artillery Sub-units of Large Combined Units of KPA

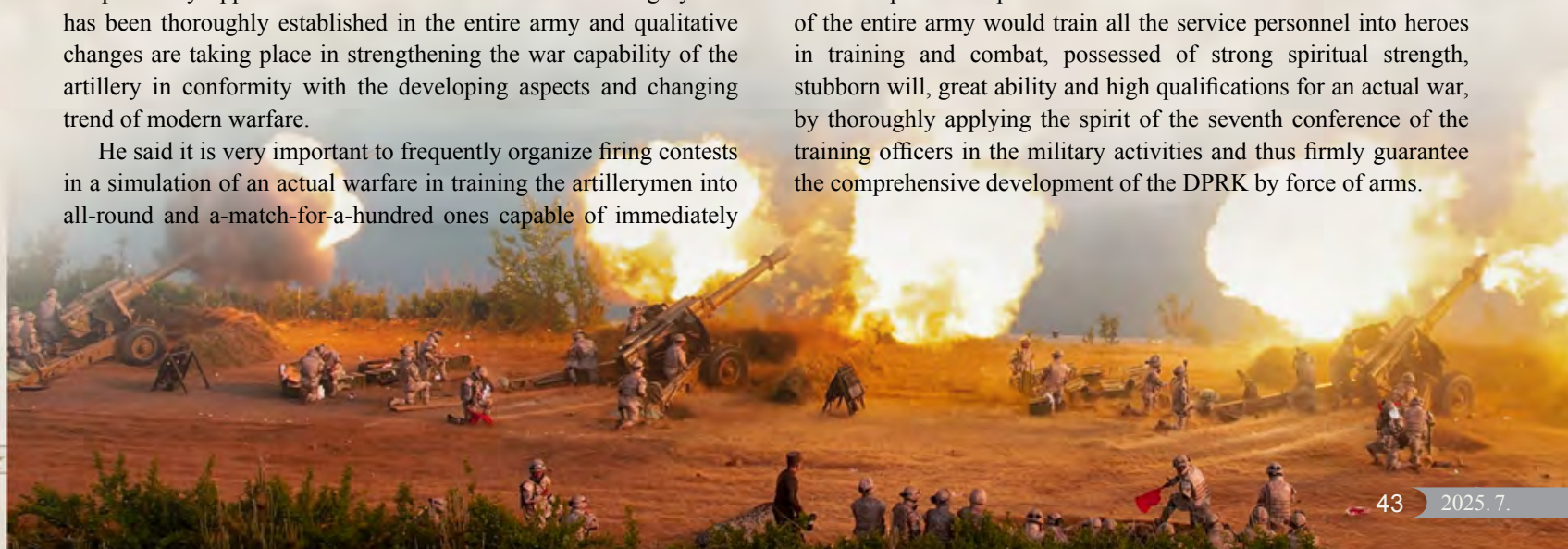


A firing contest among artillery sub-units of large combined units of the Korean People's Army was conducted on May 29 amid the intensive combat training for implementing the line of the Workers' Party of Korea on building a powerful army in the new era, which is aimed at attaining the strongest military capability, being

organized and enforced in the entire army. Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, oversaw the artillery firing contest. The commanders of the front-line large combined units

commanded the firing. Kim Jong Un praised the artillery sub-units for demonstrating the perfect actual war capability of the artillery of the KPA, which is preparing itself in full combat readiness to be matchless combat ranks that can fight at any time and surely win if they fight a war. He positively appreciated that a scientific combat training system has been thoroughly established in the entire army and qualitative changes are taking place in strengthening the war capability of the artillery in conformity with the developing aspects and changing trend of modern warfare. He said it is very important to frequently organize firing contests in a simulation of an actual warfare in training the artillerymen into all-round and a-match-for-a-hundred ones capable of immediately

hitting the target at any time and in any situation. He stressed once again that prioritizing and intensifying training are an expression of absolute loyalty to the Party, the revolution, the country and the people and making the highest degree of demand on training is the shortcut to building up a powerful army. He expressed expectation and belief that the units at all levels of the entire army would train all the service personnel into heroes in training and combat, possessed of strong spiritual strength, stubborn will, great ability and high qualifications for an actual war, by thoroughly applying the spirit of the seventh conference of the training officers in the military activities and thus firmly guarantee the comprehensive development of the DPRK by force of arms.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Gives Field Guidance at Major Munitions Industry Enterprise

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance at a major munitions industry enterprise on June 13.

