

## Strategic cruise missile launching drill conducted

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A relevant sub-unit of the Korean People's Army's combined missile unit in the western area conducted a strategic cruise missile launching drill on the West Sea of Korea on the morning of February 26.

The purpose of the launching drill was to let the enemies, who are fostering and escalating the confrontation environment while seriously violating the security environment of the Democratic People's

Republic of Korea, know the KPA's counterattack capability in any space and the readiness of its various nuke operation means, to demonstrate the reliability of the state nuclear deterrent and to make the strategic cruise missile sub-units get adept in fulfilling their sudden firing mission.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, oversaw the launching drill.

He was accompanied by Full General

Kim Jong Sik, member of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, and Full General Jang Chang Ha, general director of the DPRK Missile Administration.

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Expressing satisfaction over the result of the launching drill, Kim Jong Un said that continuously testing the reliability and operability of the components of nuclear

deterrent of the DPRK and demonstrating their power is itself a responsible exercise of its war deterrent.

What is guaranteed by a powerful striking ability is the most perfect deterrent and defence capability, he said, stressing that it is the responsible mission and duty of the DPRK's nuclear forces to durably defend the national sovereignty and security with the reliable nuclear shield by making them more thoroughly ready for combat and fully prepared for their use.



## Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits completed Pyongyang General Hospital

**He says it is necessary to perfect the Pyongyang General Hospital as the best medical service centre without any slightest defect and present it to the people, laying out the detailed tasks to this end**

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Thanks to the steadfast will and energetic guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to develop the

public health of the DPRK into the most advantageous and advanced socialist one so that the people can fully enjoy the benefits of modern medicine and lead a happy life in good health, a world-

class medical service base has been wonderfully built in the capital city of Pyongyang as a perfect embodiment of the Workers' Party of Korea's plan for modernizing public health and its idea on

Juche-oriented architectural beauty.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president

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of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the completed Pyongyang General Hospital on February 27.

He was accompanied by Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, and officials of the Party Central Committee, public health and other sectors concerned.

He was greeted on the spot by senior

officials of the hospital and construction and design units.

Guided by the officials, he went round such parts of the hospital as emergency department, specialized treatment departments, general operating theatre, conference hall, service facilities and helipad to learn in detail about its overall construction.

Saying that all demands of advanced architecture were thoroughly embodied in every element of the hospital and building work was done perfectly in conformity with the public health policy

of the WPK, which gives precedence to the promotion of the people's health and regards their lives as the most precious ones, and with the construction policy for its implementation and that the specialized facilities of all systems including outpatient and inpatient wards were furnished on a high quality level, he added that this is attributable to the substantial three-party agreement of design, building work and operation the relevant units made as intended by the Party.

He noted with high appreciation that in

particular, the general operating theatre with 30 modern operating rooms was well furnished to ensure best public health and sanitary conditions and scientific accuracy and smoothness of treatment, as befitting the most important core facility of the hospital.

He also toured a restaurant and other public service facilities on the top floor of the building. He said that he was very pleased to think that our people can be completely recovered from diseases and

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promote their health while enjoying the most advanced medical service as well as civilized and excellent convenience, adding that the hospital is another proud asset of our state which absolutely subordinates everything to promoting the people's wellbeing.

He expressed great satisfaction, saying that he felt really proud to have the world-level modern medical service base and medical science research centre capable of more reliably protecting the people's health and wellbeing, that we can see our great strength rapidly growing, overcoming ordeals, and that a solid springboard has been laid for restoring and radically developing the country's

public health sector on an advanced basis.

He highly praised the ardent patriotism, loyalty and devotion displayed by all the builders who contributed to the successful construction of another monumental edifice representing the era, upholding the WPK's policy with heroic creative practice.

Saying that there should be no slightest weak points in making preparations for the hospital's operation so that it can fulfil its inherent mission and role in curing people of illness and completely recovering them

from it after its opening, he stressed the need to reinforce its emergency system, which can be called the first gateway to it and its face, in aspects of practical utility, rationality and efficiency so as to ensure the promptness and mobility of emergency treatment more thoroughly.

To develop the overall public health of the country on the basis of the completion of this hospital as a model medical centre is an important revolutionary undertaking to defend and develop the advantages and

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original feature of Korean-style socialism centred on the masses, he said, setting forth important tasks arising in building modern new hospitals that will appear not only in Pyongyang but also in cities and counties across the country in the future. He continued:

What is most important in building a hospital is to design all elements, ranging from site selection to building layout and arrangement of the line of flow, in conformity with the specialized technical requirements on the principle of guaranteeing the level of specialization and functional qualities peculiar to the public health facilities so as to make it convenient for medical service activities including diagnosis and treatment of patients.

The design sector should lead other sectors at the present time when the scope of construction is steadily expanding and the struggle for achieving comprehensive national rejuvenation is being accelerated. The design of an architectural structure to be built by our socialist ruling Party for the people should properly combine modern character with national identity while prioritizing the defending of people's life and safety and the promotion of their wellbeing, and reflect the great ideology and ennobling political creed of our times that aspire after higher ideals and civilization. In this sense, it can be said that designers are "political artists"

who draw the ideas and policies of the WPK in reality.

He gave instructions to be regarded as guidelines in architectural design, adding:

Whether or not this wonderful hospital, provided by the Party, contributes to promoting the people's health entirely depends on the medical workers' thoroughgoing spirit of serving the people and specialist qualifications. The public health sector should decisively strengthen the medical forces and effectively conduct the work of raising medical science and technology to the world's advanced level, so as to ensure that all doctors and nurses devote their utmost sincerity to medical treatment with warm humanity.

In particular, continuous education, internship, experience-sharing workshop, sci-tech achievements presentation and others, aimed at broadening the regional medical workers' horizons and improving their medical skills, should be organized and conducted with a correct methodology in line with the full-scale construction of hospitals going on in cities and counties under the WPK's new regional development policy. The central-level hospitals should dispatch guidance and assistance forces to regional hospitals and introduce telemedicine and other systems and methods for giving more reasonable and effective medical service conducive to diagnosis, treatment and health promotion and provide necessary conditions, so as to contribute to making everyone enjoy substantial benefits and



protection from the advantageous socialist public health system wherever they live.

Enjoying a panoramic view of the modern medical service centre on the bank of the picturesque Taedong River for a long time, he said with pride that the hospital is, indeed, a symbol of socialist public health in our era aspiring after the building of a highly civilized state and a monumental entity as well.

Saying that public health is a criterion for evaluating the political climate of a country, the level of its civilization and the quality of the life of its citizens, the soil growing the strength of life and an important index of evaluating its national power, he stressed once again that it is the firm determination of our Party to bring

about a revolution in public health in the new era and thus turn our public health into the most advanced, modern and world-class one.

It is necessary to perfect the Pyongyang General Hospital, to be opened this significant year set by the WPK as the first year of the public health revolution, as the best medical service centre without any slightest defect and present it to the people, he said, laying out the detailed tasks to this end.

The Pyongyang General Hospital is expected to be inaugurated in October this year marking the 80th birthday of the WPK after undergoing the process of assembly of medical equipment and facilities and their trial operation.



# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Kim Il Sung University of Politics

**He makes an important speech to be specially recorded in the history of building the Juche-oriented powerful army**

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At a time when the outlook on the revolution, thoroughgoing patriotic spirit and matchless fighting efficiency peculiar to the heroic Korean People's Army are being demonstrated as the unprecedentedly legendary feats in the sacred course of building a rich country with a strong army led by the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea, the great leadership adding a continued viability to the brave stride of the KPA has been

recorded in the cradle of its political and ideological mightiness and the strategic fortress for building a powerful 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, visited Kim Il Sung University of Politics, the supreme military and political institution of the Juche-oriented revolutionary armed forces, on February 24.

All the teaching staff and students of the university and service personnel of the sub-units under it were filled with boundless emotion and joy before the glorious moment of meeting the great teacher and brilliant commander, whom

they longed to see so much even in dream, at the campus in the historic year marking the 80th founding anniversary of the university.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the university, the service personnel broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" of the greatest respect, looking up to the peerlessly illustrious commander who is leading the brilliant history of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK to eternal victory and glory and dynamically ushering in a new era of building a powerful army on the ideology-first principle with his outstanding army-building ideas and energetic leadership.

The university courteously greeted the

head of state.

After receiving a salute from the president of the university, he paid militant tribute to the glorious colours.

An educator and student of the university presented him with fragrant bouquets in humble reverence.

Acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers, he extended warm greetings to the teaching staff who are reliably guaranteeing the sacred cause of making the KPA ideologically elite with their steadfast revolutionary spirit and brilliant educational and scientific achievements at the prestigious military and political school and to the students who are preparing themselves to be staunch and

promising political workers of the future.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and secretary of the Party Central Committee, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and other members of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

The teaching staff and students had a march-past, flying the colours associated with the great honour and feats of the university.

Kim Jong Un made an important speech to be specially recorded in the history of building the Juche-oriented powerful army.

The political and ideological traits of the KPA have remained consistently honourable and faithful to the army founding generation and the country and people despite the passage of the long years and changes of history, he said, stressing that this is unthinkable apart from the exploits of Kim Il Sung University of Politics which has steadfastly fulfilled its role in the key position guaranteeing the succession of the revolutionary armed

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forces. He noted that the prestige of the university shines with pride in the new era of great changes and transformations and its existence stands out with remarkable meaning as it is a basis of the powerful revolutionary army which is imbued with the ideology of the Party and remains absolutely loyal to its leadership.

