

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects sites of reconstruction of flood-hit areas in North Phyongan Province

He highly praises brilliant feats and innovations of builders, decides to complete rehabilitation campaign before the WPK plenum to be held in December and gives detailed instructions

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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, inspected again sites of reconstruction of flood-hit areas in North Phyongan Province on November 4.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won and Ri Il Hwan, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, and

relevant cadres of the Central Committee of the WPK.

He was greeted by Ri Hi Yong, chief secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the WPK, and commanding officers of the Korean

People's Army units and the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade involved in the reconstruction project.

Thanks to the dynamic patriotic efforts of all the builders who rose up as one in hearty response to the militant call

of the WPK Central Committee to turn the flood-hit areas into ideal "cultured country town" by building dwelling houses as civilized and modern as those in cities, the flood-hit farm villages on islets of the northwestern part of the country

that suffered disasters are revealing their new appearances day after day to fully demonstrate the beautiful reality of the advantageous socialist system of the Korean style and instil confidence and optimism about the future.

Going round the areas under reconstruction in Ojok-ri of Uiju County and Hadan-ri of the city of Sinuiju, he learned in detail about the project.

He said that he always had a heavy heart for the memory of the heart-rending

sight of the flooded villages he had seen during the emergency rescue of the local people from flood risk just some months ago, but now he is really pleased to see

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sturdy banks and rural houses of various urban styles rising up competitively as they boast of their original form in the safe zone. We made a worthwhile and correct decision and have brought about a great change with our own efforts by believing in them, he said happily.

He highly praised the brilliant feats and innovations of the builders, expressing great satisfaction over the fact that the KPA, which has successfully fulfilled its sacred mission as the army of the Party and the people, and the young people, who have always lived up to the honourable reputation as the reliable reserve and pathfinder of the Party, are making remarkable successes in building with their unique courage, true to the call of the country and the revolution, at the reconstruction sites of the flood-hit areas, the forefront for defending the people.

We have come to believe in our strength

once again through the on-going huge rehabilitation campaign and I regard it as mental wealth more important than any other results. We are deeply experiencing our own tremendous strength once again and have become fairly convinced that the spirit of self-development and self-determination and the single-hearted unity of our society, in which all the people help and lead one another forward through a sacred patriotic struggle, are getting stronger.

We should take due pride in the one and only spirit and force which are exclusive to our great state in the world and which no one else can stop, and uninterruptedly create a prouder and more fulfilling future through the demonstration of the inexhaustible spirit and strength. We should make fine achievements as we have intended by continuously waging an all-out, honourable and patriotic campaign for the people who suffered misfortune and for healing the wounds of the country that suffered a natural disaster.

A good start is important in any work,

but a good ending is more important. The appraisal of the rehabilitation will be decided by how the remaining assignments are carried out.

He greatly encouraged the builders, calling on them to achieve greater innovative success in the concluding period by carrying on the intensive struggle with a heightened sense of responsibility, strenuous efforts and great courage.

Noting that it is necessary to reinforce the construction forces with more skilled workers and take some state measures in order to qualitatively finish the projects, he told officials to take relevant measures. And he decided to complete the rehabilitation campaign at the highest level before the Party plenary meeting to be held in December and gave them detailed instructions as to successfully accelerating the reconstruction project.

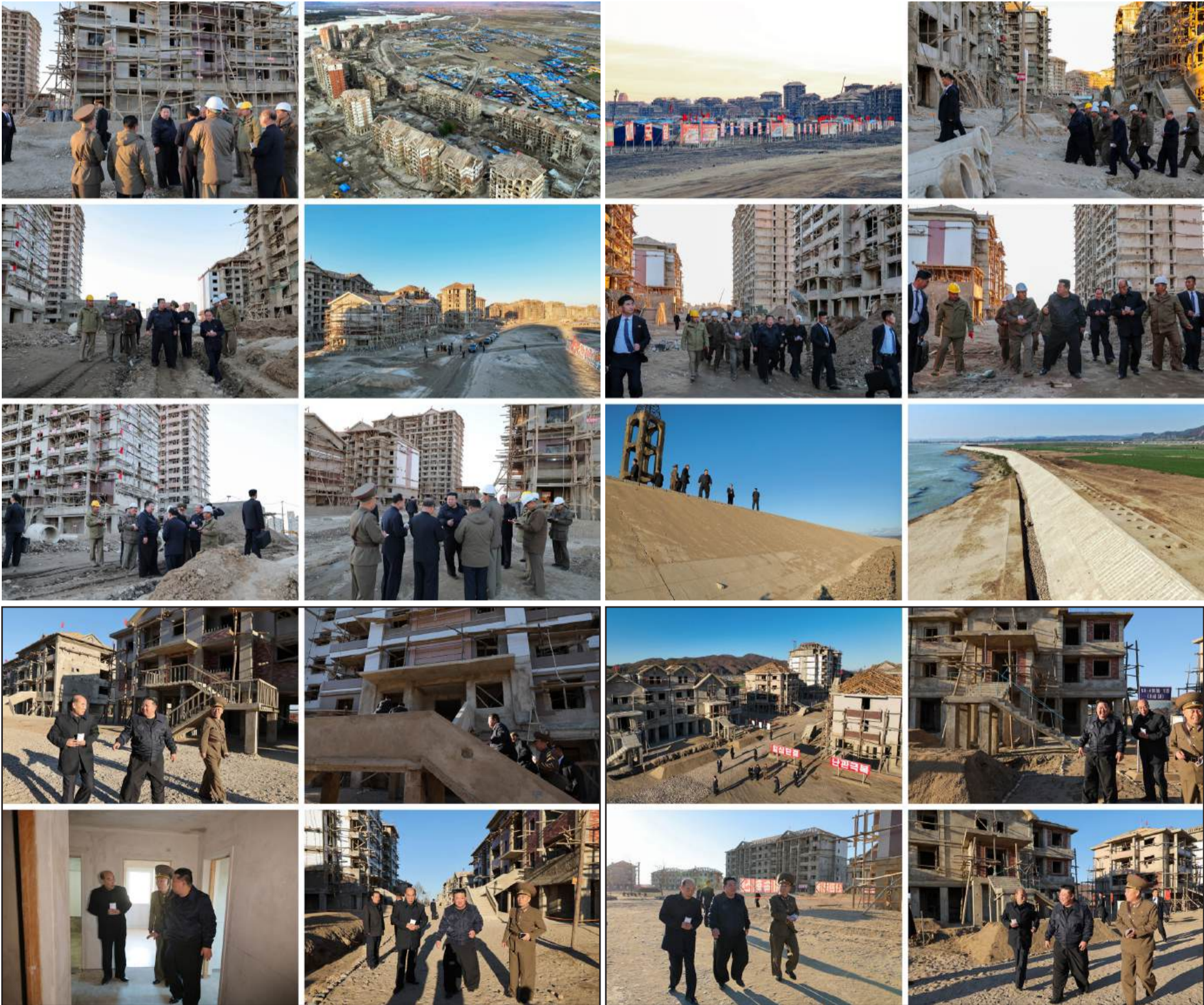
He continued to say:

The season has changed so soon after our young people and service personnel left for the reconstruction sites in hot

summer. In the meantime, a “cultured country town” has taken shape in the disaster-stricken areas which were covered with mud, and the change our young people brought about through their creative struggle is faster than the change of season.

Praising the young people and service personnel once again for having done a great deal of work to be honourable before the country and the times, he affirmed that a history of tremendous change would soon be written in the area thanks to the indomitable struggle of the dependable builders who dedicate their patriotic sweat to every structure.