Also visiting the enterprise were Jo Yong Won, Kim Tok Hun, Ri Hi Yong, O Su Yong, Kim Jong Sik and other leading officials of the WPK Central Committee, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Choe Son Hui, foreign minister, Ko Pyong Hyon, chairman of the Second Economy Commission, Kim Yong Hwan, president of the Academy of Defence Sciences, commanding officers of the large combined units of the Korean People's Army and chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the WPK.

Making the rounds of various production sites of the enterprise, including press, rotator-press working mill and assembly workshops, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un learned in detail about shell production, capacity expansion and modernization projects in the first half of 2025.

He expressed great satisfaction over the high enthusiasm for patriotic deeds and struggle displayed by the workers at the enterprise, who are kindling the fierce flames of innovation by turning out as one in the drive to greet the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK and the Ninth Congress of the WPK with a proud success of increased military hardware production.

He praised the successes in the development of the enterprise, which has modernized itself on a high level by making a reasonable redistribution of the overall production lines in hearty response to the plan of the Party Central Committee on rapidly developing our defence industry into a world-class, advanced industry. He underscored the need to set development-oriented goals in order to meet the long-term demands of the developing national defence capabilities, and set forth new tasks to be carried out by the enterprise.

In order to satisfy all the requirements of the national defence strategy and increase the output of new-type powerful shells to meet the requirements of modern warfare, it is necessary to further expand and reinforce the production capacity, rearrange the production lines more reasonably and steadily raise the level of putting production





on an unmanned footing, he said, and advanced the tasks to this end.
The visitors accompanying him appreciated the cultured way of living of the workers in the munitions industry while looking round the ideological education bases in the educational district of the

enterprise where landscaping has been realized on a high level, and a hall of culture, comprehensive neighbourhood-serving amenities, modern childcare facilities and cosy houses in the living district of the workers.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Meets Secretary of Russian Security Council Sergei Shoigu

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met Sergei Shoigu on a visit to the DPRK leading a delegation of the Security Council of the Russian Federation upon authorization of Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, at the headquarters building of the WPK Central Committee on June 4.



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, gladly received Comrade Sergei Shoigu visiting Pyongyang again in just 70-odd days and had a friendly and trustworthy talk with him.

Sergei Shoigu, head of a delegation of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, courteously conveyed the friendly greetings from Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un expressed his deep thanks for it, and sent his warm comradely greetings to Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.

Shoigu conveyed the special thanks of the Russian leadership

for the matchless heroism and self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the Korean people's excellent sons who participated in the operations for liberating the Kursk area and defended the precious part of the Russian territory as they would do their own motherland, fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Russian soldiers in the same trench.

Kim Jong Un expressed his thanks for it.

Discussed in depth at the talk were a series of important matters for defending the common core interests by more solidly developing the special and firm comprehensive strategic partnership between the DPRK and Russia and items of mutual cooperation in different fields. Also exchanged in a broad way at the talk were views and opinions of the leaderships of the two countries on the development



of situation over the Ukrainian crisis and on the international and regional situations. The talk confirmed the consensus of stand of the two sides.

Kim Jong Un affirmed that the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would, in the future, too, unconditionally support the stand of Russia and its foreign policies in all the crucial international political issues including the Ukrainian issue and responsibly observe the articles of the treaty between the DPRK and Russia.

He expressed expectation and conviction that Russia would, as ever, surely win victory in the just and sacred cause for defending its national sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests.

Expressed at the talk was the will of the leaderships of the two countries to continue to dynamically expand and develop the DPRK-Russia relations into powerful and comprehensive relations of strategic partnership that fully conform to the national interests of the two countries and wellbeing of their peoples and contribute to realizing genuine international justice.