There is a sharp contrast between the past and the present in the history of Juche-oriented army building in terms of the weaponry of our army, but only the ideas loaded in them remain unchanged, and Kim Il Sung University of Politics has remained boundlessly faithful to its mission and duty in the course of the revolutionary struggle in which the mightiness of the ideology-first principle is fully verified, he said, recalling with deep emotion the glorious history of the university which has made a great contribution to training many persons of a communist type and defending the succession of our revolutionary cause for 80 years since its founding.

Saying that the WPK always appreciates the political workers imbuing the service personnel with the noble spirit and bravery and their alma mater as well as the heroic feats of the KPA, he noted that it is the most brilliant achievement of the university, which cannot be compared

with any academic prestige or educational and scientific successes, that it highly enhances as the character peculiar to the KPA the matchless loyalty and heroism of braving hardship and sacrifice cheerfully in response to the call of the country, cherishing the glorious colours as its life. And he paid respects to the educators who have devoted themselves to accomplishing the Party's cause of building a powerful army.

He stressed that the KPA, which defends the most righteous cause, the most righteous state and the most righteous people, should surely become the strongest army in the world, and the foremost might and superiority our revolutionary armed forces should steadily adhere to and boost for this important historic mission and heavy responsibility are none other than the political, ideological, spiritual and moral superiority of the army of the WPK and the people.

Referring to the fact that it has been an established theory to count soldiers and weapons as two elements of the armed forces in any century and any country and that no country has been able to break from advocating the military technology-centred theory in the building of armed forces and in the course of war up to now in the 21st century, he said that from the historical point of view and in consideration of modern warfare, we can clearly see in

practice the limitation of the military technology-centred theory ignoring the ideological building of the army.

It is a stark immutable truth that the ideological and moral superiority of the army means its qualitative superiority, he stressed. Saying that imbuing the army with ideology before arming it with military technology is the core of army building, he expressed his new view that soldiers, weapons and ideology are three elements of the armed forces.

The arms devoid of ideology are little short of ironware and it is a conclusion we reach definitely once again that it is the basic way of building a powerful army to strengthen the political force of the army on a preferential basis and in a qualitative way, he noted. Proceeding from this, he clarified, the building of the KPA should be invariably and thoroughly oriented toward giving priority to making it strong politically, ideologically and morally and toward steadily training the combat ranks to be elite and then toward developing the military and technical equipment in all domains including the nuclear armed forces at the highest level.

Today when the struggle for transformation, unprecedented in the history of the DPRK, is being staged amid the rapid changes in the world, the role of the KPA contributing to carrying out the national strategic plans and policies is in

an extraordinarily important position more than ever before, he pointed out, stressing that the KPA should have political workers who always conduct positive activities to redouble the power of ideology in the fields of military activities for implementing the Party's lines and policies in order to successfully fulfil its mission and role that are getting more important. And he referred to the important mission and role of Kim Il Sung University of Politics as the supreme military and political school, which should firmly guarantee the political force of the KPA.

Analysing the reason why some deviations of failing to meet the demands and expectations of the Party Central Committee are being revealed among political workers standing in the position of educators of service personnel, he clarified in detail the tasks to be carried out by the teaching staff and students of the university in the struggle to further perfect the political, ideological, mental and moral preparations of the army.

Saying that the supreme political school of the KPA should surely become the best university in view of its important position and duty directly related to the prospect of the Korean revolution, he expressed the firm will of the WPK to completely improve the educational conditions and

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environment of the university.

When the university, a main base for implementing the WPK's line of making the army politically and ideologically strong and a "pedigree farm" for cultivating the heroic spirit of the KPA, remains more faithful to its duty, our revolutionary armed forces will grow stronger and their invincible might be steadily redoubled, he said, affirming that the immortal dignity and glory of the heroic KPA will shine forever along with Kim Il Sung University of Politics which ensures an eternal continuity of its sacred bloodline and tradition of victory.

When Kim Jong Un finished his speech, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers with great excitement of receiving his original revolutionary idea on army building that indicates the path for further strengthening and developing

our revolutionary armed forces into the ever-victorious vanguard, more elite in ideology and strongest in fighting efficiency, with his rare ideological and theoretical wisdom, profound insight and outstanding theory.

Kim Jong Un went round several places of the university including the study room of the WPK building, the integrated pedagogical information control room and the educational achievements exhibition hall.

He highly spoke of the educators and officials of the university, saying that whereas the precious being indispensable for the destiny and future of the country and people is the KPA, the precious being indispensable for the KPA is just this university and its educators and officials rendering faithful service. He stressed again that the KPA is resolute politically and ideologically and strongest in fighting efficiency as the university

has trained the political workers of every generation in a single appearance and produced competent political workers who constantly imbue the entire army with the red ideas of the WPK.

After seeing a seminar of the students on the plan of the Party political work, he gave instructions for the university to train the students to be political workers who have mastered the Juche-oriented military ideas and theories of the WPK and the Korean-style art of war and can conduct the Party political work skilfully in conformity with different combat situations and to be skilful political activists who can vigorously promote the work for making the entire army ideologically and mentally elite and completing the war preparations.

He called upon all the teachers of the university to verify before the Party and their disciples that they should become revolutionaries before becoming

educators in practice and with ability and personality and to make a tangible contribution to innovating and developing the work for training Party political workers with the loyalty cherished as faith, pure patriotic mind, perfect ability of educator and scientific and theoretical prestige.

Kim Jong Un had photo sessions with the teaching staff and students in token of his visit to the university.

When he appeared at the venue of the photo session, all the participants extended their deep thanks to him, looking up to the dear father who visited the university to offer an immortal great programme for dynamically steering a new turning point in training political workers of the revolutionary army and bestowed loving care and benevolence to be handed down through generations.

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After meeting the students exemplary in studies and military service and warmly encouraging them, he posed for a photo to be recorded forever in the history of army building together with all the teaching staff and students.

Saying that the teaching staff and students of the university are the core of the core revolutionaries, whom the Party trusts best and on whose role it pins a particularly great expectation, he expressed his expectation and belief that all the teaching staff and students will become genuine revolutionaries fully embodying the soul and breath of

the WPK before anyone else and thus become the cornerstone and pillar of the revolutionary army by fully playing their role.

That day, he saw the sports games between the teaching staffs and students of Kim Il Sung University of Politics and Kang Kon Military Academy.

The games between the prestigious educational institutions of the KPA were held divided into football and volleyball events.

In the football match of fierce offensive and defence, there was an 11-metre penalty shoot-out after a 1-1 draw.

The team of the university of politics defeated the team of the military academy



5-3 in total.

The team of the university of politics also beat its rival team 3-1 in the volleyball match.

All the participants renewed their firm will to uphold the ideology and leadership of the great Party Central Committee with absolute loyalty and distinguished educational achievements, paying the highest tribute to Kim Jong Un who warmly encouraged them to fulfil their sacred duty in further consolidating the greatest political and military might of the heroic KPA, while spending the precious whole day with his military educational soldiers.

Kim Jong Un's sacred leadership



over the highest institution of political education of the army will shine long in history as a visit which provided a powerful ideological and theoretical guideline for making the heroic KPA, a source of pride of our great Party, state and people and a symbol of their strength, carry forward the brilliant honour of the politically, ideologically and morally strong army, which has been carried on from one century to the next, with its absolute might for a hundred, nay a thousand years, and for further consolidating the mightiness and matchlessness with which it overwhelms any enemy and challenge at a stroke.

# Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects Kang Kon Military Academy

## He sets forth important tasks in preparing all students to be reliable military personnel of field-officer type, who win only sure victory

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The prestigious military academy, which has recorded innumerable brilliant feats in its glorious colours while creditably performing its duty of training the primary commanding personnel, the backbone of basic combat units reliably supporting the immortal mightiness and invincibility of the heroic Korean People's Army, has greeted the glorious moment unprecedented in the proud 80-year history of its development.

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 the Kang Kon Military Academy, a parent body of military education institutions in the country and the most prestigious commanding officers training centre, on February 25.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and secretary of the Party Central Committee, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and other members of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

After arriving at the academy, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the bust of Kang Kon, an anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter, who was one of the most faithful comrades-in-arms of President Kim Il Sung and a competent commanding officer, and laid a wreath before it.

Written on the ribbon of the wreath were letters reading "Our army will remember your name, Kang Kon, forever."

Recalling the distinguished feats of Kang Kon, the first chief of the KPA General Staff who dedicated as a solid cornerstone his precious life

to the sacred cause for the birth and remarkable development of the DPRK's regular revolutionary armed forces, Kim Jong Un paid high respects to the great army founding generation.

There was a ceremony of greeting the head of state.

All the teaching staff and students of the academy broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" looking up to the invincible and iron-willed commander who is ushering in a golden age of strengthening the military capabilities, most brilliant in the history of the country, by wisely leading the cause of building a powerful Juche-oriented army.

An educator and student of the academy presented fragrant bouquets to Kim Jong Un, in reflection of the unanimous mind of loyalty of all the teaching staff and students.

Acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers,

Kim Jong Un extended militant greetings to all the educators who are devoting themselves to the steady innovation and development in the training of military cadres, standing with their pure conscience on the sacred teaching posts entrusted to them by the Party and the country, and to the students who are preparing themselves as excellent commanding officers for the future.

He reviewed a march-past of the teaching staff and students of the academy and then saw a *kyoksul* (a Korean martial art) demonstration by the students.

Full of high morale and great emotion at having Kim Jong Un, the supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, in the campus of their academy, the students powerfully demonstrated their militant stamina, with which they

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are fully preparing themselves politically, ideologically, militarily, technically and physically, true to the Party's policy of bringing about a radical turn in training and military education.

Guided by the senior officials of the academy, Kim Jong Un made the rounds of various places of the academy, including a tactical study room, unit command and management study room, military topography study room and shooting gallery.

The worthy feats of the military education institutions, which have firmly defended the core positions of the army, are clearly imprinted in the course of brilliant exploits of our armed forces which have led the dynamic upswing of the revolution as the main force of national defence, but there is no military academy with such a noble and proud history and traditions as the Kang Kon

Military Academy, he said, adding:

The academy's distinguished position in the glorious army-building history can be well understood through the fact that it was awarded the first colours of the armed forces of the Republic and it stood in the van as the first column during the first military parade of the regular army.

The academy should firmly defend and carry forward its sacred history and traditions in the vanguard of military education institutions at all levels, and this holds an important position in implementing the military policy of the WPK determined to open up a new avenue for strengthening the whole army by further consolidating its basic units.

After learning in detail about the state of military education at the academy, he referred to the fact that the management and operation of educational facilities and the educational environment are not meeting the policy-oriented requirements for building a powerful army of the WPK

aspiring after modernity and advanced character. And he added that the Party Committee of the KPA and the policy-oriented guidance departments in charge of the military education institutions have not fully fulfilled their responsibilities and roles.

Saying that we can see what important role this academy has played in strengthening and developing our revolutionary armed forces through its unique names, the first military educational institution of our state, a "pedigree farm" for training military cadres and a symbol of the regularized appearance and combat capability of the KPA, he gave instructions on correctly implementing the military educational policy of the Party, adding that we can now wonderfully renovate the commanding officers training bases related to the future of the KPA in line with the principles of modern pedagogy and the level of modern culture as we

have the precious traditions bequeathed by the army founding generation that brought about a legendary miracle of army building from scratch and have the might that has been further strengthened in the trials.

He said that the WPK attaches importance to the academy because its graduates are to be posted to important positions closest to the soldier masses, the lowest echelon of the army, though their first posts are not high, and they can grow into competent warriors who always know victory only when they took their first steps properly as military commanders. And he expressed the steadfast will of the WPK to develop the KPA, by making a radical turn in the military education sector, into a powerful army that always wins victory in every battle and that conquers any fortress when it is determined.

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Saying that the military education front is the eternal first echelon and forefront in increasing the military capability and it is our Party's constant view that a shortcut to training a powerful army is to further raise the flames of revolution in military education, he affirmed that it is his unshakable determination to successfully build this academy as a standard unit in training army commanders, in which modern educational culture is perfectly embodied, and to upgrade the military education sector of the country.

He saw the live shooting contest of teachers and students of the academy and their physical exercises with multi-purpose apparatuses.

Saying that the qualitative strengthening of the KPA and its might largely depend on how primary commanding officers of tactical-level units are trained, he stressed that the military education sector should surely instil in the students the resolute revolutionary consciousness to make the revolution before transferring military knowledge to them, and at the same time prepare them to be fighters of combat type, possessed of crack-shot marksmanship, skilful combat methods and strong physical abilities, and continued:

The basic task facing the academy is to firmly consolidate the cornerstone of a powerful army by training heroes who

devote their all on the road of faithful service for the Party, the revolution and the people and creditably carry out any difficult task. The academy should make sure that all its students carry forward the faith of loyalty and patriotic spirit consistently cherished by the commanding officers of the revolutionary armed forces, from the first generation of army founding to the present one.

Today the aggressive and bellicose nature of the imperialists is most openly expressed in history and war and bloodshed have become commonplace; this international situation demands that our armed forces be perfect in readiness for a war.

He then set forth important tasks facing the military education sector in intensifying military practice-centred education and preparing all students to be reliable military personnel of field-officer type, who win only sure victory, by making them learn about in our own way the actual experiences in modern battle fields, master the rapidly-developing weapons and other combat and technical equipment and acquire the commanding abilities for modern warfare.

That day, Kim Jong Un had a photo session with the teaching staff and students of the academy.

The campus resounded with the boundless gratitude and enthusiastic cheers of all the teaching staff and

students, who came to enjoy the greatest glory and happiness they had desired even in dreams during their honourable military service and the greatest trust to be dearly cherished in their minds forever.

Kim Jong Un expressed expectation and belief that the academy will steadily carry forward the sacred traditions and valuable feats of having firmly consolidated and defended the core stronghold of our revolutionary armed forces, the cornerstone of a powerful army, train a larger number of competent military commanders boundlessly loyal to the Party, the revolution, the country and the people and possessed of every capability to fight a war, and thus make a positive contribution to accomplishing

the Party's cause of building a powerful army.

The loud shout of "Death-defying Defence," reflecting the unanimous pledge of loyalty of the teaching staff and students of the military academy to the great brilliant commander, resounded far and wide.

Kim Jong Un's historic field guidance at the Kang Kon Military Academy serves as a decisive turning point that provided a foundation for vivid changes and progress in bringing about a radical improvement in military education in the new era and as an important occasion of landmark significance in developing the KPA into an invincible and matchless army forever.



# Regions full of enthusiasm for creation and spirit of advance for performing new miracles of regional transformation

Groundbreaking ceremonies of regional-industry factories and public health, leisure and grain storage facilities are held in different parts of the country for implementing Regional Development 20x10 Policy



A groundbreaking ceremony is held for the construction of regional-industry factories in Sinyang County on February 24.



A groundbreaking ceremony of regional-industry factories takes place in Koksan County on February 24.

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The grand construction struggle in 2025 to implement the regional development policy in the new era is going

on in a three-dimensional way and on a full scale in the DPRK.  
There took place on February 24 the groundbreaking ceremonies

of regional-industry factories in Sinyang and Koksan counties, a hospital in the city of Kusong and regional-industry factories and a leisure complex in

Jongphyong County for the Regional Development 20x10 Policy.  
Present there were Kim Tok Hun, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the

Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the WPK, officials and working people in relevant provinces,

city and counties, service personnel and builders.  
At the ceremonies, speakers said that the stirring reality,  
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The construction of the Kusong City Hospital starts with due ceremony on February 24.



A groundbreaking of regional-industry factories and a leisure complex takes place in Jongphyong County on February 24.



A groundbreaking ceremony of regional-industry factories is held in Sepho County on February 25.

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in which the unprecedented gigantic revolution is being made one after another to transform the regional areas, is an eye-opening change that can be made only by the steadfast outlook on the revolution and the people of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who never feels contented with the work for the people.

They referred to the fact that the General Secretary set forth the iron rule that the factories to be built for the promotion of the people's well-being should be Korean-style ones fully suited to the regional conditions and convenience of the inhabitants, and clearly indicated the orientation and ways for raising the next-stage regional construction onto a higher level in line with the simultaneous

construction of new factories in 20 cities and counties and has energetically led the work to do so. They said that the new factories, which are to be built in a modern way in harmony with surrounding environment so as to develop and make effective use of regional economic resources, are precious assets and wealth greatly conducive to promoting the improvement of

the people's living standards in the cities and counties and sprucing up their appearance as regional bases of the highly-civilized, prosperous and powerful country. They said that the construction of multifunctional bases for cultural activities and modern public health facilities according to the noble plan of the General Secretary is the work essential for the comprehensive and

sustainable development of regions. The speakers noted that the new change to be certainly made in 20 cities and counties this year, too, would more powerfully prove the validity of the revolutionary cause of the WPK ushering in a new great era of regional transformation and the rosy future of socialism. Then, officials and commanding officers of

the construction units made speeches of pledge. With high confidence to bring about another epochal change in the new era, the builders started the projects in high spirits, operating construction equipment at full capacity. The construction of regional-industry factories for this year started in the city

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A ceremony is held for the construction of regional-industry factories in the city of Sinpho on February 25.



The construction of regional-industry factories begins with a groundbreaking ceremony in Taegwan County on February 25.



A groundbreaking ceremony of regional-industry factories takes place in Rangnim County on February 25.



A ceremony is held to start the construction of regional-industry factories and a grain storage station in Hwangju County on February 26.



The construction of regional-industry factories begins in Pukchang and Kilju counties with groundbreaking ceremonies on February 27.

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of Sinpho and the counties of Taegwan, Rangnim and Sepho.

The groundbreaking ceremonies of regional-industry factories took place on the spot on February 25.

Present there were Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the WPK, officials and working people in relevant provinces,

city and counties and soldier-builders.

Speakers at the ceremonies referred to the great efforts made by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is continuously covering the road of devoted service for the people's wellbeing, which will be eternally recorded in the history of national prosperity, in order to usher in a new era of comprehensive rejuvenation in which all the people will enjoy an improved and abundant life.

