

Inauguration Season, Byword of the DPRK (3)

Inauguration Season and Overall Development

Now the Korean people are out to implement the Regional Development 20×10 Policy initiated by Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK. The nationwide campaign gave birth to the phrase *inauguration season* which was coined to represent the DPRK's reality. But the phrase does not refer to the construction of industrial, public health or cultural facilities alone.

The country pushes ahead with several projects to develop regional areas and transform the rural communities across the country by building houses. Meanwhile, a number of projects to build new factories and production lines and modernize the existing factories go full steam ahead in different parts of the country. Besides, the government has set it as an important task at present to transform the newly organized or backward farms among the tideland farms on the west coast into modern and civilized ones and facelift coal-mining villages across the country. It also plans to renovate the schools across the country in ten years. In this way, it intends to achieve development in economic, cultural and all other fields of social life.

The regional people have already witnessed modern and advanced industrial and healthcare facilities and leisure facilities as good as those in the capital city. Therefore, it goes without explaining at what level they would build such facilities in their localities.

In this regard there is something that deserves special attention: The term *higher* can be often seen in the news reports on Kim Jong Un's field guidance tours.

After he set forth the Regional Development 20×10 Policy in early 2024, he acquainted himself with the situation in the regional-industry factories in Kimhwa County built on a pilot basis so as to finally decide on the concrete direction of construction of the regional-industry factories to be newly built in different parts of the country. He stressed that the regional-industry factories to be newly built should be higher than those in Kimhwa County in terms of architectural style and modernity.

At the inauguration ceremony of the industrial establishments and leisure complex in Kangdong County held in December 2025, he said that the goal and sphere of creation should be steadily updated and elevated. And at the inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in the city of Sinpho he underlined the need to set a higher goal of regional development and take bigger strides for progress to perseveringly attain it without an inch of deflection.

After all, the inauguration season to come around every year will lead to a steady increase in the ideals and goals of the Korean people, which will in turn promote the development in all the fields including the economy, science, education, culture and sports.

Inauguration season can be said to be another representation of the comprehensive development of socialism in the DPRK.