Kim Jong Un wished the Russian people eternal victory, prosperity and happiness and extended warm wishes to the respected President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, and the Russian government, army and people.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met on June 17 Comrade Sergei Shoigu who visited the DPRK again, leading a delegation of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, upon special authorization of Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation.



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, welcomed Comrade Sergei Shoigu who visited Pyongyang at a significant time of marking the first anniversary of the conclusion of the Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation and had a warm talk with him.

The talk made a re-appreciation of the important meaning of the conclusion of the treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries, and discussed the items of immediate cooperation and long-term plans for implementing the important matters agreed on by the heads of state of the two countries through the exchanges of personal letters over the recent several weeks.

Proceeding from a correct understanding of the special military operations and the current situation in the Kursk region, Kim Jong Un confirmed the contents of the DPRK's cooperation

within the range of the treaty between the two countries, approved the relevant plans and discussed in detail the ways of necessary cooperation.

The talk widely exchanged the views and opinions of the leaderships of the two countries on the issues of mutual concern including the complicated international and regional situations, and reached a consensus of opinion.

Kim Jong Un reaffirmed the steadfast option and will of the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to invariably and unconditionally support the policies of the Russian Federation on defending its national sovereignty and territorial integrity and the international justice against the imperialist moves for hegemony and to faithfully implement the articles of the treaty between the DPRK and Russia in the future, too.

He conveyed the noble respect and fraternal greetings of the Korean people to the esteemed Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich



Putin, president of the Russian Federation, and all the Russian people on the occasion of the first anniversary of the treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership between the DPRK and Russia, hoping that



there will always be a greater victory, prosperity and happiness in the future of powerful Russia.





Kim Il Sung who led the Fatherland Liberation War to victory

Iron-willed Brilliant Commander



The great victory the Korean people achieved in the Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953), which could be called a confrontation between a rifle and an atomic bomb, is ascribable to the Juche-oriented military ideas, art of command and adroit strategies and tactics of Comrade Kim Il Sung, ever-victorious and iron-willed commander.

On July 27, 1953, 72 years ago, the Korean people defeated the US imperialists in the Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953) and honourably safeguarded the dignity and sovereignty of their country.

It was a military miracle unprecedented in the history of human warfare that the young Democratic People's Republic of Korea, less than two years old, inflicted an ignominious defeat on the United States that had been boasting of being the "strongest" in the world.

The great victory the Korean people achieved in the war, which could be called a confrontation between a rifle and an atomic bomb, is ascribable to the Juche-oriented military ideas, strategies and

tactics and outstanding art of command of President Kim Il Sung.

Kim Il Sung frustrated the military and technical edge of the United States on the strength of the spiritual and moral supremacy of all the Korean people.

He created the original military idea that what plays a decisive role in war is not the weapons or other combat equipment but the man who handles them, and roused all the people to the fight for defending the sovereignty of the country and nation.

He ensured that political work was intensified so as to ensure that all soldiers were filled with confidence in the validity of their cause and victory in the war.



Kim Il Sung making a radio address, titled, *Go All Out for Victory in the War*, to all the Korean people in June 1950



Students and other young people volunteering for the front in response to the radio address by Kim Il Sung



Liberation of Seoul, the citadel of the enemy, through immediate counteroffensive, three days after the outbreak of the war



KPA soldiers hoisting the flag of the DPRK after liberating Seoul

In the radio address to all the Korean people on June 26, 1950 to cope with the surprise aggression war unleashed by the US imperialists, Kim Il Sung set forth militant tasks for winning victory in the war.

June 25, The US imperialists unleashed an aggression war against the DPRK.
1950

Under the leadership of Supreme Commander Kim Il Sung, the soldiers prepared themselves to be fighters strong in faith and performed heroic feats in all battles. A large number of soldiers sacrificed themselves for their one and only country: The artillerymen of a coastal battery armed with only four artillery pieces delayed the landing of 50 000 enemy troops for three days; the sailors sank the enemy's heavy cruiser with four torpedo boats; some soldiers blocked the enemy's pillboxes with their chests to ensure the advance

of their units; and a woman soldier crawled under an enemy tank with a bundle of grenades in her hands.