All the builders, who have risen up once again to attain the goal of sacred struggle with redoubled ambitious pluck and fighting spirit that they can lift even the earth as they are trusted by Kim Jong Un, were filled with a firm determination to create a new legendary tale of world-startling construction miracles in the flood-hit areas.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends gifts to builders involved in reconstruction of flood-hit areas in North Phyongan Province



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Members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade, service personnel and other builders, who are writing a new history of sea changes and creating a new civilization in the flood-hit areas of the northwestern part of the country, received gifts associated with the warm love of the benevolent father.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the builders, who are making devoted efforts for the reconstruction of the flood-hit areas, are vanguard fighters in the honourable struggle for the great people our Party holds in high esteem as heaven. Always paying close attention to their health and life, he visited the reconstruction sites in these areas and took important measures for ensuring the builders' living conditions. And this time he sent them seasonal necessities.

On November 4 and 5, there took place ceremonies for conveying the gifts sent by Kim Jong Un to the builders involved

in the reconstruction of flood-hit areas in North Phyongan Province.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, Ri Il Hwan and Pak Thae Song, secretaries of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the Party and power organs in North Phyongan Province, leading officials of the reconstruction headquarters and builders.

Speeches were made at the ceremonies.

Noting that Kim Jong Un sent gifts to the builders who are performing great feats with indomitable courage and fighting spirit, responding to the call of the Party with ardent patriotic enthusiasm, the speakers said that busy as he is dealing with a great many of important Party and state affairs, he is always thinking of those who are building places of happiness for the people in the flood-hit areas.

They said that the reconstruction sites in the flood-hit areas in the city of Sinuiju and Uiju County are a major thrust area of

key importance in successfully winding up the reconstruction campaign, and that a very important issue—whether to successfully complete this year's struggle for valiantly ushering in a new era of national rejuvenation or not—hinges on the efforts of the builders. They called for successfully building new houses and villages and durable embankments on the flood-stricken land, thus demonstrating once again to the whole world the vitality and advantages of socialism that is being further consolidated in adversity.

The gifts were handed over amid the enthusiastic applause by the participants.

Vowing speeches were made.

The speakers expressed their great excitement of having received gifts associated with the warm affection of the benevolent father, who takes care of all his people with his warm affection.

They said that the noble image of Kim Jong Un, who mapped out a gigantic reconstruction plan to relieve

the people in the afflicted areas of their inconveniences as early as possible and personally attended the ceremony marking the departure of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade and bestowed deep trust in them, is plucking at the heartstrings of all the people.

They vowed to build all the structures into model entities representing the Party's policy for regional development and socialist civilization in the new era, bearing deep in mind the paternal loving care and affection shown by him.

The meetings fully displayed the unshakable will of all the builders who are determined to defend the absolute prestige of the Party Central Committee and fully display the advantages of Korean-style socialism centred on the masses of the people by performing new miracles in construction that will overwhelm the destructive force of nature at any cost with their patriotic enthusiasm and through a courageous struggle.

Socialism is lifeblood of DPRK people

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Socialism is the lifeblood of the DPRK people.

This is because socialism is a country for ordinary workers, farmers and other working people.

Several decades ago, a meeting of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held suddenly. The agenda item was related to the labour protection conditions of a mine. Many officials and workers regarded it as an inevitable matter, but Chairman Kim Jong Il regarded it as a matter of view of the people and dealt with it seriously.

When the chief secretary of the provincial committee of the Workers' Party of Korea,

who was criticized at the meeting, said to Kim Jong Il that he was very sorry for failing to work properly, the Chairman said that he should apologize to workers, not asking for his forgiveness, adding that the premier and himself, to say nothing of the chief secretary, should kneel down and apologize to the workers for making them work under such conditions.

The following day, there took place a meeting for apology as an extension of the meeting at the mine.

Thanks to the outlook of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who values the people most in the world, a hostel of such ordinary working people as weavers and cultural and welfare facilities were built as nicely

as parks and palaces, so that they can work merrily singing songs. This is the reality of the DPRK.

Ordinary workers and farmers are elected deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly to discuss the state affairs and exercise their political rights.

Last year, too, Kim Jong Un personally participated in the election of deputies to provincial, city and county people's assemblies and voted for Kim Chung Hyok, manager of the Songun Foundry of the Ryongsong Machine Complex who was a candidate for deputy to the South Hamgyong Provincial People's Assembly, Ri Chol Hak, manager of Machine Workshop No. 3 of the Ryongsong Machine

Complex who was a candidate for deputy to the Hamhung City People's Assembly, and Rim Chol, deputy director of the Haeon District Statistics Department who was a candidate for deputy to the Haeon District People's Assembly in Hamhung, and encouraged them to become genuine representatives of the people and their true servants who strive to defend and satisfy their rights and demands.

The people-centred socialist system in which the people are masters of the country and everything serves them is not a political expression or a phrase for propaganda.

The DPRK now builds dwelling houses on a large scale to provide them to the

people free of charge.

The ten-year revolution for regional development also reflects the noble idea of fulfilling the centuries-old desire of the Korean people.

Besides, the people live under the benefits of the state which cannot be counted for money.

The buildings for children and people are located in the best places of the country and they are called after the word "people".

It is Korean socialism where they are treated preferentially as they are the people and workers.

At the meeting with many people who suffered flood damage last August, the respected General Secretary said that flood victims deserve the warmest hospitality and

due services only for the great role of reliably supporting the Party and state and the proud sense of being masters who will shoulder the future of the country.

Though they had been left homeless after experiencing unexpected disaster, they cherished deeper trust in the Party and the socialist country, looking up to Kim Jong Un, who came to the dangerous places of disasters for them and showed them warm paternal affection repeatedly.

Like this, for the Korean people, socialism is their life and everything, not merely an ideal.

That is why they devote their all to the struggle for a greater victory of the socialist cause.

DPRK Foreign Minister visits Russian Federation

Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui meets Russian President

KCNA DPRK Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui, on an official visit to the Russian Federation, met with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, at Kremlin, Moscow, on November 4. Choe Son Hui courteously conveyed warm comradely greetings of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to Vladimir Putin. Putin asked her to convey his warm greetings to the two countries and reaffirmed the will to further cement the DPRK-Russia friendship that has been put on a track of new comprehensive development. They had a good talk over many undertakings for steadily developing the relations between

Press statement on strategic dialogue between DPRK and Russian foreign ministers released



A ceremony is held at Yaroslavl Railway Station on November 1 to unveil a commemorative plaque to the first visit of Comrade Kim Il Sung, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in March 1949.

KCNA A press statement on strategic dialogue between Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Sergei Viktorovich Lavrov, foreign minister of the Russian Federation, in Moscow on November 1. Prior to the strategic dialogue, the two foreign ministers attended a ceremony held at Yaroslavl Railway Station to honour the first visit of Comrade Kim Il Sung, premier of the DPRK Cabinet, to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in March 1949. At the strategic dialogue, there was an in-depth exchange of views on the practical issues for development of the bilateral relations, with the emphasis put on implementing the agreements reached at the DPRK-Russia summit meeting during the DPRK visit

between Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, and Sergei Viktorovich Lavrov, foreign minister of the Russian Federation, in June. Both sides reaffirmed their firm will to correctly implement the provisions of the treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership which put the traditional DPRK-Russia friendly relations qualitatively on a new level. The exchange of views on major international issues confirmed that the two sides are unanimous in their assessment of the present international situation. The two sides expressed the common understanding that the root cause of ever-escalating tensions in the Korean peninsula, Northeast Asia and other parts of the world lies in the provocations of the US and its vassal countries. The Russian side expressed full support for the measures taken by the DPRK leadership to deter the US and its allies from pursuing the policy of aggression and to ensure regional peace and stability. The strategic dialogue marked an important occasion substantially contributing to comprehensively expanding and developing the bilateral relations in conformity with the comprehensive strategic partnership between the DPRK and the Russian Federation. The foreign ministers of the DPRK and Russia agreed to hold more dialogues between external policy organs of the two countries at different levels, including the ministerial strategic dialogue.

DPRK Foreign Minister lays wreath at Tomb of Unknown Soldier

KCNA DPRK Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui, on a visit to the Russian Federation, and her party laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier beside the Kremlin walls on November 1. Andrei Rudenko, deputy foreign minister of the Russian Federation, and other Russian officials accompanied her. A wreath in the name of the DPRK Foreign Minister was laid at the tomb. Written on the ribbon of the wreath were letters reading: "To the unknown soldiers". The participants paid a moment's silence in memory of the soldiers who had fallen in the sacred war to annihilate fascism. During their stay in Moscow, Choe Son Hui and her party visited different places in the city.

