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Report on Enlarged Meeting of Second Plenary Meeting of Ninth Central Committee of WPK

The Second Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held from June 20 to 22 to conduct an interim review of the implementation of the Party and state policies for 2026, a year of key importance when a breakthrough should be made in carrying out the strategic tasks and the new five-year plan set forth at the Ninth Congress of the WPK, confirm the central points of work and the orientation of struggle for the second half of the year, and discuss and decide on the pending issues urgently needed for putting overall socialist construction on a stable and sustained development track.

The plenary meeting took place in the form of an enlarged meeting with the attendance of members of the Party central leadership as well as leading officials of guidance organs in Pyongyang and the regions, senior Party and administrative officials of major industrial establishments and major commanding officers of the Korean People's Army.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, presided over the meeting.

The meeting presidium was composed of members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

The following agenda items were brought up for discussion at the meeting:

First, Interim Review of the Implementation of the Major Party and State Policies for 2026

Second, On Shoring Up the Coal-mining Industry and Remodelling the Coal-mining Villages across the Country

Third, On a Series of Measures for Enhancing the Role of the City and County People's Committees

Fourth, Organizational Matter

The plenary meeting heard and deliberated on the report on the implementation of the Party and state policies in the first half of the year.

It heard the report and speeches on the measures for thoroughly carrying out the technological and cultural upgrading of the coal-mining industry, which was designated as an important strategic task for the Party and the state in the period of the new long-term plan.

Comrade Kim Jong Un emphasized that the issue of eliminating the centuries-old backwardness remaining in the coal-mining industry in the era, when the whole country is undergoing changes

and advancing, is a strategic task of weighty significance not only in successfully fulfilling the new five-year plan but also in carrying out the next medium- and long-term plans for the prospective development of the national economy and a promise our Party made with the coal miners and an urgent project that should be launched without delay. He referred to the orientations for forming another new front for technologically and culturally transforming the coal-mining sector as a whole, along with the construction projects for the Regional Development 20×10 Policy. And he continued:

The task to which our Party should give special importance and direct efforts for the development of the coal-mining industry at the present stage is to decisively solve the housing problem of coal miners, the masters of coalfields and the producers. The transformation of coal-mining areas across the country is as gigantic and huge construction work as the transformation of rural dwellings across the country, as well as a new realm which holds an important place in the struggle for regional development; therefore, it is necessary to make thorough preparations from the beginning and give precedence to meticulous planning and preliminary arrangements.

To this end, it is needed to organize powerful coal-mining area construction headquarters in Pyongyang and provinces, build up reliable design and construction forces and make good preparations for the equipment, materials and transport so as to launch into construction on a full scale next year.

This construction project should be a crucial process for the coal miners, who have devoted their precious sweat and passion to defending the lifeline of the national economy in the annals of the revolution, and for transforming the coal-mining industry as a whole in line with the demands of the three revolutions.

He then set forth detailed tasks for ensuring the successful implementation of the project including those of designing houses and public buildings well in conformity with the characteristics of the coal-mining areas and with the modern and advanced character and powerfully launching the project for turning the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine into a modern and standard one and transforming the area into a new model of coal-mine culture.

The meeting heard and deliberated on the result of the study of establishing a rational and well-regulated system and order in the work of the city and county people's committees and improving their relevant authority to meet the practical requirements so that they can powerfully lead the new stage of development of Korean-style socialist construction in their regions.

It recognized that the measures brought up for deliberation were studied and worked out in conformity with the policy-oriented intention of the Party Central Committee and the Party principle.

The plenary meeting discussed the organizational matter.

Comrade Kim Jong Un proposed at the meeting to recall Jo Yong Won, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, and elect him as a secretary of the Party Central Committee.

The proposal, which Comrade Kim Jong Un made as an exercise of the authority of the President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the basis of Article 90 of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of the DPRK, was passed with the approval of all members of the Party Central Committee.

Department directors of the WPK Central Committee were

dismissed and appointed.

At the plenary meeting, Comrade Kim Jong Un made an important concluding speech to clarify the orientation of the Party and state policies at the present stage and the short-, intermediate- and long-term future struggle tasks.

Referring to the character and significance of this year's struggle of key importance in successfully attaining the five-year long-term goals set forth by the Party Congress, he reviewed the first half-year work of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK, which confirmed the orientation of development and the goals at the new stage and organized and guided essential work for enlisting the entire Party and all the people to implement them, and the successes achieved in all sectors of socialist construction.

In particular, he highly appreciated that the great enthusiasm and collective innovation of the working class and young people, who turned out in response to the decisions of the Party Congress,

Third Meeting of Political Bureau of Ninth Central Committee of WPK Held

are giving a great encouragement to the present new phase of development.