Kim Il Sung ensured that the KPA took the initiative in the war with adroit strategy and tactics and dealt a decisive blow to the enemy.

He turned the unfavourable war situations into favourable ones by employing outstanding strategy and tactics, like prompt counterattack to beat back the enemy's surprise invasion, formation



Kim Il Sung talking with the Heroes of the DPRK and model combatants in June 1951



Kim Il Sung talking with the soldiers at a pit-tunnelling site in October 1951

of a second front with regular army units, intensifying attacks on the enemy from behind, new-type counterattack warfare, tunnel warfare, a sniper's movement, movements of aircraft-hunting teams and tank hunters' teams, and assaulting actions.

The United States hurled two million troops and large amounts of military hardware into the Korean front, but suffered a great loss, nearly 2.3 times greater than that in the days of the Pacific War. It could not but kneel down before the Korean people, which meant the

first defeat in its aggressive wars numbering over 110.

The war clearly proved that the United States is never the strongest in the world and the army led by an iron-willed brilliant commander can defeat any aggressors equipped even with atomic bombs.

The followings are what the US ruling circles said:

The myth has been exploded. We were not as strong a nation as others thought us to be.

What is very clear is that the United States was undoubtedly



The KPA soldiers, who turned out in the fight for defending their country with a burning hatred against the aggressors, repulsed the US imperialists and defended their country at the cost of blood.



Kim Il Sung ratifying the armistice document after going over it in July 1953.

July 27, 1953

The heroic KPA won a great victory in the three-year war by displaying unexcelled bravery and self-sacrificing spirit.



Kim Il Sung acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers of the heroic KPA soldiers and people in July 1953, who won victory in the Fatherland Liberation War

defeated in Korea. There is no army strong enough to defeat them (the Korean People's Army).

The Korean people safeguarded their country in this three-year, do-or-die war, and their country became widely known as a heroic

nation, a miraculous nation, that prevented the outbreak of a new world war.

Text: Pak Kyong Chol





WARTIME POSTERS

During the Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953), decisive of the destiny of their country, the Korean people defended their country with honour.

Among them were painters like Jong Kwan Chol and Rim Hong Un. When the war broke out, they drew posters that could inspire



Jong Kwan Chol



Rim Hong Un

Jong Kwan Chol, Rim Hong Un and other painters created a number of posters during the war.



By Rim Hong Un in 1950

Poster *All Out to the Front for the Country!* created just three days after the start of the war greatly encouraged the people and soldiers to turn out in the sacred war to defend their country.



By O ThaeK Gyong in 1950



By Rim Hong Un in 1951



By Jong Kwan Chol in 1952



By Rim Hong Un in 1952

all the people to strive to defeat the US aggressors and defend their country.

Just three days after the start of the war, they created the poster *All Out to the Front for the Country!* which greatly encouraged the people to turn out in the sacred war.

Many other posters they produced could be seen on the front and

in the rear including the streets and villages in the liberated areas.

Even in the period of the strategic temporary retreat in the autumn of 1950, the painters continued to turn out posters.

In small dugouts, where they could hardly turn their bodies, they drew posters by the lamplight, making pigments by their own efforts. Many difficulties and ordeals faced them, but they were convinced



By Jong Kwan Chol in 1952



By Ho Yong in 1952



By Jong Kwan Chol in 1953

that the Korean people would surely emerge victorious in the war.

The posters they created instilled confidence in and optimism for victory into the minds of the people.

More than 70 years have passed since the V-day, but the feats

the painters performed to inspire the people to win the war are told

generation after generation.