DPRK top diplomat back home

KCNA Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and her party returned home on November 6 after paying an official visit to the Russian Federation. They were greeted at Pyongyang International Airport by Vice Foreign Minister Kim Jong Gyu and Russian Ambassador to the DPRK Alexandr Matsegora.

NEWS IN BRIEF

KCNA Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends birthday spread to centenarian of Pidan-ri, Kumya County, South Hamgyong Province, on her 100th birthday. Officials of the Kumya County Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and villagers visited her family to congratulate her. She and her family and relatives expressed heartfelt gratitude for the loving care shown by Kim Jong Un who

sent a birthday spread even to an ordinary old woman. Flour food show runs on A national wheat flour food show is going on after it started at the Chongchun Restaurant in Pyongyang on November 5. The show has brought together 50 public catering establishments selected from ministries, national agencies and all the provinces and the Pyongyang municipal committee of the women's union. It includes a flour food show and technical exchange (including sale) and a flour food cooking demonstration by cooks and housewives. 2024 national table-tennis open begins The 2024 National Open Table-Tennis Tournament began in the DPRK. The tournament has brought together more than 200 table-tennis experts and fans from

different parts of the country. They will complete in the men's and women's singles of experts and fans, men's and women's singles of fans (under 45 years old and over 46 years old) and men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles with experts and fans in groups. An opening ceremony took place at the Table-Tennis Gymnasium on Chongchun Street in Pyongyang on November 3. Present there were Hong Myong Ryong, general manager of the Korea National Insurance Corporation who doubles as chairman of the table-tennis association, officials of the association, players and others. An address was made at the ceremony. Then, there took place group league matches of mixed doubles and men's and women's singles matches of experts and fans.

Greenhouse farms gather in bumper harvests



The vegetable production plan is overfulfilled at the Kangdong Combined Greenhouse Farm.

By Kim Il Jin PT

A sea of fresh green vegetables has unfolded in large-scale vegetable production bases built in recent years one after another, contributing to improving the people's diet.

The Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm produces various kinds of tasty and nutritious vegetables in large quantities, giving joy to inhabitants of South Hamgyong Province.

It increased the output of such vegetables as bok choy, cabbage, hot pepper and cucumber 1.2 times by applying scientific farming methods.

In close cooperation with relevant units the farm raised productivity by using lighting devices of different colours at the production sites and established a recycling system of nutrient solution in greenhouses. And it introduced the cylindrical vegetable cultivation device, installed a large number of cultivation pots and made effective botanical chemicals to put greenhouse vegetable production on a scientific and intensive basis at a

higher level, thus providing a guarantee for increasing the per-hectare yield. The farmers increased the yield at hydroponic greenhouses by applying nutrient liquid and managing environment according to varieties on a scientific basis while ensuring good harvests of vegetables at soil greenhouses by manuring and cultivating them on a scientific basis. The farm built a biopesticide production base to minimize the damage by harmful insects and updated the intelligent integrated production system to monitor and manage production processes and elements in a more detailed way.

The Jungpyong Greenhouse Farm exchanged and shared successes and experience of the units and employees who took the lead in the manuring and cultivation of vegetables and ensured they led to good production results. And it introduced technical innovation plans for the employment of advanced cultivation techniques by using the cylindrical vegetable cultivation device

while giving precedence to the introduction of vegetable seeds of improved varieties. As a result, it doubled the production of vegetables by introducing eight cylindrical vegetable cultivation devices at Block No. 74. Sci-tech achievements were made such as the introduction of the device for collecting and recycling nutrient solution into tens of blocks of hydroponic greenhouse to reduce the production costs. The farm also increased the production of vegetables by making effective use of all spaces including the greenhouse walls and footpaths. It directed efforts to the production of functional vegetables while increasing the production of fruit vegetables including watermelon, melon, and tomato and leaf vegetables including bok choy and celery by selecting and distributing vegetable varieties properly.

The Kangdong Combined Greenhouse Farm overfulfills its monthly and quarterly vegetable production plans to supply more vegetables to the citizens of Pyongyang.

The residents of

neighbourhood unit No. 37 in Ryonhwa-dong No. 1 of Central District, Pyongyang, said that Kangdong vegetables taste especially good as they are produced at the singular greenhouse farm.

The farm has continued to produce large quantities of vegetables including cucumbers, tomatoes and

bok choy since it harvested the first crop grown by introducing advanced cultivation methods to suit the characteristics of greenhouses. The general control room provides a reliable guarantee for vegetable production by automatically controlling optimized environment

management and vegetable nutrition management according to the types of greenhouses. Nutrient liquid production and supply bases in different parts of the farm provide necessary nutrient solutions periodically and regularly without hitch in the growth of vegetables.



Fresh green vegetables from the Kangdong Combined Greenhouse Farm are supplied to the citizens of Pyongyang.

15th Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 commodity exhibition held

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The exhibition was aimed at modernizing production processes at consumer goods production units across the country and further improving the quality of products on the principle of producing small quantities of goods in various kinds,

said Kim Kwang Su, a section chief of the Ministry of Commerce. "The quality of products has improved remarkably, but their prices have been lowered."

The 15th commodity exhibition of Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 took place at the department store from October 29 to November 5.

Each booth bearing the name of a production unit was filled with products favoured by customers.

The Yua General Foodstuff Factory presented more than 1 500 articles in 224 kinds. Among them, the instant noodles with the taste of beef rib attracted the attention of many visitors for its chewy and hot taste. The factory displayed more than ten kinds of breads including cow's milk bread, adzuki table bread, butter table bread and sugar-free yeast bread. They were specially refined in packaging and tasty as well.

The O-il General Health Drink Factory brought out aloe juice, strawberry cheese milk, composite juice milk, lemon vitamin milk and other products. As the green tea and Japanese apricot juice contains various organic acids, the regular drinking by office workers is good for the relief from fatigue and protection of the body and it is pure in taste.

Chon Man Bok living in neighbourhood unit No. 63 of Chonghwa-dong No. 1, Hwasong District, Pyongyang said she purchased orange milk sugar and vitamin nutritious biscuits sold by the Songdowon General Foodstuff Factory and all her family members liked them. She added that her daughter, who would not eat snacks in the past, took this snack deliciously and that she wondered how the factory could know the taste of such

children as mine.

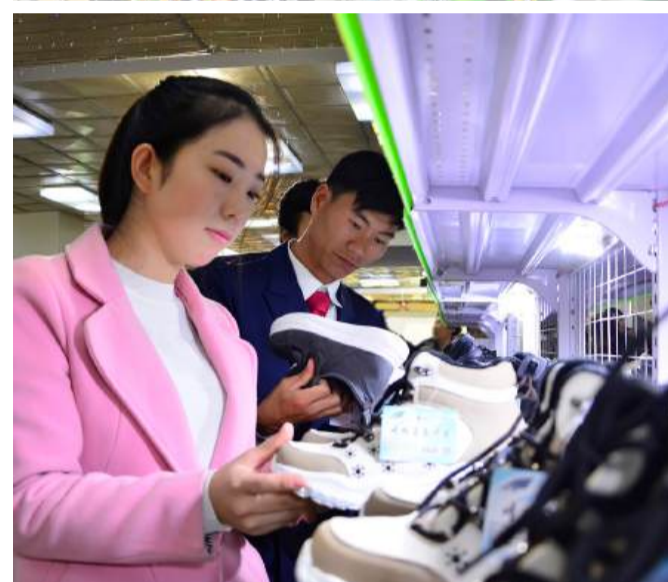
The booth of the Wonsan Leather Shoes Factory was the most popular like in the previous shoes show.