They noted that the policy of the WPK for the people is the genuine popular policy which reaches every place where they live, and the one of love which extends to the remote and isolated places, difficult and toilsome places before anywhere else.

They said with great emotion that a new model base of offshore farming was successfully built in the city of Sinpho last year as a gift of love presented by the motherly Party and modern regional-industry factories

would be built this year to improve the living standards of the regional people.

They noted that the people in Taegwan and Rangnim counties, remote mountainous regions in the northwestern end of the country where regional-industry factories more updated in architectural style, convenience and practicality will be built, are also dreaming of the rosy future in which they would lead an abundant and civilized life under the care of the WPK.

They referred to the fact that Sepho County turned into a large-sized livestock farming base under the loving care of the Party and today it comes to have the assets conducive to improving the people's living standards through the groundbreaking ceremony of modern and new factories in which the peculiarities of the regional economy are highlighted.

They called for continuing to dynamically advance to implement the Party's policy on regional development,

saying that it is the intention and firm will of the WPK that the long-term development of regions means the rosy future of the DPRK and the prospect of Korean-style socialism.

Commanders of the 124th regiments of the Korean People's Army made speeches.

Soldier-builders started the projects amid the great emotion and joy of holding the historic groundbreaking ceremonies signalling fresh

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Groundbreaking ceremonies of regional-industry factories take place in Paechon and Yomju counties on February 27.



A groundbreaking of regional-industry factories is held in Janggang County on February 27.



The construction of regional-industry factories starts in Cholwon County with a groundbreaking on February 27.

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miracles for regional change and greater happiness.

Officials from Pyongyang and in the regions met and encouraged the officers and men of the KPA engaged in the construction.

A grand project for regional transformation started in Hwangju County of North Hwanghae Province to bring about greater progress and rich successes in 2025.

A groundbreaking ceremony of regional-industry factories and a grain storage station in Hwangju County took place on the spot on February 26.

Present there were officials of the Party and power organs and working people in North Hwanghae Province and Hwangju County and soldier-builders.

Pak Chang Ho, chief secretary of the North

Hwanghae Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, addressed the ceremony.

He noted that at the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made sure that the three essential projects were formally included in the Party's new regional development policy, and has led the great historic cause of regional transformation, which the Korean people had pictured for decades only as an ideal, to be steadily expanded in depth.

He said that the first advanced grain storage station is to be simultaneously built together with the construction of regional-industry factories in Hwangju County this year when the regional development policy has entered a new stage thanks to the crucial decision of the

Party Central Committee.

He said that the creations of the regional-industry revolution to be built in Hwangju County would bring the people closer to new civilization and prosperity and further prove the advantages of Korean-style socialism.

He called on all the soldier-builders, officials and working people to steadily carry forward the great age of regional rejuvenation for the civilization of the country and the happy life of the people, true to the ideology and leadership of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

The commander of the 124th Regiment of the Korean People's Army made a speech of pledge.

As the ceremony venue brimmed with the excitement and joy of the people, who would enjoy a happy life

under the warm loving care and benevolence of the great father, the soldier-builders started the projects, operating construction equipment at full capacity.

Groundbreaking ceremonies of regional-industry factories also took place in Pukchang, Yomju, Pacchon, Janggang, Cholwon and Kilju counties on February 27.

Present there were Kim Tok Hun and Choe Tong Myong, members of the Political Bureau and secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, Han Kwang Sang, department director of the WPK Central Committee, the chief secretaries of provincial Party committees, officials and working people of the relevant provinces and counties and soldier-builders.

Speeches were made at the ceremonies.

Speakers noted that

the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has energetically guided the gigantic revolutionary work for the perfect implementation of the regional development policy.

They called for dynamically advancing toward a higher target, saying that the historic cause of regional development would surely be accomplished thanks to the wise leadership of the great Party Central Committee and the inexhaustible strength and wisdom of the people rallied as one around the Party.

The commanders of the 124th regiments of the Korean People's Army made speeches.

They expressed the determination to successfully build new factories for the people, another proud monumental edifice conveying the matchless feats of the KPA, and thus

glorify this year marking the 80th birthday of the WPK with great victory and glory.

Soldier-builders started the construction projects with firm confidence and will to fully display the brave mettle of the revolutionary army in the struggle to perfectly realize the cherished desire of the WPK.

The construction sites were seething with high morale of the builders, who took a more vigorous and bigger stride for epochal transformation to bring earlier the rosy future of a thriving country desired by the people.

Similar ceremonies were held for the construction of regional-industry factories in Kangdong, Jangyon, Puryong and Kim Jong Suk counties, regional-industry factories and a leisure complex in Kaepung District and the Unsan Paper Mill on February 28.



A groundbreaking of regional-industry factories and a leisure complex takes place in Kaepung District on February 28.



Groundbreaking ceremonies of the Unsan Paper Mill and regional-industry factories of Puryong County are held on February 28.



Ceremonies are held to start the construction of regional-industry factories in Jangyon, Kangdong and Kim Jong Suk counties on February 28.

# Premier Pak inspects North and South Hamgyong provinces



Premier Pak Thae Song (sixth from left) inspects the Ryongsong Machine Complex.

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Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the

Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, made a field survey of various sectors in North and South Hamgyong provinces.

At the Ryongsong Machine Complex, a leading machine-building base of the country, the premier called upon its officials, technicians and workers to unconditionally attain the modernization goal set for this year, true to the intention of the Party to turn the complex into a model of the machine-building industry, and make fresh innovations in the production of major custom-built equipment by waging a dynamic drive for increased production as befitting the creator of the Chollima spirit in the new era.

He stressed the need to steadily update the performance of equipment by regarding science and technology as the main link in the chain of increasing production and thus improve the precision of processing and assembling of products and the quality of castings.

At the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex and the February 8

Vinalon Complex, the premier called for boosting the productivity of fertilizer and basic chemical products by making effective use of the existing capacity and positively pushing forward the work for establishing the production capacity of slow effective fertilizer and perfecting the production process of melamine resin to contribute to increasing the agricultural production and improving the people's living standards.

Going round the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, he stressed the need to increase the Juche-based iron production by raising the operation rate of the energy-saving oxygen blast furnace to increase the number of charges per day and the amount of molten iron per charge, and to actively conduct a mass technical innovation movement for reducing the fuel consumption.

He learned in detail about the production and the implementation

of the plan for readjustment and reinforcement at the Chongjin Steel Works and the Chongjin Chemical Fibre Mill. And he noted that they should ensure proper coordination between processes and introduce rational production methods to turn out much more quality samhwa iron and fibre goods.

Field consultative meetings discussed the issue of intensifying the research for reducing the standard of material consumption per unit and improving the quality of steel and fireproof materials, the issue of ensuring enterprise and business management on a scientific basis in conformity with the actual conditions of relevant units and the issue for relevant units to supply enough raw and other materials in time.

Earlier, the premier learned about the trial operation of a new-type subway train at the metro line in Pyongyang.

## SPA chief meets congratulatory group of Koreans in Japan

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Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, met and had a talk with the congratulatory group

of Koreans in Japan led by Kim Chol, chairman of the Hyogo Prefectural Headquarters of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, to celebrate the greatest auspicious February holiday of the nation, in a compatriotic atmosphere at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on February 26.

Officials concerned were on hand.

**Choe Ryong Hae poses for the camera with the congratulatory group of Koreans in Japan on a visit to the DPRK in celebration of the February holiday, the greatest national holiday, at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on February 26.**



## Secretary of WPK Central Committee meets Russian President

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The delegation of the Workers' Party of Korea led by Ri Hi Yong, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the Central Inspection Commission of the WPK, visited Russia from February 24 to March 1 at the invitation of the General Council of the United Russia Party.

Ri Hi Yong met with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, in the Kremlin, Moscow, on February 27.

At the meeting, President Putin asked the head of the WPK delegation to convey his warmest

greetings and best wishes to Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Ri Hi Yong courteously relayed the militant greetings sent to him by Kim Jong Un.

Referring to the fact that Kim Jong Un is paying close attention to the development of cooperative relations between Russia and the DPRK, Putin warmly welcomed the WPK delegation to Russia.

He highly appreciated once again the historic meaning of the year 2024 which radically elevated the traditional friendly ties between the states of Russia and the DPRK

to the comprehensive strategic partnership.

Saying that the two countries are closely tied with each other by dint of the excellent tradition of friendship and good neighbourliness and militant friendship, he expressed gratitude to the DPRK for rendering positive support to the Russian Federation.

He also expressed the conviction that the recently concluded 2025-2027 protocol on the expansion and development in depth of multi-faceted cooperation between the Workers' Party of Korea and the United Russia Party would make a great contribution to the development of relations between

the ruling parties of the two countries.

Present at the meeting were Kim Song Nam, director of the International Department of the WPK Central Committee, Yuri Ushakov, assistant to the Russian president's foreign policy, Vladimir Vladimirovich Yakushev, secretary of the General Council of the United Russia Party and first vice-chairman of the Russian Federation Council, and Alexandr Kozlov, minister of Natural Resources and Ecology of Russia.

Earlier, Ri Hi Yong held talks with Vladimir Vladimirovich Yakushev, secretary of the General Council of the United Russia Party

and first vice-chairman of the Russian Federation Council, and met with Dmitri Anatolyevich Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party.