We are now paving a new way which can be pushed through only with an iron will and indefatigable efforts and our struggle, which has started vigorously for attaining the new long-term goals, can be led to the meaningful first success only when we perfectly carry out this year's tasks with all our courage and energy in the second half of the year, Comrade Kim Jong Un said, stressing once again that all the sectors and units should continue to display the high fighting spirit and redouble their efforts, just as they did in launching into their struggle in hearty response to the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Comrade Kim Jong Un in his concluding speech reaffirmed the steadfast policy-oriented stand of the Party and state to accelerate the build-up of the national defence capabilities.

Referring to the peculiarities of the Korean revolution inevitably accompanied by confrontation with imperialism, he clarified once again the steadfast stand of the Party and government to make more proactive efforts to further expand and strengthen the powerful and absolutely reliable deterrent for self-defence in order to cope with the

prevailing geopolitical crisis.

He set forth the tasks of dynamically carrying out the work of further increasing the powerful national defence assets without pause, in a thoroughgoing, Korean way and with a goal of surpassing the world's level.

He clarified once again the steadfast foreign policy stand of the Party and the DPRK government to firmly adhere to the principle of struggle against the enemy, strengthen the united front with the anti-imperialist, independent forces and resolutely fight against the imperialists' moves for aggression and war.

He said:

We have no right to disregard this complicated situation and stark geopolitical reality and should not look away from them. Strength is precisely the sovereignty and prestige of a country. The sovereignty and security of our country have been firmly guaranteed by its great strength and so will they be in the future, too.

He emphasized that there is nothing to revise or supplement in this view, and that this is a general conclusion made by the protracted history of anti-imperialist struggle of the WPK.

He said that Party organizations at all levels should ensure the successful fulfillment of the tasks for this year, the first year of implementing the decisions of the Party Congress, by holding fast to the work of giving the fullest play to the inexhaustible strength, the ideological and spiritual strength, of the masses as the core of their activities, and definitely turning Party guidance over the economic affairs into guidance by political work method and directional and methodological guidance.

Each year is precious for us always advancing with a high aim to realize the most righteous and sacred ideals and months and days forming a year are dear, said Comrade Kim Jong Un. He ardently called on everyone to wage a more dynamic struggle by unsparingly displaying their unflagging spirit of serving the country and the people and unbounded enthusiasm for the revolutionary cause on the proud journey for gigantic creation and transformation.

The Third Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK was convened on June 22.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee examined the constructive opinions the sectoral consultative meetings raised for deliberation after collective discussion and the report on the work of the group for reviewing the budget for the major construction projects. And it finalized the draft decisions and reported the result to the plenary meeting.

The plenary meeting unanimously adopted the decisions "On shoring up the coal-mining industry and remodelling coal-mining villages across the country in a modern style" and "On taking a measure for enhancing the functions and role of the city and county people's committees."

Conference Held in Splendour to Commemorate 80th Birthday of KCU

The Korean Children's Union, a mass political organization of schoolchildren who represent the future and hope of the state and people, proudly marked its 80th founding anniversary in its history of glorious succession and growth.

A conference in commemoration of the 80th founding anniversary of the KCU was held in splendour at Kim Il Sung Stadium in the capital city of Pyongyang on June 6 amid special concern and expectations of the Party, government and people.

Marshal Kim Jong Un, the benevolent father of all the schoolchildren across the country, attended the conference.

Delegates of the KCU organizations presented bouquets of fragrant flowers to him and tied a red neckerchief of the KCU around his neck.

The fatherly Marshal extended warm congratulations to the members of the KCU on significantly commemorating its 80th founding anniversary amid the blessing of the whole country.

There was a ceremony of hoisting the national flag of the DPRK.

The exemplary KCU members hoisted the glorious national flag amid the solemn playing of the national anthem of the DPRK.

The delegates of the KCU organizations courteously presented the fatherly Marshal with letters of loyalty reflecting the boundless wishes of the KCU members across the country and their pledge of succession.

Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made a report at the conference.

The respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un made a significant congratulatory speech on the 80th founding anniversary of the KCU.

"Our proud Children's Union members,

"This is June 6, your holiday.

"On this holiday, 80th founding anniversary of your organization, the whole country is sending greetings of congratulation to all of you, Children's Union members, who are precious sons and daughters of our people and masters of the future of this Korea.

"As I see your neat and vigorous appearance, I really feel reassured.

"Children's Union members,

"Overcoming the harsh trials as it sees you and creating more with greater exertion as it wishes that the rising generation will lead a happier life with nothing to envy–this is the course of, and secret to, this country achieving prosperity.

"Beloved Children's Union members,

"You should not forget that the richer knowledge you acquire, the more healthily and stoutly you grow up and the greater feeling of helping and leading one another forward you cherish in your mind, the stronger your country will become and the happier the laughter will be in the streets, villages, workplaces and houses across the country.

"You should steadily shoulder the future of this country.

"My wish is that you will all be filial to your parents, study hard and be exemplary in the organizational life in good health.