The factory presented over 8 000 pairs of men's and women's leather shoes, trainers and shoes for children in 20 kinds which underwent remarkable improvement in quality. It introduced a new sewing method into the shoetree production of male leather shoes and produced various kinds of women's trainers in different colours and shapes by using polyvinyl chloride based on emulsion polymerization. Hong Il Gwang, a staffer of the factory, said that their products are featured by diversity, lightness and solidity.

The Pyongyang Leather Shoes Factory, the Pothonggang Footwear Factory and other shoe-making units put on display light and attractive shoes in diverse shapes, colours and patterns.

August 3 consumer goods took the lion's share of the exhibition.

The Jagang Provincial Natural Health Products Production Company presented more than 12 varieties of honey products and 30 000 medicinal herb products in 36 kinds. Among them, the dandelion powder is rich in nutrients, microelement, saponin, oil, organic acids, etc. and is most effective in the treatment of



The 15th commodity exhibition of Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 is held between October 29 and November 5. PAK KWANG HUN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

National exhibition of processed marine products-2024 opens

By Han Jong Ho PT

The national exhibition of processed marine products-2024 is going on at the Pyongyang Underground Store from November 1 under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Fisheries.

On display there are over 200 kinds of products produced by more than 110 units across the country, including the Sinpho Deep-sea Fishing Complex, Kalma Foodstuff Factory and Kumsanpho Fish Pickling Factory, and data on dozens of scientific research achievements.

Various kinds of products produced by the Hungnam Taesong General Fishery Enterprise, the Sinpho Fish Cannery, the Sinpho City Foodstuff Factory and many other units have made the exhibition conspicuous and delighted visitors.

The Kalma Foodstuff Factory, a model of marine



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products processing base which had been inspected by General Secretary Kim Jong Un, exhibits over 20 kinds of products including dried walleye pollack, salted pollack roes, salted squids and slices of squid flesh.

Eye-catchers are such instant foods as boiled rice and walleye pollack milt soup, rice boiled with clam

and rice boiled with codfish roes.

An Sol Hyang, staffer of the factory, said the boiled rice and walleye pollack milt soup contains instant rice, dried milt, seasonings and spice and can be eaten soon after pouring hot water over it. Those who have tried it come to buy it again, saying it tastes good, and it is especially popular

with housewives, the staffer added.

Visitors purchase pickled fish most.

Every participating unit exhibits a variety of pickled products. A crowd-puller is the booth of the Kumsanpho Fish Pickling Factory. The factory turns out pickled fish, clam and so on distinctively with various kinds of fishes from the West

Sea of Korea and it displays various pickled products such as salted anchovies, Pacific sand launces and pepper-hot tiny shrimps in the exhibition.

Processed goods made of marine products from offshore farms in different parts of the country are also popular.

The Pyongyang Taesong Laver Processing Factory



exhibits over 30 kinds of products made of laver and tangle produced at the offshore farms in the West Sea of Korea. Among them, roasted laver of high nutritional value, Pacific sand launce powder and so on are in great demand.

Kim Kwang Bok, section chief of the Ministry of Fisheries, said that the exhibition is aimed at exchanging and sharing sci-tech achievements and experience in the production of a lot of processed marine products across the country, increasing their varieties and improving their quality.

According to the participants, they have come to know well through the exhibition which products people favour and demand and they are determined to present more diverse and tastier products in the next exhibition.

Nation set to improve quality of medical service

By Jong Chol PT

The work to further improve the quality of medical service is gaining momentum.

A noticeable thing is the expansion and introduction of the emergency medical service control system in different parts of the country.

At present, an emergency command post has been set up in every province and accordingly a work system has been established to control and guide the emergency medical service at provincial-, city- and county- (district) level hospitals and the lowest treatment and preventive institutions in a unified way and the system is in full operation.

Kangwon Province has pressed on with the work to enhance the role of provincial emergency command post



Renovated Mannyon Pharmacy contributes to improving the health of people. RODONG SINMUN



respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited two years ago when the top emergency anti-epidemic system was put into operation, was renovated and started operation in August this year.

Standard pharmacies are being built not only in the capital but also in other parts of the country.

staff and the work to enlist medical workers, who are tasked with grasping the situations of curative and preventive institutions, in the introduction of an advanced medical service system so as to take stock of problems arising there and take immediate necessary measures. By doing so, it ensures that the validity of the work is fully displayed.

South Hamgyong Province has established a scrupulous work system so that not only

public health institutions but also different means, which are located near the scene of emergency, can be introduced effectively into emergency medical service.

It also intentionally organized training at a higher hospital to improve the clinical qualifications of medical workers and provided them with conditions for receiving technical lectures of the central hospital medical team through the telemedicine system.

As a result, the general level of emergency medical service has been raised, and a foundation has been laid for scientifically guaranteeing the lives and safety of the people. Shortly ago, the provincial people's committee has conducted a demonstration for public health officials of other similar committees.

The construction of standard pharmacies is also progressing on a nationwide scale.

After setting the size of standardized pharmacy according to the population and characteristics of the relevant regions, Pyongyang Municipality organized work scrupulously to finish the construction project in a short span of time, thus completing the construction of standard pharmacies in districts and counties of the city.

As the renovation of existing pharmacies was also pushed forward, the Mannyon Pharmacy, which the

The construction of standard pharmacies has been completed in South Phyongan and South Hwanghae provinces and preparations for their operation are progressing at the final stage.

A standard pharmacy in Sunam District of Chongjin, is being built as a provincial model in North Hamgyong Province by drawing on the experience gained in building such a pharmacy in Kilju County.

Affectionate appellation 'Our doctor'



A household doctor of the Inhung Polyclinic in Moranbong District visits residents to treat them. KIM YONG CHAN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Ri Sang Il PT

Every DPRK citizen has a doctor in charge. Such doctor is called household doctor.

Doctors in charge of households devote their sincerity to the health care of residents, while keeping up with their health.

The same is the case with the household doctors at the Inhung Polyclinic in Moranbong District, Pyongyang.

The clinic provides medical service in a more rational and efficient way by introducing an advanced information system for residents' health care and enhancing the role of such doctors.

"The residents' healthcare information system contains the

data about all the inhabitants of Inhung-dong and Minhung-dong we are in charge of. The data shows whether they have chronic diseases and details the information about their viability and familial and genetic predispositions, vaccination, diagnosis, treatment, visits to the clinic, and doctors' sick calls and treatment. It also describes in detail the illnesses inhabitants got in their childhoods, their taste and so on," said Ryang Sam Ok, head of the clinic.

Saying this information system is now very effective in the treatment of patients, she added that when any resident loses consciousness or suffers an accident and is transferred to any hospital and if his or her name is confirmed, his or her information

is transmitted to the hospital to help treat the patient.

Household doctors use the system to acquaint themselves in detail with their residents and conduct regular medical check-ups and treatment activities, thus reducing the incidence of diseases. They spend hectic days.

When there is an emergency call, they rush to the family immediately to acquaint themselves with the conditions of the patient and give first aid or refer him or her to hospital.

Some days ago, when a 91-year-old war veteran Choe Yun Guk living in neighbourhood unit No. 76 in Inhung-dong No. 2, suddenly lost consciousness, household doctor Kim Jong Sim treated him with devotion for several days to restore him to health.

According to Kim Un Sim living in neighbourhood unit No. 82 in Minhung-dong, when she and her husband went on a business trip, leaving her ailing mother at home, their household doctor visited their home almost every day to observe her health and when she was in a critical condition due to heart failure, the doctor brought her to hospital in time to enable her to receive medical assistance from heart specialists.

The inhabitants affectionately call their household doctors "our doctor" as they are devoted to the health care of the residents, especially war veterans, discharged officers, honoured disabled soldiers and expectant and nursing mothers.

Common knowledge

Horticultural therapy good for health

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

Horticulture is largely divided into family horticulture, production horticulture, and facility horticulture.

The horticulture in families often includes growing of plants and tending of flowerpots.

The promotion of health through horticultural activities is called horticultural therapy in the professional field.

The therapy is a supplementary treatment method which trains mind and body and improves health by encouraging patients to take part in various horticultural activities like growing plants and enjoying the colours and fragrances of plants in the natural environment. It is said to have very important effects on promoting health and longevity and preventing and treating diseases.