The talks discussed realistic proposals for further expanding the bilateral exchanges and joint action between the ruling parties of the two countries to suit the DPRK-Russia relations which were developed into the comprehensive strategic partnership, and reached a consensus on them. Signed at the end of the talks was a 2025-2027 protocol on the expansion and development in depth of multi-faceted cooperation between the two parties.



Ri Hi Yong, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the Central Inspection Commission of the WPK, meets with Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin in the Kremlin, Moscow, on February 27.

# Dignity and might of space power demonstrated to world



By Kim Il Jin PT

It has been nine years since earth observation satellite Kwangmyongsong (Shining Star) 4 was put into space.

The successful launch of the satellite enhanced the status of the DPRK as a full-fledged space power.

It was not easy to raise space science and technology, which can be said to be a synthesis of advanced science and technology, onto the world level in a matter of five years.

This eye-opening event is the precious fruit of outstanding leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who wisely led the launch of the DPRK's application satellites in succession with his gifted wisdom, scientific insight, matchless courage and adroit strategy and thereby put the country's space development onto a higher stage.

Under the energetic leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, the DPRK could succeed in the launch of sci-tech satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2, the first application satellite made with its own efforts, technology and intelligence 100 percent, on December 12 2012, an event of national significance.

He put forward a higher space exploration goal of developing and launching more communications and other application satellites at the March 2013 Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and saw to it that an ordinance on adopting the law on space development and a resolution on setting up the National Aerospace Development Administration were adopted at the Seventh Session of the 12th Supreme People's Assembly in April that year. As a result, the building of a space power was legalized as an important state affair that cannot be suspended and that is irreversible and it became possible to more dynamically push ahead with the building of a space power under the unified guidance of the state.

Accordingly, the satellite control centre was built splendidly as befits the structure of Juche Korea aspiring after a space power, the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground was given a new facelift and remarkable progress was

made in the development of space including the design and manufacture of application satellites and the development of satellite control equipment.

The General Secretary took a measure to actively conduct various forms of space sci-tech exchange activities including the space sci-tech symposium and exhibition on a nationwide scale so as to arouse the interests of academic and public circles in space development.

In that period, he spent days and nights of devotion for the successful launch of Kwangmyongsong 4, an earth observation satellite, saying that satellite launch is the firm will of our Party and people and a legitimate right of a sovereign state and that we should launch the satellite according to our decision and will no matter what others may say.

Despite the midwinter cold in mid-January 2016, he spent the satellite launching ground, guided preparations for launching the satellite all day as he skipped his lunch, sent the autograph "Kwangmyongsong" to be inscribed on the carrier rocket and bestowed benevolent affection upon space scientists and technicians who were conducting the assembly work day and night on the spot.

He visited the satellite launching ground again in late January to guide the vertical hoisting of the carrier rocket despite severe cold.

As a result, Kwangmyongsong 4 blasted off into space successfully on February 7 2016.

As to the speed of space development of their motherland, overseas Koreans said with excitement that "We feel national pride in the might of our Republic" and "In the future, our country will put satellites in succession into space, in addition to the earth observation satellite, and we will be able to see everything we want to see on the earth through our satellites".

Like this, his infinite patriotic devotion and immense love and trust shown for space scientists and technicians served as the patriotic soul for space conquerors and the motor and fuel for carrier rockets to hasten the mega-event in the 5 000-year national history.

# Sci-tech festival of Kim Il Sung University held

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The 38th Science and Technology Festival of Kim Il Sung University took place from February 19 to 21.

The festival on the theme of "Science and technology are the engine for overall national prosperity" drew the attention of many people as it took place in the period when the scientific research and education sectors are working hard true to the decisions of the Eleventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea calling on the scientific circles to turn out as one to successfully implement the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the Party.

The festival brought together more than 1 700 lecturers, researchers, postgraduates and students of faculties and other units. Presented to it were more than 180 scientific research findings which contributed

to economic construction and the improvement of the people's standards of living, including the development of an integrated production system for the Sinpho City Offshore Farm, which has proved effective since its introduction into the farm last year.

Eye-catchers were the research successes made in the key industrial sectors, including those which opened up the way for the domestic production of ferrotitanium and laid the foundation for the establishment of the titanium industry, made it possible to mass-produce hydrogen peroxide needed for different sectors of the national economy and invented an up-to-date infrared gas analyser. But what particularly delighted visitors were those successes made in the agricultural sector

A research success aroused the admiration and wonder of visitors as it contributed to agricultural development by using a bioengineering

method to select rice families which are expected to ensure the average number of grain per ear at 260, ripening rate at 90.8 percent and per-hectare yield at 15 tons.

"The technology to integrate water control and fertilizer application in paddy rice cultivation and the research success to resolve the problem of phosphatic fertilizer with our own raw materials are very good. But this research success excites me. I would like to meet and thank the researchers who carried out the research," said Ri Kun Hyok, a farmer of the Jonjin Farm in Rangnang District.

The exhibits included very many research achievements made in the efforts to implement the Regional Development 20x10 Policy.

The visitors were very pleased to hear the explanations about the quality analysing systems introduced into regional-industry factories in 20 cities and counties and the

integrated production system which offers the Sinpho City Offshore Farm a sci-tech guarantee for properly managing and operating offshore sea-farming grounds and kelp and scallop cultivation grounds to ensure maximum economic profits and increased production.

They also showed great interest in the research successes giving answers to urgent problems arising in practice, including the one which solved the technical problems in converting high-definition TV into the ultrahigh-definition and the invention of a leaking detector which can find out leaks of underground water pipes without having to dig.

Saying that a university made so many and wonderful research successes and that if such successes made across the country are collected, they will be really amazing, the visitors expressed their will to pay close attention to the scientific research and education sectors.



Visitors look round sci-tech achievements with keen interest. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

# Kim Chaek University of Technology releases hundreds of scientific research findings

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Teachers and researchers at Kim Chaek University of Technology in the DPRK have made hundreds of scientific research achievements in the past one year.

Research teams of the university went to the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex and the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex to solve the sci-tech problems arising in the normal operation of the floating preheating-style oxygen heat blast furnace and established a Korean-style heavy rail steel production process.

Researchers of the Mirae Industrial Technology

Institute and the Mining Engineering Faculty took technical measures for setting up a crystal thenardite production line and introduced a rational mining method for increasing the production of minerals while massively mining ore.

Teachers and researchers of the faculties of automation engineering, industrial economic management, information science and technology and software technology made a big stride in putting the regional-industry factories on an IT basis by establishing an integrated production system for controlling the quality analysis of products and for increasing production and the operation rate of equipment

with less manpower.

Researchers of the Biomedical Engineering Faculty developed a new tool for rapidly and correctly detecting the malignant viruses or bacteria existing in an aerosol form and preventing the infection by and spread of pathogenic microorganisms.

The university made research achievements conducive to boosting the agricultural production in a stable and sustainable way. For example, it produced and introduced phytosine, a plant growth promoter, and increased the per-hectare yield by using electrical pulse water treatment device in cultivating grains.

It made many other

scientific research successes, including the development of equipment for automatic inspection of surface defects and geometrical dimensions of products, production and use of support insulators for electrical insulation and mechanical support and fixing of high-voltage power lines, and establishment of the aluminum foil sheet production process, and thus contributed to ensuring the growth trend of the whole national economy.

The research groups of the university confirmed the economic effectiveness of scientific research achievements in practice and pushed ahead with the work to expand and introduce them into different sectors of the national economy.

## Movement inspires many to become model health workers

By Pang Un Ju PT

Last year, the devoted service movement was conducted at curative and preventive institutions across the country to learn from the example of An Kyong Sil, head nurse of the obstetrics department of the Unchon County Hospital in South Hwanghae Province, who made devoted efforts for the treatment of many patients every day for several decades.

"An's warm human love showed us once again what mindset the health workers should have in treating patients," said Pae Jae Son, section chief of the Ryugyong Dental Hospital.

He made significant achievements in the cutting-edge research into orthodontics and greatly contributed to developing the country's dentistry. Last year he cured many children with malocclusion

so they could lead joyful lives.

Some medical workers of a central hospital miraculously saved a war veteran who was hovering on the brink of death with heart failure and complete atrioventricular block last year.

After witnessing the selfless devotion of the doctors who miraculously resuscitated the 91-year-old who was believed to have lived the natural span of his life, his family members said that they learned once again the meaning of the word "sincerity" from the doctors.

There are also some medical workers who devoted themselves to restoring a female worker and an office worker who had their faces disfigured in accidents and to treating patients who were suffering from incurable diseases.

In this regard, Pak Kum Son, doctor of the General Dental Hospital of the Ministry of Public Health,

and Kim Ryong Guk, section chief of the Dermatology Hospital of the Ministry of Public Health, said that warm human love and sincerity are the source of the miracles that cannot be explained by any medical science or clinical experience.

Medical workers of the Songyo District Hospital held two consultative meetings to bring round a child who was rushed to the hospital in emergency with a high fever of over 39 degrees Celsius which lasted for several days, and confirmed the treatment plan. They successfully carried out an operation and healed the child completely in some 20 days to protect the happiness of his family.

His father expressed his heartfelt gratitude, saying that he understood the true meaning of the "engineer of human life".