"I really feel happier today than any other days.

"It is because I am sure that, as it has you, our country will become more youthful and beautiful.

"Children's Union members,

"Let us all march forward courageously towards the future as befitting the sons and daughters of Korea."

When he finished his speech, the members of the KCU, who received great love and trust from the benevolent father, broke into enthusiastic cheers of "Hurrah!"

All the participants made a pledge of loyalty to the fatherly Marshal.

Then followed a march of the new generation.

The sky of June resounded with the slogans chanted by the marchers reflecting the firm determination of all the KCU members to be always ready for the socialist country, trusting and following only the fatherly Marshal who defends and brings into full bloom the dreams and hopes of the rising generation and the bright future of the country which will be rosy forever.

The conference ended amid the resounding of the song *Marshal Kim Jong Un Is Our Father* sung by the KCU members in chorus out of their boundless gratitude to the fatherly Marshal who took a benevolent measure to celebrate June 6 as a joyful national holiday every year and brings the greatest happiness to them.

The fatherly Marshal warmly waved to the new generation, the reliable successors to the revolution who would firmly carry forward the baton of the Juche cause, and wished the KCU members a bright future.

Respected Fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un
Has Photo Session with Delegates to Celebrations of the KCU's 80th Birthday

On the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union (June 6), the whole country was overflowing with the affection and blessing of the benevolent father, who puts forward the schoolchildren as a source of pleasure and pride of the country and brings them the greatest honour and happiness.

The respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un met on June 6 the delegates from Korean Children's Union organizations participating in the celebrations of the anniversary.

When he arrived at the venue for the photo session, the schoolchildren felt so happy that they broke into cheers of "Hurrah!"

The fatherly Marshal extended warm congratulations to the KCU members who attended the celebrations on behalf of all the KCU organizations of the country.

The course of the development of the KCU with its glorious history and tradition features a proud journey of having glorified the Workers' Party of Korea's idea of the Juche-oriented children's movement and its leadership exploits and firmly prepared the rising generations as pillars of socialist Korea, he said, adding that it is the greatest source of strength and pride for our Party, state and people to have a revolutionary children's organization steadily inheriting the spirit of pure loyalty and patriotism.

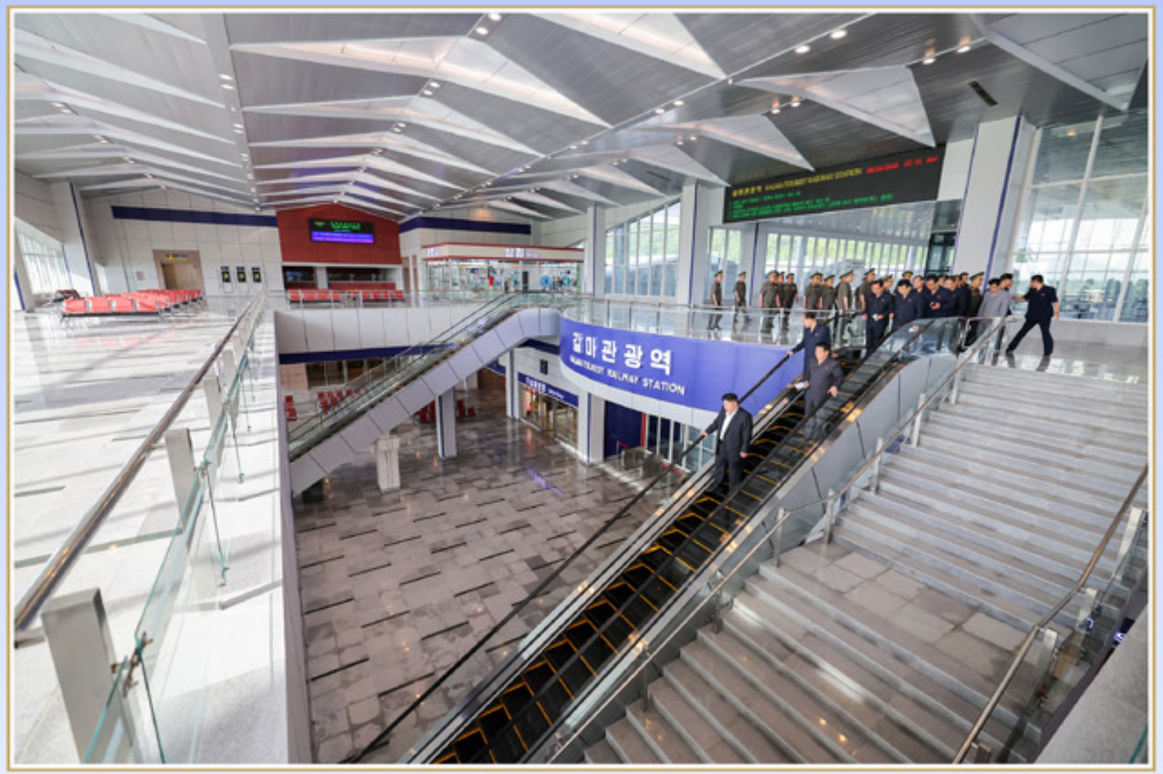
From the bright and cheerful looks of the new generation and their beautiful and noble ideological and moral qualities, our Party and people are getting indomitable strength and redoubled courage to overcome any trials and difficulties cheerfully, he said, adding that the bold spirit and dynamic footsteps of the KCU members growing up to be pillars for building a powerful country while flying high the flag of the KCU represent the strong breath and bright future of the country advancing nonstop.