In addition, although the work and exercise therapies, which are often adopted, have relatively rapid effects, they are so mechanical and repetitive that they are burdensome and boring to patients. But the horticultural therapy involves a variety of activities that are helpful to treating different functional disorders all together.

This therapy includes the plant cultivation activities such as fertilization, shaping and insect-killing, flower handicraft activities including flower arrangement in a vase, dry-flower making and flower decoration and visit to botanical gardens.

Researchers in a country discovered that when people

conduct horticultural activities for 1 or 1.5 hours a day, they can improve their mental and physical conditions. It has been clearly confirmed that they become healthier three months later.

It was also found out that 30 minutes of horticultural activities per day was more pleasant than doing an exercise in a exercise room.

Proper horticultural activities and walking can reduce the risk of heart diseases and increase lifespan.

In a survey conducted by researchers on large numbers of people, the majority answered that horticultural activities improved physical constitution, and more than a half said that they felt refreshed after horticultural activities. In particular, it has been reported that arm and thigh muscle contractions have been alleviated from a constitutional point of view.

The horticultural therapy has a slower effect than conventional treatment methods, but its combination with medical treatment has a higher therapeutic effect, while requiring lower costs of treatment, having no side effects and having a wider application as garden plants are used.

These days, the horticultural therapy has been applied to urban gardening to ensure the interdependence and amalgamation of man, gardening and city, and new gardening fields such as horticultural therapy gardening, health gardening and patient gardening have been explored through collaborative research among experts in different sectors.

Guided by conscience

By To Kyong Chol PT

The Pyongyang Municipal Power Distribution Station is taking the lead in the work for supporting education.

Thanks to the sincere support of its employees for education, the windows of Pyongyang Teachers Training College were all changed with double windows and Moranbong Middle School No. 1 was splendidly renovated.

And they newly covered the roof of Pyongyang College of Electric Engineering with neat steel sheets, replaced desks and chairs of its classrooms and laboratories with new ones and furnished it with a complete set of school fixtures.

They also covered the playground with artificial grass and renovated its dormitory, bathroom and other cultural and welfare

facilities.

They continued to cover the playgrounds of Singan Primary School in Hyongjesan District and other schools with artificial grass and provide over a dozen schools with new equipment needed for their informatization, teaching aids and furnishings and sports apparatuses.

All employees of the station say that they did what they had to do because education is an important undertaking for their future.

"I am a Labour Hero and deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly," Ko Song Dok, manager of the station, introduced himself before telling the following story:

There is Tongan Primary School in Central District near the station.

One day, when he was on his way back to his office after looking round the

workplaces, Ko saw many people who were passing by stop by the school fence and watch something interesting.

A sporting event was at its height in the playground of the school.

The games of schoolchildren were so interesting that he joined the onlookers unawares.

They clapped the young players and shouted at them to run faster as the opponents were at their heels. And suddenly the voices of many supporters died away.

The front-runner of a race fell, injuring his knees and elbows.

The game was stopped, teachers and students came to help him and rushed him to the hospital. The moment he heard the voices of those who were at a loss as they could find no way to help them while feeling regret, Ko was

filled with shame.

It was so difficult for him to free himself from guilty conscience that a few days later when all the employees got together he opened his heart, telling them what he had seen and what he had thought about it.

He criticized himself frankly, saying that whenever the Party and government policies for children were

adopted as laws, he approved them by raising the certificate of deputy, but he did nothing for their implementation as a deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly and that he was not eligible for a deputy to the SPA. And then he appealed to all employees to contribute, though little, to the future of the country as its citizens.

As their first undertaking,

they laid artificial grass on the playground of Tongan Primary School in Central District.

From that time on, the officials and employees of the station have actively tapped latent reserves, made it a duty to save as much as possible and actively joined the effort to offer assistance to education regarding it as their own affair.



The employees of the Pyongyang Municipal Power Distribution Station and educators of Pyongyang College of Electric Engineering feast their eyes on the improved appearance of the college. RODONG SINMUN

Twenty-odd enlistment certificates in a family

By Kil Chung Il PT

There are 20-odd enlistment certificates of the Korean People's Army in the family of Ju Yong Hui living in neighbourhood unit No. 30 of Munsu-dong No. 3 in Taedonggang District, Pyongyang. She showed me an old thick book, and said:

"The story about the enlistment certificates of my family is related to this memoirs of my father."

Veteran's memoirs

Her father, Ju Hak Song, was a career serviceman standing at the post of national defence all his life. On the first page of his memoirs, the veteran wrote: "I keenly felt the preciousness of the country throughout my life. I grabbed this pen to implant in the mind of my children and other rising generations the spirit of national defence displayed by our brave soldiers during the Fatherland Liberation War."

He was a son of a poor peasant's family who had been a landlord's farm hands generation after generation, and he experienced the sorrow of the ruined people more than anyone else. After Korea's liberation from Japanese military rule, his parents and other villagers received land gratis and wept tears of joy. In order to defend such precious land, he joined the Korean People's Army in February 1950, some months before the outbreak of the war. To pass a physical, he filled his pockets with stones to increase his

body weight. During the war, he was wounded in a battle to defend a height and witnessed the heroic death of his comrades-in-arms in tears of blood. Honouring their earnest request all his life, he served as an officer for decades after the war.

He got all his seven children to serve the army.

Increasing number of enlistment certificates

His family came to have pride as they put up the enlistment certificates of the seven children one by one on the wall.

When his eldest daughter, Ju Yong Hui, graduated from university, he told her that even women can carry on their family line, that sons

and daughters have the same status in the defence of their country and that everyone should regard national defence as the highest expression of patriotism.

As told by his father, Ju Yong Hui served as an army surgeon at a forefront post. Her younger brothers also joined the army one after another and her younger sisters got married to servicemen after their demob. Later, the children of her brothers and sisters grew up and joined the army in 40 years. As a result, the number of enlistment certificates grew from seven to more than 20.

The family members liken the increasing number of the certificates to the bloodstream that runs through generations.

The war veteran's sons- and daughters-in-law are or were officers and soldiers.

Seeing her grandchildren frolicking around on holidays, birthdays and other occasions when her relatives get together, Ju Yong Hui remembers the past happenings and imagines that the number of enlistment certificates would increase, she said.

On the occasion of army founding day and war victory day, she and her siblings visit army posts with aid materials prepared with sincerity.

"Now I am 67. As I grow older, I feel more deeply that it is my duty to hand the baton of national defence to my descendants by upholding the tradition of our military family," said Ju.



Ju Yong Hui (fourth from left), the eldest daughter of veteran Ju Hak Song, tells her family members about their family tradition. RI YON SONG/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Secret behind miraculous resuscitation

By Yun Ki Song PT

Some time ago Pak Jin Hyok and his wife Jo Sol Gyong living in Ryonhwa-dong No. 1, Central District, Pyongyang, visited the Songyo District Hospital, bringing their little son with them.

They wanted to show its doctors their son, who is growing up healthily.

Thanks to the excellent health workers who had devoted themselves to the treatment of her son as sincerely as the latter's blood relations would do, he could be born again, Jo said with emotion, recalling what had happened.

It was at the end of July that her son Yu Il was rushed to the hospital as he had been suffering from a fever of over 39°C for days.

At that time, he was living in his grandparents' house near the hospital.

The hospital immediately held a consultative meeting to save him.

The meeting diagnosed the high fever as that caused by an abscess in a certain part of his body and an immediate operation was carried out to remove the abscess.

Ri Chol Hun, a surgeon who was in charge of Yu Il, said he was quite strained as it was the first time for him to take charge of a little patient in such a critical condition.

Furthermore, the operation was more difficult than expected.

During the operation he found under the abscess larger necrotic tissue than the swelling, and a delay might cause an unimaginable after-effect.

So there was a long intensive operation to remove the tissue.

The second consultative meeting took place to discuss the result of the operation and a newly discovered lesion.