As the doctors, nurses and other employees of the Songnim City Hospital donated their skin to recover

a child from Hwangju County and those of the South Phyongan Provincial Children's Hospital saved a little girl from the jaws of death so that she could continue to follow her dream, the families of the children keenly felt the benevolence of the socialist healthcare system.

A head nurse of a hospital in Hyongjesan District of Pyongyang and another head nurse of the South Hwanghae Provincial General Hospital, who had devoted their sincerity to save the lives of patients, were honoured with the titles of meritorious person of socialist patriotism and frontrunner of socialist patriotic youth respectively last year.

The number of medical workers who personify the spirit of devoted service for the people increased throughout last year in the fierce flames of the devoted service movement.

## Research findings help improve quality of medical service

By Kil Chung Il PT

Precious research successes have recently been made to contribute to the quality improvement of medical service in the public health sector.

Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences completed new diagnosis and treatment methods by pushing ahead with the research to apply advanced medical

technology to various internal diseases which had been recognized as incurable ones in the past.

The university gradually widened the scope of laparoscopic surgery to complete the operation method for not only colon diseases but also tumour and established the treatment method for emergency cases with hernia.

It also wrote such new teaching materials of

academic significance as the textbooks on symptomatology and developed such IT products as a respiratory patient diagnosis program and heart sound listening program, thereby contributing to the improvement of education and qualifications of wmedical workers.

Medical workers of the Kim Man Yu Hospital have recently completed the methods of operation for not

only gastric cancer but also carcinoma of gallbladder to cure many cases.

Besides, the hospital has introduced various advanced treatment methods including a subdural hematoma surgery, an ischemic cerebrovascular surgery and the transplanting of intestinal flora for the treatment of chronic digestive tract diseases to increase the effectiveness of treatment.

## Academy develops methods of producing highly-effective Koryo medicines

By To Kyong Chol PT

The Pharmacology Institute under the Academy of Medical Science directs efforts into research into the



Researchers hold a discussion to develop a new Koryo medicine at the Pharmacology Institute of the Academy of Medical Science. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

components of traditional Koryo medicines and the establishment of quality management methods of the medicines.

Samhyang Uhwangchongsimhwan,

which has long been widely known as a heat-clearing and detoxicating prescription, sedative and anticonvulsant, is recognized as one of excellent Koryo medicines as it has high pharmacological effects. But there are many problems in making the medicine an extract as it is a mixture consisting of very diverse raw and medicinal materials and the method of making it is intricate.

Through repeated intensive research, researchers developed a Samhyang Uhwangchongsimhwan capsule, which is more efficacious than pill as heat-clearing and detoxicating medicine, sedative and spasmolytic and convenient in use and storage.

The perfection of a method of making

medicine extract with pharmacological effects and effective ingredient content as main indexes, extracting conditions and a method of rational quantitative analysis provided a foundation for producing more and highly effective medicines with less raw materials. The research achievement was registered as a national sci-tech hit last year.

The institute also develops medicines effective in improving immunity of the human body and in preventing and treating various diseases.

Medicines including iodine troch, Amoxicillin troch, lycobetaine anti-cancer injection and siliberine hepatitis injection obtained patents last year.



## Kaesong Koryo insam, speciality of DPRK

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Koryo insam, an indigenous medicinal plant of the country, has long been well known as the elixir of life and cure for all diseases for its mysterious and unique medicinal efficacy.

It was given the name of insam as its roots resemble a human in shape.

The Kaesong area has favourable natural and geographical conditions for the cultivation of insam and inhabitants of the area have know-how for its cultivation and processing. Therefore, insam has long been cultivated and processed briskly in the area and in that course the area became the centre of insam production and processing in the country, and the Kaesong Koryo insam came to be widely known to the world for

its outstanding medicinal effects.

Although many varieties of insam are cultivated in different countries and regions of the world, it is difficult to find such a variety as Kaesong Koryo insam, which has unique and mysterious medicinal efficacy and boasts a long historical tradition.

Kaesong Koryo insam contains many antioxidant active substances and microelements, which prevent stress and retard aging, than other varieties.

Along with the development of science and technology, various products have been made with the insam, including extract, liquor and rice, and used more effectively and widely, winning great popularity.

The cosmetics made with it as a raw material are favoured by women.

# New milestone in development of DPRK-Vietnam friendship

By Kim Rye Yong PT

It is six years since 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, paid an official goodwill visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The official goodwill visit to Vietnam by Kim Jong Un on March 1-2 in 2019 was an event of great significance in fully demonstrating and invariably carrying forward and developing the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the two parties and two countries, forged in the struggle for achieving common goals and ideals under the unfurled banner of socialism, from one century to the next and generation after generation.

At the talks with the

general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Kim Jong Un exchanged with him views on further expanding and developing the ties of friendship and cooperation between the two parties and countries in different fields as required by the new era and on the issues of mutual concern and deepened comradely friendship and friendly ties with him.

The agreements reached at the historic Hanoi summit served as an important milestone in strengthening strategic cooperation between the DPRK and Vietnam and as the motive force to powerfully propel the struggle of the two parties and the peoples of the two countries for socialism.

The two countries, both located in Asia, have a firm and excellent friendly

relationship with socialism as their common ideal thanks to the painstaking efforts of the preceding leaders.

Vietnam is associated with the soul of the martyrs of the two countries who unhesitatingly dedicated their precious lives for socialism and independence against imperialism.

The two parties and the peoples of the two countries have strengthened mutual support and encouragement and developed bilateral relations in different fields while fighting in firm unity with one mind and one will on the road of the grim and arduous struggle for a long time.

Since Kim Jong Un's historic official goodwill visit to Vietnam, the strategic communication between the two countries has been further strengthened, the feelings of friendship have further

been deepened between the peoples of the two countries and mutual exchanges have developed onto a higher stage in politics, the economy, culture and all other fields.

In January the DPRK and Vietnam significantly celebrated the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries and declared this year as a "year of friendship".

The relations of friendship and cooperation between the DPRK and Vietnam will be further consolidated and developed in conformity with the aspirations of the peoples of the two countries and contribute to ensuring peace and security in Asia and the rest of the world and establishing a fair international order under the deep concern of the top leaders of the two countries.

# 'Native language should be protected and developed'



Kim Yong Yun, director of an institute of Kim Il Sung University

**N**ative language is a means of communication and a symbol of the culture of a relevant country and nation.

The diversity of language shows that of the history, cultures and customs of countries and nations, and therefore protecting their mother tongue means protecting their history, cultures and customs.

On February 21 1952, the inhabitants of East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) held a demonstration to call for including Bengali in official languages of state and government organs.

During the demonstration, five demonstrators were shot to death.

The 56th Session of the UN General Assembly held on February 15 2002 decided to commemorate February 21 as International Mother Language Day to the memory of the inhabitants of the region who died in the struggle to regain the right to use their national language.

It was aimed at preserving the world languages, accelerating the sustainable development of diverse cultures and promoting mutual understanding among the peoples of all countries.

However, not a few languages are now disappearing in the international community and high-handed acts are openly committed to obliterate the languages of minorities.

Typical examples are the Ukrainian puppet clique's bloody suppression of the region where Russian is used and the Japanese authorities' moves to disturb national education of Koreans in Japan.

This is a threat to human civilization, a flagrant threat to development of language and culture.

Various activities are being conducted in different countries to preserve and develop national languages on the occasion of International Mother Language Day.

Our country, which boasts a 5 000-year history and culture, uses Korean as its language and is directing great efforts to preserving and further developing the unity, eternity and purity of Korean.

The DPRK set the cultured Pyongyang dialect as model of Korean and national language as it reflects the national character of our people most correctly and adopted the Law of the DPRK on the Protection of Cultured Pyongyang Dialect in an effort to establish a social trait of protecting and retaining cultured Pyongyang dialect.

Meanwhile, books helpful in further enriching language theory and improving the quality of Korean education and linguistic life are actively published and the education sector is intensifying the work to give the rising generations a deep understanding of the advantages of Korean.

The law on the protection of the overseas compatriots' rights and interests, which was adopted at the Sixth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly, legally protects the compatriots' right to receive democratic national education, including the learning of spoken and written Korean and the history and culture of our country, irrespective of place of residence.

All countries and nations have the right to defend and develop their languages, and when they are thoroughly defended, the culture of mankind will become richer and more beautiful.

# Construction for people steadily pushed forward

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

**A**mid the close concern of the whole country, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in succession in February, when the sign of spring is felt, according to the Workers' Party of Korea's plan for prosperity and happiness for this year.

The ceremonies included those for the construction of a hospital and leisure complex in Kangdong County for the Regional Development 20x10 Policy, the largest-ever greenhouse farm and vegetable science research centre, the Ragwon County Offshore Farm and the fourth-stage project to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area which constitutes the final-stage task for the completion of the five-year plan for the capital city construction decided by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said in his speech at the groundbreaking ceremony for the fourth-stage project to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area:

"To be frank, these days

I am really tired and busy attending inauguration and groundbreaking ceremonies that have been scheduled one after another. We are facing such moments of drastic change."

Indeed, monumental structures for the people are mushrooming in the DPRK as inauguration and groundbreaking ceremonies are held one after another.

As new modern streets spring up in Pyongyang every year, the "season of moving into new houses" starts every spring. And rural areas are filled with deep emotion and joy of agricultural workers throughout the year as they receive new houses.