He said that future Korea belongs to the KCU members and that our Party and people shoulder the heavy burden of creation and construction for amazing changes and progress despite all sorts of difficulties and are making determined efforts in order to hand down the strongest and most beautiful country to the coming generations. And he asked the KCU members to study hard and strive to become fine revolutionary and patriotic talents who will develop Korea into the best country with their high ambition and ideals, iron will and wisdom.

Hoping happiness would be always with the KCU members, the future of socialist Korea, the powerful country, he had a photo session with the delegates.

The future of the country will be boundlessly bright and rosy as the new generations are growing up to be the masters of the future, holding Marshal Kim Jong Un in high esteem as their benevolent father.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un
Gives Field Guidance at Newly-built Facilities in Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance at the newly-built facilities in the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area on June 24.

Going round the newly-built Kalma Tourist Railway Station, he acquainted himself in detail with its construction and preparations for its operation.

He praised the builders for their efforts to build a modern railway station in just one year, saying that it seemed as if it was a few days ago when he chose its site near the coastal resort so as to promote the convenience of passengers visiting the resort.

He said he could notice that all the elements of the railway station were harmoniously arranged in conformity with the Party's idea on architectural aesthetics, its principle of practical layout and the requirements of the times and progress was made a level higher in

the construction of railway station. He noted with satisfaction that it would be an important occasion for establishing the standard of the remodelling of railway stations in the regions of the country and changing the perception of the remodelling.

Saying it has been proved once again that the rational combination of technical design and architectural design, capable of fully meeting the specific technical and expert requirements, is important also in the construction of railway stations, he clarified the issues of principle arising in putting the railway infrastructure design on a scientific, functional and specialized basis.

He set forth a series of tasks including those of taking measures for supplying vehicles and equipment for various purposes necessary for the management of the railway station and making the composition and operation of tourist trains specialized.

Then he visited the newly-built first-aid station in the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area.

He said it is important to build up the ranks of medical workers of the first-aid station and improve the quality of medical service.

He specified the tasks for the operation of and medical service at the first-aid station, including the smooth supply of all kinds of first-aid medicines and consumables necessary for the efficient and normal operation of equipment.

Commissioning Ceremony of New-type Multi-mission Destroyer *Choe Hyon* Held

The commissioning ceremony of the *Choe Hyon* took place at Nampho Port on June 23.

The respected Comrade 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, attended the ceremony.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Jo Chun Ryong, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a report on the preparations for the commissioning of the *Choe Hyon*.

Minister of Shipbuilding Industry Kim Kwang Il handed over the warship's delivery document to the Korean People's Army Navy.

Comrade Kim Jong Un made a congratulatory speech in commemoration of the commissioning of the *Choe Hyon*.

All the participants were deeply impressed by his impassioned speech, which reflected the great ambition to firmly defend the well-being and future of the country and the people by maximizing the strength and dignity of the DPRK and gave them confidence in the steady development of the revolution in the warship-building industry in the new era and the bright prospect of the modern naval forces.

Upon authorization, KPA Marshal Pak Jong Chon read out the order of the WPK Central Military Commission on commissioning the *Choe Hyon* into the KPA Navy, and handed it to Admiral Pak Kwang Sop, commander of the KPA Navy.

On the order of the WPK Central Military Commission, the destroyer was commissioned into the West Sea Fleet of the KPA Navy to perform the honourable mission of defending the territorial waters of the DPRK in the West Sea and deterring war.

On behalf of the sailors of the destroyer, Group Captain Choe Kum Chol, captain of the destroyer, made an oath-taking speech.

Amid the enthusiastic encouragement and cheers of the participants in the ceremony, the sailors of the destroyer got on the warship holding high the glorious ensign.

There took place a ceremony of hoisting the ensign of the destroyer *Choe Hyon* of the KPA Navy.

The ensign symbolic of the commissioning of the destroyer was hoisted amid the warship whistle and the boom of a nine gun-salute.

Comrade Kim Jong Un got on the destroyer.

The destroyer was full of the great honour and excitement of the sailors who had the greatest honour of having the Supreme Commander on their warship again before the first departure after the commissioning ceremony.