The meeting held under the concern of everyone diagnosed the disease as a complication of necrotizing myositis and septic shock and decided on a new treatment plan.

The treatment of the child went on under the care of all medical workers of the hospital.

All surgeons and nurses of the surgical department had taken care of him all day and night in shifts and Hong Hae Ok, a paediatrician with remarkable medical skills, would delay returning home from work to voluntarily give him acupuncture and manual therapy for the recovery of his health.

Thus, Yu Il fully got well in a little over 20 days to leave the hospital.

"I realized once again the true meaning of the saying that what comes from the heart goes to the heart. The recovery of my son's health was a miracle brought about by the medical workers' warm humanity and great medical skills," said Pak Jin Hyok.

Chemical industry sets up new sectoral structures

By Ri Myong Jun PT

New sectoral structures are being established for putting the chemical industry on a Juche basis. Efforts are concentrated on the project for establishing the C1 chemical industry which is of great significance in turning the country's chemical industry into a Juche-oriented one relying on domestic raw materials. Scientists, technicians and builders of different units, who are involved in the construction of a methanol

production line, have made redoubled efforts to guarantee all its processes scientifically and technologically and improve the quality of construction. The Hungnam Fertilizer Complex launched into the construction of a slow effective granular urea fertilizer production line to increase the production of slow effective and compound fertilizers. It is also stepping up the construction of a melamine resin production base on a full scale. The Sinuiju Chemical Fibre Mill has given spurs to perfecting a reed-based

paper production line. While directing efforts to finishing the installation of a high-capacity paper-making machine as soon as possible, it promotes technical innovation to reduce production costs by realizing the domestic production of various kinds of auxiliary chemical materials. The February 8 Vinalon Complex, Namhung Youth Chemical Complex, Ponghwa Chemical Factory and other units started the building of new chemical goods production bases and are now directing great

efforts to completing them successfully. The February 8 Vinalon Complex is accelerating a construction project for establishing a salt production line based on an industrial method. The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex is concentrating on establishing a line to produce more efficient functional greenhouse vinyl sheet so as to hasten its trial operation. The construction of new chemical goods production bases is progressing apace in other units of the chemical industry.

Secret of success with a single jump

By Pak Song Min PT

The Kwangbok Kumgangsan Foodstuff Factory started production only a few years ago. At first, it produced instant noodles, but now it produces hundreds of varieties of quality products of dozens of kinds, which are popular with people. Instant noodles produced by the factory were highly appreciated at the light industrial goods exhibition "Development of Light Industry-2023". Unlike other products, foods are directly related to human life and so they should have history of production to win favour with a wide range of customers.

But the success of the factory shows that history of production is not only the matter of importance. The factory applied the right methodology for developing new products in great demand. All employees were encouraged to taste and express their impressions of the products produced by themselves while asking customers for their opinions. The opinions of employees from the consumers' point of view and demands of other people were all valuable ones conducive to the development of new products. On the basis of them, the factory rationally fixed the mixing ratios of various kinds of raw materials, pushed ahead with the updating of equipment to satisfy the quality indices of products in close cooperation with relevant units and improved the trademark designs more distinctively.

The products thus produced were all mouthwatering premium ones from packaging. The factory saw that the trial products were first "examined" in the commercial service network by the consumers and produced the products favoured by the customers. It also established a system for inspecting products strictly in each process. It assigned an exclusive duty to highly responsible employees to inspect the products in all indexes in each process, while demanding the producers strictly observe the requirements of the standard operating methods and technical regulations. The production of quality products reflecting the demand and desire of the customers—it is the key to rapid progress with a single leap forward at the Kwangbok Kumgangsan Foodstuff Factory.

Foundation for production of finishing building materials further strengthened

Building materials production bases in South Hamgyong Province channel big efforts into expanding capabilities and establishing new production processes

By Song Kwang PT

South Hamgyong Province is expanding the capacity of its finishing building materials production bases amid the dynamic efforts for ushering in a new era of regional transformation, a new era of rural development, in all provinces. Building materials production bases built in cities and counties of the province are directing efforts to increasing their capacity and establishing new production processes.

Last year the Songchongang Tile Factory increased production capacity by building a new raw material drying ground and several other processes. On this basis, it has taken proper measures for quality control and supply of raw materials to increase the variety of building materials and raise the quality and productivity of products, thus bringing about good results in tile production this year. While producing quality fittings and exterior wall paints by relying on local

sources of raw materials, the city of Tanchon markedly increased light burned magnesia production capacity and set up a wallpaper production process. Jongphyong County is proactively mobilizing locally available stone resources and producing fixture boards, coloured mortar and other materials, thus making it possible to push ahead with the construction of rural houses as planned. Riwon County has increased metal fittings production capacity by tapping internal reserves

and pushed ahead with the readjustment and reinforcement of finishing building materials production processes to mass-produce quality building materials. The city of Sinpho and Pukchong and Kumya counties have also built building materials production bases and introduced efficient working methods to produce and supply necessary finishing building materials in a qualitative way, thus providing a guarantee for smoothly pushing forward with the construction of farm houses.

Dairy production boosted

By Kim Il Jin PT

South Phyongan Province increases the production of goat milk as it strives to implement the childcare policy of the Workers' Party of Korea. It is concentrating on building new goat farms and securing goats of good breed. The province secured superior breeding goats to send them to cities and counties and obtained tens of thousands of goats this year alone by getting relevant areas to increase them. It has made sure that more grass fields are created and scientific breeding methods

are introduced in keeping with the growing number of the animals. Particularly, it has ensured that the nutrition management and anti-epizootic work are carried out in a responsible manner to increase the fattening rate of kids. Meanwhile, the province produced and secured hundreds of tons of powdered milk till the end of September to ensure the regular supply of dairy products for children, unaffected by seasons. A provincial official said that the generalization of experience of advanced areas and units proved effective in the production of dairy products.



Large herds of goats graze in Changsong County. KIM KWANG SONG/PICTORIAL KOREA

White paper of DPRK Institute of Enemy State Studies discloses criminal nature and miserable plight of puppet Yoon Suk Yeol

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made public on October 27 the final results of investigation into the case of serious encroachment upon the sovereignty of the DPRK by drone from the ROK, thus fully bringing to light the plot hatched by the hideous criminals.

The grave provocative act of violating the sovereignty of the DPRK is a product of the last-ditch attempt of the Yoon Suk Yeol regime seeking to defuse its worst ruling crisis brought by its totally bankrupt internal and external policies through perpetration of shocking provocations in the Korean peninsula and to prolong its remaining days full of crimes.

The DPRK Institute of Enemy State Studies on November 2 released a white paper disclosing the criminal nature and miserable plight of Yoon, a puppet rare to be found in other parts of the world, who adds to his crimes in a bid to escape the pitfall of ruin.

The white paper said "Yoon's disastrous policy" has exposed the ROK to the danger of a nuclear war.

Puppet Yoon's two and a half years in power were a continuity of the "deadly gamble" that has exposed the whole ROK to the danger of a nuclear war.

The puppet, gripped by the mind of hostility, let loose such reckless remarks as "large-scale punitive retaliation", "not ruling out a war", "readiness for war

escalation", "overwhelming preparations for war" and "end of regime" at security-related events held on different occasions, including the "June 25 war memorial day" and the "ROK army day", and at such security-related meetings as the meeting of major army commanders and the central combined defence meeting. Such abusive language worked as dangerous sparks thrown into a heated arsenal.

Worse still, the puppet pushed the situation to an unpredictable phase by unhesitatingly abrogating the September 19 military agreement, the last safety gear for ensuring peace in the Korean peninsula, not content with malignantly slandering it as a "unilateral one beneficial only to such enemy as the north".

The puppet has driven the situation to the brink of nuclear war at breakneck speed by adopting with his American master such nuclear war declaration as "Washington declaration" in April last year, turning the ROK-US alliance into a nuclear-based one and putting into full operation the ROK-US nuclear consultation group and "guidelines for nuclear operation in the Korean peninsula".