The Regional Development 20x10 Policy was pushed forward to raise the material and cultural life of the people across the country a level higher as scheduled, with the result that the first entities of the implementation of the policy showed up in 20 counties.

All these are the manifestation of the steadfast will of the WPK to carry out the construction projects for the people without fail no matter how difficult the

conditions may be.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un is determined to push ahead with the construction, in which the people are actually interested and which is directly related to their life, without the slightest delay, even though other construction projects are readjusted.

The construction of 10 000 flats in the Songhwa area was confronted with greater challenges and obstacles than ever before, but it was carried out unconditionally and the first-, second- and third-stage projects to build 10 000 flats were also implemented in the Hwasong area every year.

The construction of rural houses is also being pushed dynamically to transform all rural areas of the country as well as the capital city all at once and simultaneously.

The Workers' Party of Korea is concerned about every detail to provide agricultural workers with splendid homes. In the past three years rural houses for more than 80 700 families were built in over 1 500 rural villages and this year, too, the construction of rural houses will continue vigorously.

The construction for

improving the material and cultural life of the people is also progressing apace.

The Regional Development 20x10 Policy is a gigantic revolution to rid the regional areas of their centuries-old backwardness and realize the long-cherished desires of the local people.

However, the WPK successfully built regional-industry factories in 20 counties in a year at the Party's and state's expense. It has additionally shouldered the medium- and long-term task of simultaneously building advanced public health facilities, leisure complexes and integrated grain storage facilities essential for regional development.

The construction for the people's happiness will continue more dynamically, as the WPK keeps the people-first principle as its political idea and basic political mode of socialism and it is led by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who devotes his all to the good of the people as he holds them in high esteem and is willing to take every pain for them.

## BYWORD

## Independence, self-esteem

We have precious things that cannot be bartered even for huge money.

They are the idea and spirit of independence and self-esteem.

The respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un

put the dignity of the state and national power on the highest level in national history by dint of unrivalled courage and guts and wise leadership. He solves all problems arising in the revolution

and construction from the standpoint of Juche under the banner of independence and self-esteem and makes no concession in the matter related to the fundamental interests of the state.

Under the wise leadership

of the General Secretary, the great personifier of independent idea and the guardian of justice, the DPRK is victoriously ushering in a new era for the comprehensive development of socialism.

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## 'DPRK will counter enemies' strategic threat with its strategic means'

KCNA

The chief of the Information Office of the DPRK Ministry of National Defence on February 21 issued the following press statement entitled "We will counter the enemies' strategic threat with our strategic means":

Since the emergence of the Trump administration, the US and its vassal forces are getting evermore pronounced in their military provocations threatening the security environment of the DPRK.

On February 20, the US staged a provocative joint air drill with the ROK by dispatching B-1B strategic bomber into the sky over the Korean peninsula. Earlier, on February 19, it test-fired ICBM Minuteman-3 at the Vandenberg Space Force Base towards a target in the Pacific.

Such military muscle-flexing of the US clearly shows the invariable hegemony-seeking ambition of the present US administration to gain an overwhelming edge of strength through the maintenance and updating of military strength capable of mounting a nuclear attack on any country and region of the world without prior warning.

The provocative military moves the US has made in the vicinity of the DPRK in less than two months this year are a clear answer to the question from where

the real threat heightening the world's concern over peace and security comes.

Since February 3, the US military has waged a provocative joint live firing drill with the ROK military gangsters, mobilizing thousands of troops and 150-odd pieces of military hardware of various missions in the area just 30km away from the southern border of the DPRK.

The US deployed a nuclear submarine in the Pusan operation base from February 10 to 15, and Bombardier BD-700 Global Express, the latest reconnaissance plane of a new generation which underwent a flight-test last year, in the ROK on February 13. It has also conducted air espionage activities over the DPRK's areas from February 15 by mobilizing various tactical and strategic reconnaissance planes including P-8A sea patrol plane and RC-135V.

The US is also mulling over staging the large-scale joint military exercise Freedom Shield, which includes seven rounds of more brigade-level joint field manoeuvres than that of last year, in March again in collusion with the ROK in order to push the military tension in the region to an extreme phase.

The typical Yankee-style arrogance and shameless and gangster-like double-standard logic of the US, which brands the DPRK's nuclear

deterrent for self-defence as a means of injustice and places "legality" and "regularity" on its moves for bolstering up nuclear force for hegemony, can never work on the DPRK.

The DPRK's nuclear force is a means for legitimate self-defence to safeguard the national sovereignty and the security of the region. Its rapid and accelerated bolstering up is a realistic requirement for coping with the military threat from the US and its satellite countries which has grown more rampant recently.

The adventurist military moves of the US premised on the use of nuclear strike means in an actual war are getting brisk and the hostile forces' attempt at military confrontation is getting evermore undisguised. This reality clearly proves why the DPRK armed forces' building up of the capability to fight a war with nuclear deterrent as a pivot is a just and inevitable option.

The DPRK's solution to the military threat and challenge to the security being posed by the US is clear and consistent.

The DPRK will counter the strategic threat from the US and other enemies with strategic means and continue its responsible military activities to control and manage the unstable security environment on the Korean peninsula with powerful deterrent.

## Press statement of chief of External Policy Office of DPRK Foreign Ministry

KCNA

The chief of the External Policy Office of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued on February 23 the following statement entitled "Illegal conspiratorial moves for anti-DPRK sanctions will prompt the DPRK's counteraction to defend its sovereign right":

Recently the US and its following forces held a confab called a meeting of the steering committee of the "multilateral sanctions monitoring team" in Washington DC and talked about the promotion of the implementation of the UN "sanctions resolutions" to cope with the nuclear and missile "threats" from the DPRK.

The "multilateral sanctions monitoring team", which was formed by the states that do only harmful things, far from contributing to international peace and security, is nothing but an illegal, illegitimate and criminal ghost group in terms of justification for existence and purpose.

We sternly warn that the anachronistic acts of the hostile forces, who are foolishly attempting to block the DPRK's exercise of its legitimate right, taking issue with this unreasonably, contrary to the recognized principles of international law in which respect for sovereignty and non-interference in other's internal affairs form the core, might bring about serious adverse effects they will find

it hard to cope with.

The US should know that however hard it may use diplomacy and blame its servants, it can never save the worn-out anti-DPRK sanctions mechanism from the miserable fate and that the more closely it clings to the sanctions tools, the more greatly it will suffer difficulty and inconvenience, not the DPRK.

Availing itself of this opportunity, the DPRK clarifies once again its stand on the issue of sanctions. The lifting of sanctions through negotiations has not long been a matter of concern for the DPRK which has no sanctions to be lessened and added, and is not on its agenda.

The US barbarous sanctions have made the DPRK learn a more perfect way to survive, live by its own efforts and be strong despite the harshest external environment and have become a decisive factor causing it to hasten the buildup of great strength, which no one can ignore, before anything else.

The DPRK will neither pine for the lifting of sanctions, nor overlook the provocations of the US and its vassal states to encroach upon its legitimate sovereignty under the pretext of implementing sanctions, but will strongly counter them with resolute actions.

The hostile forces' illegal conspiratorial moves for anti-DPRK sanctions will prompt the DPRK's counteraction to defend its sovereign right and the conspirators will have to pay dearly.

## Briefly

### Mexico

#### President clarifies stand to defend state sovereignty

The Mexican president clarified her stand to defend national sovereignty in a press conference on February 20.

As regards the fact that the US designated different Mexican businesses as terrorist organizations on February 19, she said that she would not tolerate interference and aggression by outside forces.

The Mexican people would fight against the infringement of sovereignty including the violation of the country's territory, waters and airspace in any case, she stressed.

### Russia

#### FM decries West's policy of hegemony

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, addressing a G20 foreign ministers meeting on February 20, denounced the West's hegemony-seeking policy.

Referring to the fact that terrorist organizations around the world are arming themselves with Western weapons flowing out from Ukraine, he said that the Western countries are dividing terrorists into "our side" and "their side" according to double standards and that such short-sighted policy has led to the terrorist act against the Nord Stream gas pipeline.

There is no place for hegemony and hostile bloc policy in the multipolar world and international relations should be established on the basis of recognizing the national interests of each country, he said.

### China

#### US censured for pursuing anti-China policy

A spokesman for the Ministry of Commerce of China on February 22 gave an answer to the question raised by a journalist as regards the fact that the US issued a memorandum on the "America-first" investment policy.

He strongly demanded the US stop politicizing and weaponizing the economic and trade issues, stating that China will closely watch the moves of the US and defend its legitimate rights and interests by mobilizing necessary means.

### Iran

#### Nuclear power plant construction pressed on

The chairman of the Iranian atomic energy agency in a speech on February 21 said that his country is pushing ahead with the construction of nuclear power plant despite the sanctions by the West.

The US is trying to check Iran's construction of nuclear power plant, but the Iranian youth and scientists are acquiring the necessary technology and the construction is going on with their help, he said.

## Another war for 'Greater East Asia Co-Prosperty Sphere' will never be allowed: KCNA commentary

Japan is making more desperate efforts than ever before to bring disaster to the Asia-Pacific region again in collusion with outside forces.