Text: Kim Son Gyong



By Rim Hong Un in 1953

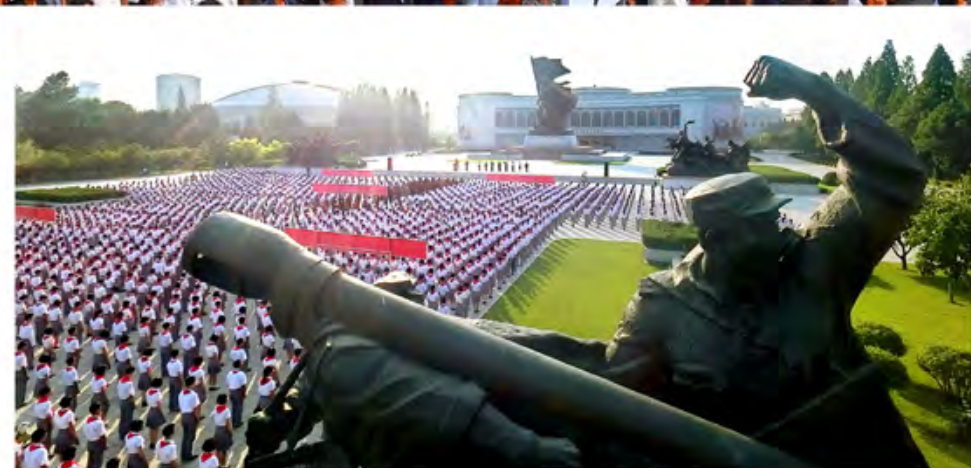


By Hyon Chung Sop in 1953



By Rim Hong Un in 1953

June 25: On Occasion of Day of Struggle against US Imperialism



On June 25, 1950 the US imperialists unleashed an aggression war against the DPRK. Whenever the day comes round, the Korean people renew their determination to take revenge on the enemies.

A mass rally took place in Sinchon, the place of history's indictment and source of surging determination of the Korean people for revenge, on June 25, the Day of Struggle against US Imperialism.

It was attended by senior Party and government officials, officials from working people's organizations, ministries and national agencies, and officials, working people, youth and students in South Hwanghae Province.

At the meeting, speakers, representing the Korean people's surging spirit of vengeance and their anti-US resistance will, bitterly denounced the thrice-cursed atrocities committed by the US imperialists and class enemies in their country and

expressed their firm determination to mercilessly smash the enemies' desperate moves and firmly defend their most righteous cause, beloved country and socialist system.

Similar rallies were held in Pyongyang, provinces, cities and counties on the

occasion of the day, which were followed by mass demonstrations.

Throughout the country, the working people, youth and students, and schoolchildren had meetings to pledge revenge.

On June 24, an art exhibition on the

theme of class education opened at the Pyongyang International House of Culture on the occasion of the Day of Struggle against US Imperialism.





International Children's Day Marked across Country

The children of the DPRK celebrated June 1 International Children's Day with great delight.

Artistic performances and colourful folk, sports and amusement games took place at Kyongsang Kindergarten, Changgwang Kindergarten, Pyongyang Orphanage, Pyongyang Baby Home, Pyongyang March 3 Nursery and other nurseries and kindergartens in Pyongyang.

Similar events were held in other parts of the country, including South and North Phyongan, South Hwanghae and South Hamgyong provinces and Nampho Municipality, enlivening the festive mood.

A meeting of children with disabilities took place at the extracurricular sports school gym in Taedonggang District, Pyongyang.

A joint friendship gathering took place at the Taesongsan Pleasure Park in Pyongyang.

Commercial service establishments, parks and pleasure grounds across the country were full of laughter of the children spending a pleasant and cheerful time with their parents.

Photo: Ri Chol Jin, Hwang Jong Hyok
Text: Kim Son Gyong





Joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations

Schoolchildren Celebrate 79th Founding Anniversary of KCU

Schoolchildren in the DPRK significantly celebrated the 79th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union.

Members of the KCU across the country visited the statues of the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il in different parts of the country to lay flower baskets, bouquets and flowers before paying tribute to them.

A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union

organizations took place in Pyongyang to celebrate the 79th founding anniversary of the KCU.

The stage of pride of the schoolchildren "March Forward Dynamically under the Unfurled Flag of the Children's Union!" took place at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace.

Schoolchildren's artistic performance "Let Us Always Be Ready for the Socialist Country!" was given at the Pyongyang Municipal



Stage of pride of the schoolchildren "March Forward Dynamically under the Unfurled Flag of the Children's Union!"