The captain courteously saluted Comrade Kim Jong Un in welcome of him.

Comrade Kim Jong Un met sailors on the bow and stern of the destroyer.

The sailors, taking delivery of the warship with a sacred mission and deep trust, were awarded a pair of binoculars in the name of Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Upon authorization, KPA Marshal Pak Jong Chon conferred the binoculars on the first vice-captain of the destroyer.

Saying that the first destroyer of the DPRK was to start the fulfillment of the sacred and important mission of reliably defending the maritime sovereignty and interests of the state after enlisting for the Navy in the sea of the country, Comrade Kim Jong Un stated that the destroyer's commissioning of epochal significance in building the armed forces in the new era is clear and compelling proof of the reality in which the strength of the Navy as the core service of the DPRK's armed forces is being remarkably boosted.

There will be no change in the constant view of the Party that strength is just the national sovereignty and prestige and that a country can be peaceful and prosperous only when its military muscle is strong, he said, affirming that powerful warships will advance into the inviolable and beautiful sea of the country one after another to defend its peace and honour, and that the security of the state will be further consolidated and the dignity and stamina of the Navy of the DPRK will be more fully displayed through the exercise of the great real ability to counter the enemies' threat of aggression.

Expressing his belief and expectation that the *Choe Hyon* would

record only victories in the course of safeguarding the country by creditably carrying forward the great spirit, matchless bravery and ever-victorious tradition of the army-founding generation as befitting the warship named after a veteran general, he had a photograph taken with the sailors, a photo that would go down forever in the history of development of the Navy.

All the commanding officers and sailors of the destroyer solemnly pledged before Comrade Kim Jong Un, the country and the people to make theirs the flagship of the matchless fleet controlling the most responsible battlefield for defending the sovereignty of the DPRK with the spiritual strength and matchless combat capability of the heroic Navy, by displaying loyalty and performing feats while following the course set by the Party Central Committee.

Comrade Kim Jong Un got off the warship, met the discharged Navy generals who were invited to the commissioning ceremony and expressed the unshakable plan of the Party Central Committee to further accelerate the development of the naval forces associated with their patriotic life.

There took place a departure ceremony of the *Choe Hyon*.

All the warships of the Navy at the harbour raised the code flags of congratulation all at once amid the sounding of the whistle of departure of the destroyer.

The participants extended their warmest and enthusiastic congratulations to the destroyer's sailors, waving their hands.

Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a militant salute to the DPRK's state-of-the-art multi-mission destroyer No. 1, sincerely hoping that it would win fame as an invincible warship symbolic of the mightiness and invincibility of the heroic people's Navy.

That day, the Navy hosted a reception in commemoration of the commissioning of the destroyer.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Inspects Navigation Test of Destroyer *Kang Kon*

The respected Comrade 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 the destroyer *Kang Kon* of the Navy of the Korean People's Army, which had launched into the shakedown for assessing its ability to carry out operations, and inspected its navigation test on June 4.

He was accompanied by Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, Pak Kwang Sop, commander of the Navy, Pak Jong Chon, advisor to the Ministry of National Defence, Kim Kang Il, vice-minister of National Defence and director of the General Armaments Bureau, Jang Chang Ha, general director of the Missile Administration, Kim Yong Hwan, president of the Academy of Defence Sciences, Kim Myong Son,

director of the Armaments Examination Bureau of the Ministry of National Defence, commanding officers of the Navy and senior officials in the field of warship building.

Comrade Kim Jong Un boarded the destroyer *Kang Kon* and learned about the actual conditions of various combat duty spaces and elements including the control centre, the plan for the navigation test and the schedule of the phased test of the warship's weapon systems.

The navigation test was conducted to assess different manoeuvring elements of the destroyer in his presence.

He praised the sailors for their high ability to operate the warship and expressed satisfaction over the cruise and high-speed manoeuvring systems of the warship whose manoeuvrability is good enough to meet the operational requirements.

Referring to the global development aspect of the warship building industry and the structural features of warship design, he clarified the important tasks for making the warship control system further sophisticated in a Korean way so as to meet the requirements for the performance of the operational mission of the Navy.

It is possible to deter war and defend peace only when we possess substantial and powerful military muscle capable of exercising our military sovereignty in a responsible manner in any space of the ground, the sea and the air, he said, stating that this is the invariable view of the WPK and its national defence policy. In particular, the issue of rapidly developing and strengthening the naval forces of the country into a force capable of reliably taking charge of a part of the nuclear war deterrent and into a group that can deal a deadly blow to the enemy any moment under and on the water is a matter which the WPK regards as the most important core task in the new five-year national defence development policy, he noted.

He expressed great trust and expectations that the ambitious future plans for bolstering up the warship force, including the development and production of secret underwater weapons and the building of 10 000-ton destroyers which would be pushed ahead according to the five-year plan for modernizing the Navy approved by the Ninth Congress of the WPK, would be surely carried out by the reliable and qualified defence science research group, self-supporting shipbuilding industry and competent and resourceful workers in the munitions industry.