It was vividly expressed in the fact that shortly ago, Japan staged a joint drill with foreign strategic forces, including aircraft carriers of the US Navy and the French Navy, in the Asia-Pacific region for nearly 10 days for the first time by mobilizing the large escort warship Kaga of its Maritime "Self-Defense Force" and other war equipment.

It is not an exaggeration to say that one of the main factors causing the danger of destroying the balance of power and creating a new conflicting structure now in the region is Japan's action

of frequently inviting the war maniacs from across the ocean on the pretext of "security".

Last year alone, Japan ran amuck to further aggravate the regional situation in collusion with outside forces, talking about "growing threat" by neighbouring countries.

Not content with joining various confrontational groups such as QUAD and SQUAD to play an active role as a core member, it made desperate efforts to get recognized as a full member of AUKUS, an exclusive group of the Anglo-Saxons, being closeted with it.

Japan, which stretched out its tentacles to most of the military blocs in the region, made more frantic efforts

than others to avail itself of the US moves to establish the military cooperative relations between the Asian version of NATO with the US-Japan-ROK tripartite military alliance system as its axis and NATO member states.

It is part of such schemes that Japan even set up its independent full-time mission at NATO as soon as the new year started.

It is hard to count the number of various joint military drills staged under such situation.

This year alone, Japan was hell-bent on the largest-ever parachute drill aimed at a sudden invasion of neighbouring countries

by introducing overseas aggression forces of more than 10 countries including the US and the UK into its

islands.

Japan is busy with the preparations for a war of aggression, as illustrated by the full-scale development and purchase of long-range strike means and the active moves to transfer the SDF headquarters into underground tunnels. Meanwhile, it has joined the outside aggression forces, dispatching even a virtual carrier to an area far away from its "exclusive defense" boundary. The reality hints that the militarists' ambition for overseas aggression has entered the stage of full-scale action.

It is by no means unreasonable for the world public to denounce Japan as the most zealous element undermining the regional peace and stability and as

# Female soccer stars nominated as top 10 players of DPRK for 2024



Choe Il Son



Jon Il Chong

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Among those selected as top 10 players of the DPRK for 2024 are football stars Choe Il Son and Jon Il Chong.

## Winner of Golden Ball and Golden Boot

Choe Il Son, a football player of the April 25 Sports Team, took part in the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, 2024 AFC U-20 Women's Asian Cup and 2024 AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup, contributing greatly to the

DPRK team's lifting winner's trophies at the events.

A left-footer with fast speed, high dribbling technique and unusually good sense of scoring, she scored six goals during the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

She scored in all the group league matches by making one goal in the match with Argentina, two goals against Costa Rica and one goal against the Dutch.

In the semi-final, Choe Il Son succeeded in scoring a goal by kicking a passed ball into the net in the 22nd minute, to finally beat the US team.

In the final match with the Japanese team against which the DPRK team played for the third time last year alone, she made the winning goal in the 15th minute. As a result, the DPRK women footballers defeated the opponents 1-0 and lifted the winner's trophy.

She won the Golden Ball, the most valuable player award, and the Golden Boot, the top scorer award, at the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup and became a football star receiving warm congratulations from the people across the country.

## Two awards in Asian and

## world cups

Jon Il Chong, a football player of the Amnokgang Sports Club, stole the show as a good scorer and the most valuable player in the two international football events held last year.

The DPRK team beat the Japanese team and became the Asian champion as Jon scored a goal in the final match of the 2024 AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup.

She made six goals in the event and received the top scorer award.

She again kicked in the equalizer in the final of the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's

World Cup when the DPRK team allowed a goal to the opponents, winning the Golden Ball, the most valuable player award, in the event.

The DPRK girls played the final match against Spain.

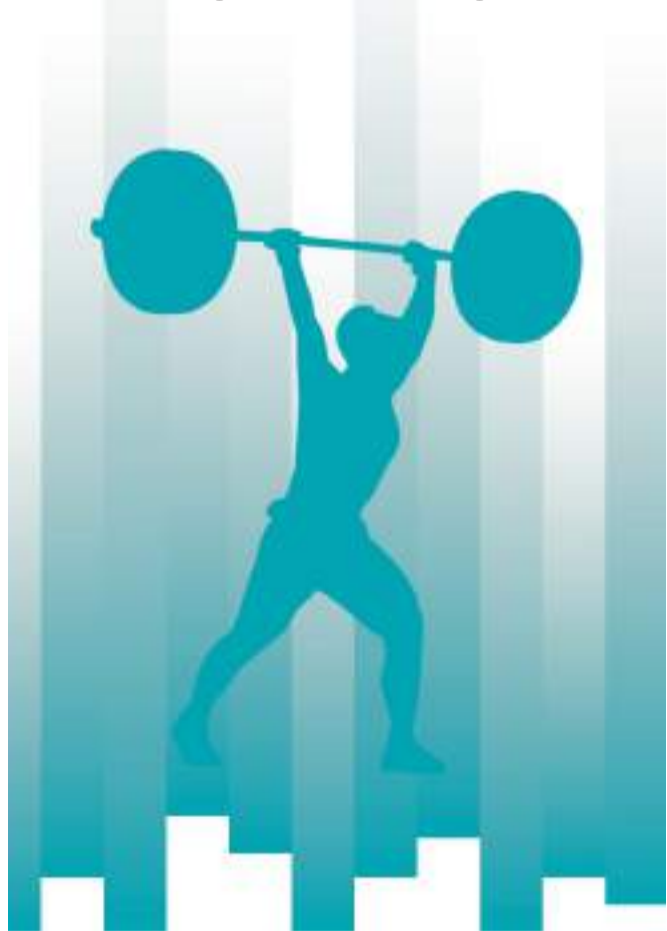
When they lost a point first, some people said that the rankings were already decided and the World Cup would be taken by the Spanish team this time again. But a miracle happened in the 66th minute, overturning all these conjectures. DPRK player No. 19 slipped the ball into the back space of the tackling defenders of the Spanish team and Jon

shot through them, deceived the goalkeeper and calmly kicked the ball into the empty goal. It was really a thrilling goal.

Then there were no more goals and the match had a penalty shootout. And Jon succeeded in scoring a good goal again without hesitation.

Referring to her, FIFA said that following Choe Il Son who was awarded the Golden Ball in the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, Jon Il Chong made her presence known to the world this time. It can be rightly claimed that her success in the recent World Cup is just the beginning."

## Amazing sports legend in weightlifting



By Kim Hak Chol PT

The DPRK sports persons achieved remarkable successes in 2024.

Among them the achievements made by women weightlifters in recent years are really miraculous.

They increased the number of world record holdings from two to 14, the equivalent of 50 percent of world records, and obtained over 100 medals including 70 golds in a little over a year.

The 19th Asian Games were the starting point for demonstrating to the world the high profile of the DPRK's weightlifting, which has made rapid progress and the newly-emerged stars in the Asian and world weightlifting circles.

In the event the DPRK women weightlifters won seven medals including five golds, with Kang Hyon Gyong, Ri Song Gum and Kim Il Gyong setting new world records in succession.

The world records held by the DPRK women weightlifters increased to eight after the games.

Won Hyon Sim bettered the world records in snatch

and total and Ri Song Gum in jerk and total in the 2024 Asian Weightlifting Championships, while Kang Hyon Gyong and Song Kuk Hyang broke the world records in snatch and jerk respectively. Particularly, Song Kuk Hyang renewed the world record held by a Chinese player in jerk.

As a result, all eleven male and female players of the DPRK participating in the 2024 Asian Weightlifting Championships won gold medals, establishing world records in a total of 12 categories.

As Won Hyon Sim renewed the previous world records in snatch, jerk and total, Kang Hyon Gyong in jerk and total and Ri Song Gum in total respectively in the 2024 International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) World Cup, which was held in Thailand, the DPRK women's weightlifting team held 13 world records.

Ri Suk and Kim Il Gyong set new world records in jerk and total of the women's 64kg and 59kg categories respectively in the 2024 IWF World Championships. In particular, Ri Suk renewed

two world records in jerk and total respectively.

Eventually, the world championships ended with the proud victory of DPRK players, who beat six world records to hold 14 world records by adding one more to the previous ones.

Team cup was awarded to DPRK players who collected a total of 29 medals including 14 gold, nine silver and six bronze medals and Kim Il Gyong won the most valuable player award.

They never broke the world records with only physical strength.

In a word, a true sense of patriotism is the secret of success of the DPRK women weightlifters, who created such an amazing sports legend shaking the world weightlifting circles.

Their deep love for the country and strong will to bring honour to it enabled them to overcome intensive training and their indomitable spiritual strength of overcoming themselves inspired tireless efforts and boundless enthusiasm of them to set higher goals and train harder, producing such a marvellous legend as of today.

## Monument to Great Victory in Pukkwan



By Song Jong Ho PT

There is the Monument to the Great Victory in Pukkwan (northern area) in Rimmyong-ri of Kim Chaek City, North Hamgyong Province.

The monument was built in 1708, dedicated to the memory of the great victory won by the volunteer army led by Jong Mun Bu (1565-1624) by destroying the Japanese invaders who intruded into the Hamgyong provincial area during the Imjin Patriotic War (1592-1598).

The monument is a precious historic relic of great significance in the study of the history of struggle of the Korean ancestors who fought bravely against the Japanese invasion.