Schoolchildren's artistic performance "Let Us Always Be Ready for the Socialist Country!"



Youth Park Open-air Theatre.

Sports and amusement games of the participants in the celebrations of the 79th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union took place at the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium.

Schoolchildren's evening gala took place on the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace plaza.

Joint meetings, general membership meetings, meetings of

schoolchildren who distinguished themselves in displaying noble traits and pride-telling stages of KCU members took place, organized by the provincial, city and county youth league committees and KCU organizations of schools.

Artistic performances, dance parties and sports and amusement games of schoolchildren took place across the country, adding to the festive mood of the holiday.



Participants in the celebrations of the 79th founding anniversary of the KCU on their visit to Mangyongdae, the birthplace of President Kim Il Sung, and other places



Sports and amusement games of the participants in the celebrations of the 79th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union and the national exhibition of children's science fiction models and inventions-2025 took place.

Schoolchildren's evening gala



Tae'an Heavy Machine Complex

The Tae'an Heavy Machine Complex, a leading large-scale machine-building base in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is bringing about an upsurge in production.

Priority is given to the supply of raw and other materials to carry out the daily production plans.

Effective working methods and reasonable ideas are being introduced to improve the quality of products in every production line.

Regarding the strengthening of its technical forces as a key to production revitalization and its development, the complex is making constant efforts to this end.

Last year the sci-tech team of the complex developed and introduced a balance testing and measuring facility for large-sized bodies of revolution and introduced a new laser cutter into the iron-core production line. They are pushing ahead with the modernization of existing facilities under a year-by-year plan, thus contributing to reducing the time of processing and ensuring high precision of the products.

Technicians and skilled workers in the materials, sheet-metal processing, processing and other workshops are introducing



valuable innovation ideas into their production lines, promoting the production growth.

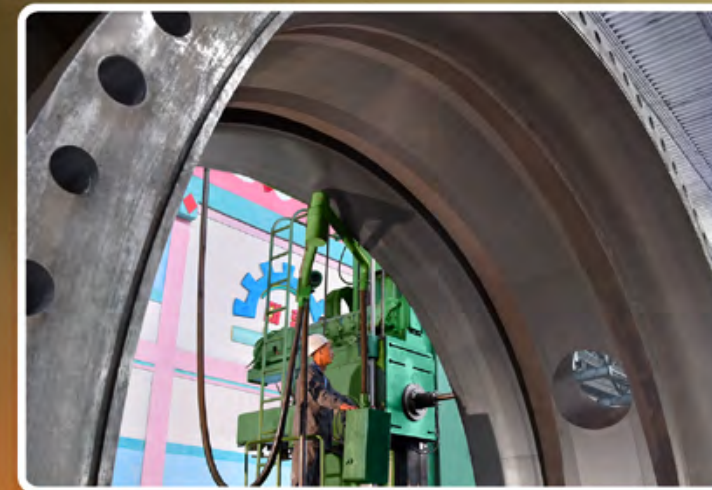
Every year the complex supplies various kinds of machine parts and equipment necessary for normalized production at many economic units, and steadily increases its production capacity by improving its business management.

In 2023 it was selected as one of the top ten enterprises in the country.

General Manager Ri Kwang Nam says, “By putting emphasis on modernizing production equipment and carrying it out in a planned way, my complex will produce more and better world-level generating facilities and major ordered equipment.”

With a determination to attain without fail the production goal for this year, all the employees are vigorously waging their creative struggle, building on the successes.

Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok
Text: Pak Ui Chol



The Taeon Heavy Machine Complex puts great emphasis on introducing technical innovation plans aimed at increasing the production capacities of the existing facilities, thus ensuring the steady growth of production.



RICH HARVEST OF EARLY CROPS



Wheat and barley farming is promising in the rural areas in different parts of the country, giving delight to those who see the crops heavily laden with grains.