He warmly encouraged the officials, scientists and technicians of warship and weapon system research institutes, hoping that they would successfully conduct the shakedown for assessing the destroyer's ability to carry out operations and put destroyers *Choe Hyon* and *Kang Kon* into commission for the Navy as soon as possible with their honourable sense of mission and high sense of responsibility.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Supervises Tests of Major Weapons Organized by Defence Science Research Institutes

The tests analyzed and evaluated the combat characteristics of the upgraded 240mm-calibre 24-tube multiple rocket launcher system, the power of special mission warhead of a tactical ballistic missile, and the hit accuracy of shells with an extended firing range of the 155mm-calibre self-propelled gun-howitzer.

The respected Comrade 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, on June 25 supervised tests of major weapons organized by defence science research institutes under the plan for modernizing artillery and missile forces to attain the five-year goal for national defence development.

The tests analyzed and evaluated the combat characteristics of the upgraded 240mm-calibre 24-tube multiple rocket launcher system, the power of special mission warhead of a tactical ballistic missile, and the hit accuracy of shells with an extended firing range of the 155mm-calibre self-propelled gun-howitzer.

The upgraded 24-tube multiple rocket launcher system is an improved version of corps-level firepower system and its firing range has increased to 90km. All elements of its firepower system are automated and an autonomous precise guidance system has been introduced.

And the special mission warhead of the tactical ballistic missile is aimed at inflicting fatal damage on major targets including airfields, ports and power facilities of the enemy.

The test of shells with an extended firing range of 65km for the 155mm-calibre self-propelled gun-howitzer, too, is of great military significance.

Expressing great satisfaction over the results of the tests, Comrade Kim Jong Un told the accompanying leading cadres that he was pleased to have become able to show a new level of development of the national defence capability introduced at the Second Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK.

He said that today's tests of division- and corps-level firepower systems serve as an occasion of proving and convincing people of the great technological progress made in implementing our Party's

policy on building the armed forces for bringing about a change in the fire posture on the southern border and adhering to the three principles of putting weapons on an automatic, long-range and ultra-precision basis.

He said that the WPK's line on self-reliant defence is being thoroughly guaranteed by our distinguished defence science talents and defence sci-tech capability, which pioneer the unique course of development without hesitation and without marking time, by relying on the highly ingenious development mode.

Saying that the present international situation, in which national sovereignty can be defended and existence guaranteed only by complete upper hand in strength, makes it unnecessary to add any rhetoric to explaining why the bolstering up of the defence capabilities becomes the indispensable and primary national strategic work, he added that it eloquently shows the validity of our Party's line of self-reliant defence and the irreversibility of the radical development of our armed forces.

Referring to the need to prioritize the development of the artillery and missile forces of the Army, he stressed the immediate task for developing the national defence capability, which should be carried out during the five-year plan.

As I have recently emphasized so often, our Party's policy on self-reliant defence is not merely geared to enhancing the defensive functions relying on defensive means but further strengthening the deadly and destructive offensive posture to make no enemy dare to confront us, and this is what we mean by a concept of defence in the army-building and practical military action, he said.

To make the enemy feel constant uneasiness and fear is just an important aspect of the exercise of war deterrent, he said, affirming that we would make them recognize that the long-range strike means of our armed forces have been replaced with upgraded versions in the shortest possible time.

Recalling that the Second Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK clarified the strategic tasks of weighty significance in upgrading and developing the military strength, he called on all the defence science research institutes and munitions production enterprises to turn out in the drive to carry them out.

Comrade Kim Jong Un repeatedly stressed that it is the steadfast will and strategic policy of our Party to build the most powerful artillery forces.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un
Inspects the Major Munitions Industrial Enterprise to Learn About First Half-yearly Production

The respected Comrade 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 a major munitions industrial enterprise on June 6 to acquaint himself with the production of major weapons in the first half of 2026.

He highly praised the enterprise for having fulfilled its plan of major weapons production for the first half of the year ahead of schedule and putting spurs to the preparations for the production for the second half of the year.

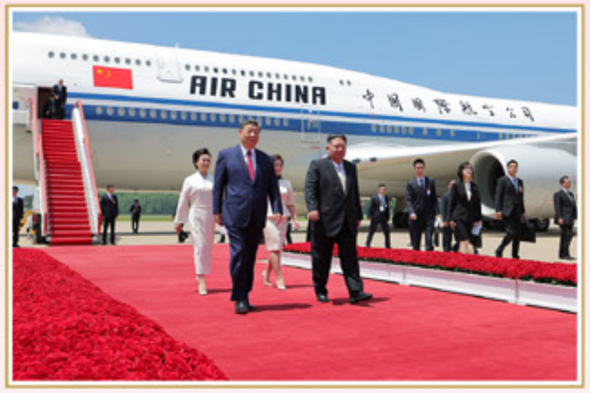
That day, he heard a report on the Missile Administration's long-term plan for expanding the capacity to produce various ballistic missiles and cruise missiles and gave an instruction to submit it to the Second Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK for deliberation.