The puppet has got frantic in establishing the triangular military alliance with the US and Japan and tightening the military nexus even with NATO, thus reducing the puppet ROK to a bridgehead for the "crusade in the 21st century".

The expanded nuclear war sabre-rattling targeting the

DPRK and its neighbouring countries and the reckless moves to turn the ROK into an advanced base of multinational armed forces, pursuant to the US strategy for world domination, has made the whole land of the puppet ROK a double and triple target of nuclear powers around it.

Not content with this, the puppet Yoon's group overlooked and instigated such hideous anti-DPRK moves as the scattering of political agitation rubbish and the resumption of loudspeaker broadcasting under the pretext of "freedom of expression", drawing the minute hand of the puppet ROK security clock closer to the time of war.

Its ever-worsening military moves resulted only in the paradoxical consequences of pushing the DPRK to stockpile its nuclear weapons at an exponential rate and further develop its nuclear strike capabilities.

The white paper disclosed the fact that topsy-turvy rule of Yoon has brought about an era of despair driving the population into a veritable hell.

It was the starting point of great disaster that a stupid, who had narrowly passed the civil servants' qualification exam after nine attempts, came to the presidential office.

Yoon's two and a half years in office have clearly proved that the criticism that a dog would be more suitable than him for the Ryongsan presidential office is no excessive censure.

Soon after taking power,

he rigged up the horrible "prosecution Republic", as befits a man of prosecutor origin enjoying wielding a sword.

After giving major posts in over 30 power organs, including the puppet presidential office, to more than 180 gangsters of prosecutor origin, the puppet has blocked the anti-government struggle and staged a campaign to sweep away the political opposition camp under the pretext of "establishing fair governance".

The retaliatory investigation into the ex-president, who set up a ladder of success for Yoon, and his family and aides was intensified in an overall way, including investigation into their bank accounts and seizure and search of their houses and villas, which stunned the public and sparked strong backlash from the opposition parties.

Self-righteousness, diehardism, arrogance and arbitrary practices constitute another disgrace of Yoon's rule.

The true colours of the "self-destructive rule" of Yoon's style are being fully revealed through the shattered economy and people's livelihood.

The debts of major large enterprises, allegedly seizing the lifeline of the puppet ROK's economy, are the hugest in history, and the debt rate of enterprises is 173.6 percent, which is far beyond their business assets.

Closures of many businesses continue this year, too, in the wake of last year when one million

independent entrepreneurs gave up their business, as prices skyrocketed due to incompetent Yoon who knows nothing about the economy.

A medical reform, related to the increased entrants to medical universities, met with strong opposition in the medical field from the beginning and has not been executed for more than one year in the puppet ROK. Furthermore, the collective resignation of doctors caused a great confusion called collapse of the medical system.

It is becoming more common annual practice that more than 13 000 people, equivalent to one army division, commit suicide, which is the world's record high in suicide. This is the present reality of the puppet ROK advocating "freedom" and "equality".

The great irony is that the power holder behind the curtain who enacted the tragedy of the "ruined ROK" is not puppet Yoon but his wife Kim Kon Hui.

Choe Sun Sil had manipulated Park Geun Hye behind her in the past, but Kim Kon Hui has dominated Yoon Suk Yeol to interfere in the state affairs and amassed fortunes by illegal means, posing herself as president.

The white paper stressed that the ship in distress "Yoon Suk Yeol" is sinking.

The ship "Yoon Suk Yeol", which set sail 30 months ago sounding the whistle of "fairness and common sense" and "freedom and peace", is on the verge of sinking without arriving even half at the opposite shore of his five-year term of office.

The ship, at the mercy of violent waves, is now only sending an SOS, without a vestige of elation at the time of its departure.

More than 200 cases of irregularities and corruption committed by sycophantic traitors and Yoon's whole family kowtowing to the US and Japan and the fortune accumulated through the abuse of power by the presidential office and "Yoon's core bureaucrats" are filled in the ship in distress to accelerate its sinking.

Yoon's approval rate is around 19 percent, a more dangerous numerical value than Park Geun Hye who was sent to prison after the impeachment in the past.

The support rate has rapidly declined among the people in their sixties, his core supporters, to say nothing of the conservative forces who voted for him in the last presidential election, shaking the foundation of the Yoon Suk Yeol regime.

In the whole of the puppet ROK, the struggle is now growing fierce to oust puppet Yoon Suk Yeol so as to put an end to the misfortune, pain, disgrace and contempt which a wrong vote for him has caused for two and a half years.

Faced with the worst ruling crisis at present, puppet Yoon is making desperate efforts to find a way out for his existence in reckless criminal provocations against the DPRK.

Fire can be extinguished by fire, but crisis cannot be covered by crisis.

The more desperately Yoon tries to escalate the present crisis and get out of the quagmire of ruin, the more deeply he will sink into the mire, suppressed by the thrice-cursed crimes he has committed.

The people's angry voice is shaking the whole of the puppet ROK with knell of punishment to drive a nail in the coffin of Yoon Suk Yeol, a living dead.

BYWORD

All-people study system

A well-regulated study system embracing all the people is established in the DPRK.

Working people are enrolled in the study-while-you-work system, including factory, farm and fishermen's colleges, and acquire professional knowledge.

E-libraries and sci-tech learning spaces are provided at workplaces where they pursue technical study in the distance education mode. The sci-tech dissemination system and tele-education network are established across the country with the Sci-Tech Complex in the

capital city of Pyongyang as the centre.

In the DPRK, there is the Grand People's Study House, which was built excellently as a base for disseminating scientific, technological and cultural knowledge and a temple for all-people learning.

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Western world—‘Heaven’ of wanderers

By Jong Chol PT

It is a simple dream and desire of all people to live harmoniously with their own families in their own homes.

But in the Western world, such a dream is too far from reality that many people wander about to find living places.

An August issue of American newspaper The Wall Street Journal said about Americans’ dream as follows:

Americans crave three things even in dreams, that is, a private home, family and stable life. However, it is nothing but a pipe dream. And few Americans believe that the dream will come true easily.

In fact, house prices in the US are too high for ordinary

families to even think of getting a single-room house of their own. The rent is so high that many people are leading a vagrant life.

Last year alone, the number of such homeless people reached more than 650 000, a record high in 16 years.

In Japan the average price of each flat of a new apartment house built in the capital area last year rose by 9.5 percent over the previous year, renewing the top record for three consecutive years.

The average price of houses in central Tokyo is said to have exceeded ¥100 million. This is why it is difficult for ordinary citizens to even imagine living in their own home.

In the Netherlands house prices continuously rose,

setting a new record in the second quarter of this year, and in Sydney, Australia, the average monthly tax per flat reached over US\$1 700.

In New Zealand, 1 million people consider it the only option to live in rented houses by abandoning their dream to live in their own homes.

That’s why many homeless people live a vagabond life on side streets and their number is increasing day by day in the Western world.

What is the reason why the Western countries styling themselves “advanced nations” are becoming “heaven” of tramps?

The Western media commented that the global economic crisis has worsened due to the prevalence of the malignant

epidemic, aggravating the people’s living conditions. But this is nothing but deceptive propaganda to cover up the anti-popular nature of capitalist society.

In the US alone, the property of about 650 billionaires increased by more than US\$1 trillion in 2020, when the malignant epidemic crisis reached the extreme. In 2021, the sum of property owned by the top wealthy classes accounting for 1 percent of the population surpassed that of all the middle classes.

An American economist said that in 2023 the rich grew richer and the people who were struggling in the lowest stratum of society suffered from deep-rooted poverty, adding its root cause is the institutional

structure which exploits the poor, provides the rich with subsidies and separates the social strata.

While a handful of billionaires build luxury houses here and there and spend a huge sum of money for a day’s meals alone, the number of vagrants, who have been driven out of even rented houses because they have no money, is increasing steadily. This just reflects the falsehood of and wretchedness under the capitalist system which advocates “equality for all” and “public welfare”.

It is a serious lesson taught by the present world that the simple desire of working people to have their own houses can never come true but for a social system that truly serves the people.