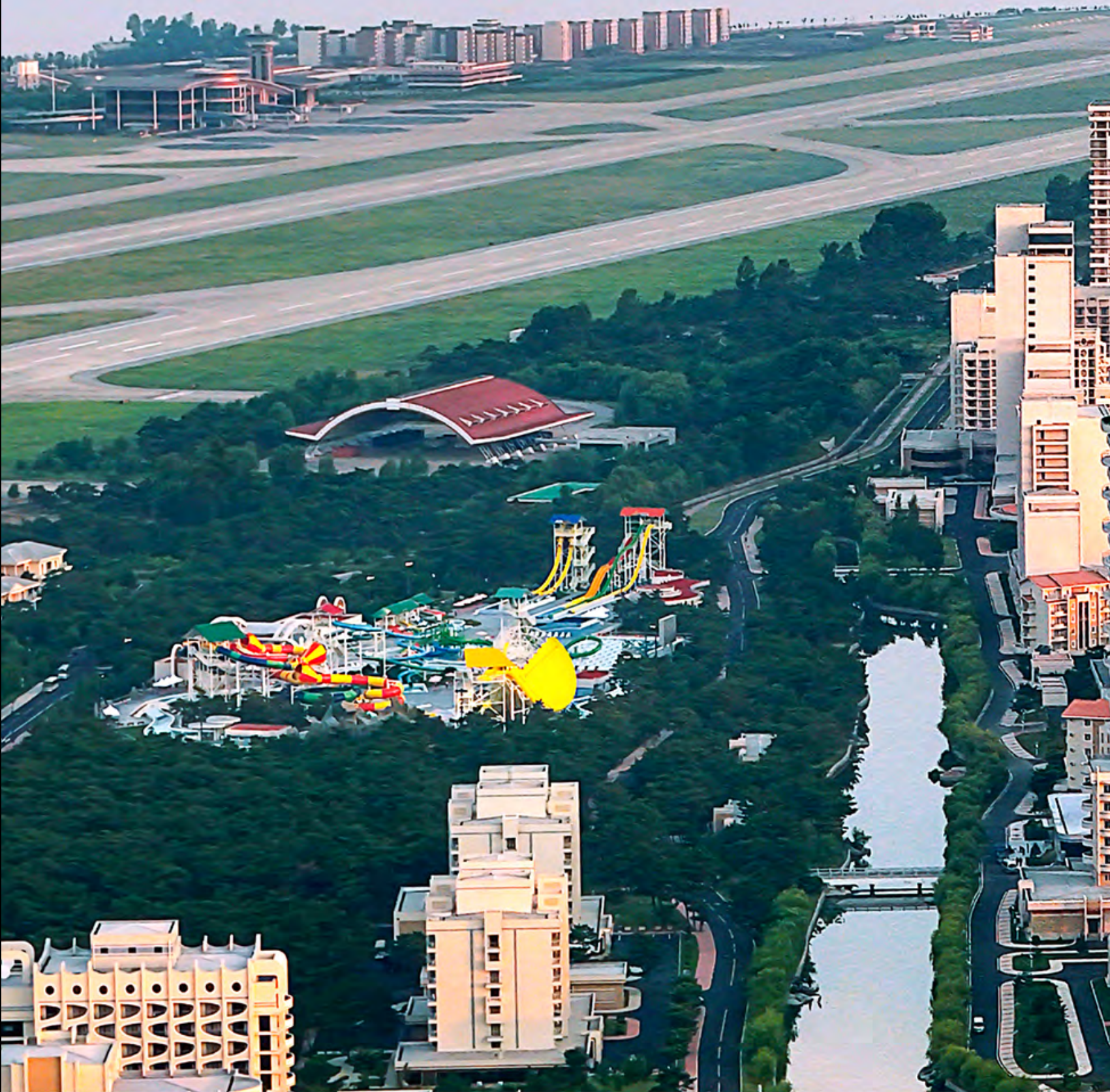
This is a fruition of the devoted efforts of the officials and workers in the agricultural sector, who have shed their sweat unsparingly for their cultivation with a determination to bring about an innovation in

the early crop production.

This news is giving confidence and optimism to the people in their struggle to glorify this year of marking the 80th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea with proud labour achievements.

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