It is a core task of crucial importance to boost the existing production capacity on an annual growth basis and expand it 2.5 times within the five-year plan period in order to meet the demand for missiles that will drastically increase as our armed forces' operation group formation and combat structure are to be modified, he said.

Underlining the need for the enterprise to establish strict regulations and order for quality control and thoroughly observe the requirements of the inspection process so as to further improve the quality of products, he gave some instructions for its production and management.

The History and Traditions of DPRK-China Friendship Will Be Everlasting

Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of CPC Central Committee and President of PRC, Arrives in Pyongyang to Pay State Visit to the DPRK
Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Warmly Welcomes Comrade Xi Jinping



Another historic Pyongyang meeting between the top leaders of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China was arranged at a time when the traditional DPRK-China friendship, forged on the long journey for achieving independence against imperialism, preserving peace and accomplishing the socialist cause, overcoming all hardships of the times, was developing at a new strategic level.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju came to Pyongyang International Airport to greet Comrade Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan.

Present at the airport were Wang Yajun, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and his embassy officials.

Comrade Xi Jinping's private plane landed at the airport at noon on June 8.

Comrade Kim Jong Un had an emotional meeting with Comrade Xi Jinping.

He shook hands with Comrade Xi Jinping, expressing his pleasure at meeting him again in Pyongyang nine months after their significant meeting in Beijing in September last year.

Comrade Xi Jinping expressed his deep thanks to Comrade Kim Jong Un for warmly welcoming him, expressing his impressions about the revisit to Pyongyang in seven years.

Accompanying him were Cai Qi, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau, member of the Secretariat and director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee, Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau and director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee and minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Haixing, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Tang Fangyu, director of the Policy Research Office of the CPC Central Committee, Dong Jun, minister of National Defence of the PRC, Zeng Shanjie, head of the National Development and Reform Committee of the PRC, Wang Wentao, minister of Commerce of the PRC, and other entourage members.

Lovely children presented bunches of flowers to Comrade Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan.

Comrade Xi Jinping's private car left the airport, escorted by motorcycles.

Along the route from Sunan District to Rimhung, Saeppyol and other streets, Pyongyang citizens warmly welcomed Comrade Xi Jinping who came with warm feelings of friendship of the fraternal Chinese people towards the DPRK people.

Historic Meeting to Be Specially Recorded in Chronicle of DPRK-China Friendship

Ceremony of Welcoming Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of Central Committee of CPC and President of PRC

The Korean people welcomed the goodwill mission of the fraternal Chinese people on a state visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as the most highly honoured state guest.

A ceremony took place at Kim Il Sung Square on June 8 to welcome Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China.

Seen at the square with the national flags of the DPRK and China fluttering were the guard of honour and the honorary cavalry of the Korean People's Army and the Central Military Band of the Ministry of National Defence.

Attending the ceremony were Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, Kim Jae Ryong and Ri Il Hwan, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kim Song Nam, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK.

Pyongyang citizens, youth and students and children were standing with national flags of the two countries and flowers in their hands.

Comrade 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, came to the venue of the ceremony.

Comrade Xi Jinping's private car arrived at Kim Il Sung Square.

Amid the playing of welcome music, Comrade Kim Jong Un,

together with his wife Ri Sol Ju, warmly greeted Comrade Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan.

Comrade Kim Jong Un introduced senior Party, government and military officials of the DPRK to Comrade Xi Jinping.

He exchanged greetings with entourage members of the Chinese side including Cai Qi, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau, member of the Secretariat and director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee, Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau and director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee and minister of Foreign Affairs, Liu Haixing, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Tang Fangyu, director of the Policy Research Office of the CPC Central Committee, Dong Jun, minister of National Defence of the PRC, Zeng Shanjie, head of the National Development and Reform Committee of the PRC, and Wang Wentao, minister of Commerce of the PRC.

A ceremony of welcoming Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China, began.

A 21-gun salute was fired amid the solemn playing of the national anthems of the PRC and the DPRK.

Comrade Xi Jinping received a salute from the chief of the KPA guard of honour.

Guided by Comrade Kim Jong Un, Comrade Xi Jinping reviewed the KPA guard of honour.

There took place a march-past of the KPA guard of honour.

When the welcoming ceremony was over, loud cheers were raised.

Comrade Xi Jinping expressed heartfelt thanks to the Korean Party, government and people for their hospitality.

The masses broke into enthusiastic cheers, looking up to the top leaders who are further consolidating the ties of DPRK-China friendship, which have steadily maintained their nature from one century to the next and from one generation to the next, and energetically guiding them to the strategic development in conformity with the requirements of the new era and the aspirations and wishes

of the peoples of the two countries.