‘Human shields’ in Gaza Strip teach a serious lesson

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The Israeli troops have come under worldwide criticism for committing massacres in the Gaza Strip. This time the world was again stunned by the recently revealed fact that they have used innocent Palestinians as “human shields.”

Such fact was opened to public recently by the testimonies of an Israeli soldier and five Palestinian victims.

The Israeli soldier testified that his unit detained Palestinian civilians to use them as “human shields” when searching dangerous places.

The civilian victims said that the Israeli soldiers dressed the victims in military uniforms and put cameras on them before pushing them into the buildings and tunnels likely to be hideaways of Hamas combatants or booby-trapped areas.

According to their testimonies, Israeli troops stormed a dwelling and killed all inhabitants except a teenager. Then they handcuffed him and dragged him into minefields.

It is not the first time for the Israeli troops to commit such an atrocity.

They had used Palestinians as “human shields” on the West Bank in 2005, provoking international human rights organizations’ protest and condemnation.

The recently revealed fact goes to prove that the misanthropy of the Israeli forces making no scruple to take hostage even innocent civilians and the evil habit of murderers have become an ordinary and undisguised

practice to assume a “legitimate” character.

Israeli brasshats openly call for “sacrificing the lives of Palestinians and disregarding international law to save the lives of Israeli troops.” It is no wonder that even a military term meaning the use of such human shield has been produced by them.

International law bans using civilians as a cover for military action or forcibly mobilizing them for military operation.

Nevertheless, the Zionists are using innocent civilians as shields under the pretext of “annihilating Hamas,” making even terrorists feel ashamed in their brutality. This brings to light the true colours of the Israeli army as the modern-day terrorist group that has plunged the whole Middle East into the vortex of a bloody war.

The US, called the “terrorist kingpin”, has trained, patronized and supported in an all-round way such hideous Israeli brutes indulging in genocide and territorial expansion in disregard of the international community’s denunciation.

As long as the evil empire US and its henchmen seeking to unhesitatingly sacrifice all humanity to fulfil their hegemonic design and interests go scot-free, bloodbath will not stop on the earth.

If you don’t want to fall victim to murderers as their “human shields”, you must consolidate more firmly your national defences to guarantee your dignity and destiny as human beings.

This is the bitter lesson taught by the Palestinian situation.

Buying a house, unachievable dream in US

By Song Jong Ho PT

Harvard University and the Gallup poll of the US published reports on the housing situation which has become an urgent issue among the Americans.

According to statistics recently published in the country, including Harvard’s 2024 national report on the present state of dwelling houses, the prices of houses have risen by 29 percent and the rent by 26 percent since 2020.

For example, the sale price of middle-class houses reached a record high of \$427 490 in September, a 3.8% rise over the previous year.

With the cost of living and inflation rate continuously going up, it is a hard problem for American families to collect money to buy or rent houses.

A woman living with a little daughter in a single-room rented house in the suburbs of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, said it is impossible to have her own house and she resorts to every possible means to earn money, but in vain.

She anxiously said that when she extended the house

lease contract in December last year, the monthly rental was 100 dollars higher and that it might soar again this winter.

For many Americans in the similar situation, it is by no means easy to live in rented houses.

Families who eke out a living on the minimum wage dare not rent even a single-room house.

The skyrocketing house price is a problem. And another problem is the shortage of houses.

Reportedly, the US suffers from a shortage of houses for 3.9 million families.

According to an opinion poll, half of the respondents aged from 30 to 64 think that it is an unachievable dream to “own their houses”.

Whenever elections take place in the US, politicians loudly advertise that they would solve the housing problem in order to get even one more vote, but actually no practical measures have been taken. It is nothing but a sophism and hypocrisy to deceive the people and hold power.

For many Americans, “to own my house” is becoming an impossible dream to realize.

Briefly

Russia

FM denounces US and NATO for hegemonic policy

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov condemned the US and NATO’s policy of hegemony at an international conference on security of Eurasia on October 31.

Noting that NATO is not content with the war against Russia provoked by the Ukrainian authorities, he accused the US and its followers of trying to turn the whole Eurasian region into a theatre of geopolitical confrontation.

NATO intends to establish its military supremacy not only in Europe but also in the eastern part of Eurasia and is working hard to take root in the region.

Deputy security council chief decries West’s external policies

Dmitri Medvedev, vice-chairman of the Security Council of Russia, denounced the external policies of the West in an interview with RT TV on November 2.

Western countries, including the US, had a completely wrong understanding of the Russian economy, he said, asserting that the economy of his country has not collapsed but is growing, despite all sorts of sanctions, and the sanctions by the West have boomeranged on Europe to expose their vulnerability.

Noting that, unlike the US seeking its own interests, Europe, which has been reduced to the slave of America, is in depression, he said that almost all the countries on the continent are in difficult circumstances and Germany, has got into utter confusion.

Iran-Azerbaijan

Joint military exercise staged

Navies of Iran and Azerbaijan waged a joint military exercise in the Caspian Sea on November 4.

Involving the naval forces of the two countries and different warships including destroyers and cruisers, they practised rescue operations in the sea and conducted aerial reconnaissance and tactical drills.

The Iranian navy expressed the stand never to tolerate any move to invade the country from the sea.

Kenya

Serious malnutrition

Kenya is beset by the malnutrition problem due to food shortage. Its government announced on October 24 that over 479 400 children under five and more than 110 100 pregnant women and nursing mothers require treatment because of acute malnutrition in 23 regions of the country.

And humanitarian aid is needed for one million residents.

The United Nations attributed the food scarcity in the country to armed conflicts and natural disasters induced by climate change.



The DPRK defeats Spain 5-4 (1-1 in the first and second halves and 4-3 in the shoot-out) in the final match on November 3 and wins the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. RODONG SINMUN

DPRK WINS 2024 FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP



KCNA

In the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, the DPRK team took the first place and lifted the World Cup for the second time this year.

Amid the attention of football experts, fans and spectators across the world,

the final match between the DPRK and Spanish teams took place on November 3(local time).

The DPRK eleven played the game dynamically, putting pressure on the opponent by active tackles from the outset.

Although they lost a point first in the second half, they

mounted persistent attacks while intensifying mutual cooperation, without slowing down in the least.

In the 66th minute, No. 7 Jon Il Chong avoided the Spanish goalkeeper and scored a goal by correctly kicking the ball passed by No. 19 through the rear space of the opponent

backs.

As no more goals were scored, the two teams had to go through a penalty shoot-out.

In the thrilling shoot-out, the DPRK team beat the Spanish 4-3.

As a result, the DPRK defeated Spain 5-4(1-1 in the first and second halves and

4-3 in the shoot-out) and thus won the World Cup.

They won six matches from the group league matches to the final, scoring 14 goals in total.

No. 7 Jon Il Chong, who displayed high skills and made a contribution to the team's victory with a decisive

goal, was chosen as the most valuable player.

In the awarding ceremony, the DPRK women, who won the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, were awarded the trophy and gold medals and Jon Il Chong the Golden Ball, the award for the most valuable player.

Son Su Rim wins IBA youth world boxing championships



KCNA

DPRK player Son Su Rim came first at the 2024 IBA Youth World Boxing Championships held in Montenegro.

They brought together more than 590 men and women boxing aces from over 70 countries and regions.

Son beat all her opponents in the women's 60kg category event and

defeated a Chinese player 3-2.

Meanwhile, DPRK players Choe Wi Hyon and Ri Phyoung Gwang bagged silver medals in the men's 10m platform synchronized diving, Kim Kyong Sim and Ri Hyang Sim in the women's 10m platform synchronized diving and Ri Hyang Sim and Phyo So Yon in the women's 3m springboard synchronized diving at the 11th Asian Diving Championships in China.



The **Pyongyang Bell** is located in Central District, Pyongyang. The present bell was cast in 1726. It is 3.1 metres high, its mouth is 1.6 metres wide and it weighs 12 914kg. The materials of the bell are cast iron and copper.