The top leaders of the two countries warmly waved back to the cheering masses.

Comrade Xi Jinping's private car headed towards the Kumsusan State Guesthouse.

Comrade Kim Jong Un accompanied Comrade Xi Jinping to the latter's lodgings.

The Pyongyang meeting overflowing with close friendship and warm feelings between the top leaders of the two countries was clearly recorded in history as an event showing once again the DPRK-China relationship that has firmly carried forward the good tradition generation after generation and is writing a new chapter of history of friendship and solidarity for a more beautiful future.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of WPK and President of State Affairs of DPRK, Has Talks with Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of Central Committee of CPC and President of PRC

The respected Comrade 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, had talks with Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China, on June 8.

Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly welcomed Comrade Xi Jinping, who was visiting Pyongyang in seven years, as the greatest state guest, saying that his visit to Pyongyang as the first foreign trip for this year was an expression of his top priority to the DPRK-China friendship as well as the greatest encouraging support to the Korean people. Pyongyang deems it as its honour, he said, adding the Chinese leader's current visit would mark an important occasion for showing once again that the DPRK and China had always stood together on the right side of history for independence and justice and their relations were definitely solid as they had stood the test of history under international upheavals.

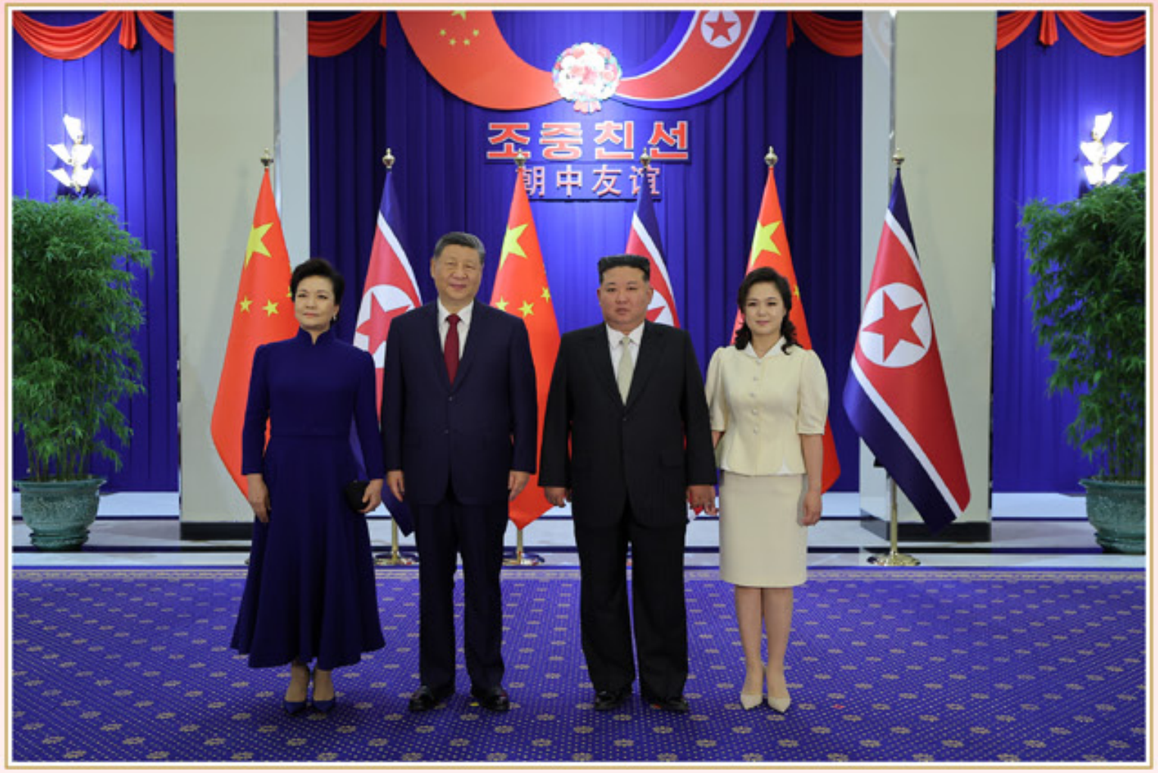
He affirmed that the WPK and the DPRK government will as ever maintain the DPRK-China friendship as the most important top-priority strategic work and do their utmost to strengthen the bilateral relations into a model of the relationship between socialist states and into an unfadable, special, genuine and solid strategic relationship and that this was our immutable choice and will.

Comrade Xi Jinping said that the Chinese Party and government will remain unchanged in their firm stand to place great importance on the traditional China-DPRK friendship, their firm support to the socialist cause of the DPRK led by Comrade General Secretary Kim Jong Un and their firm determination to defend the common interests of both sides and good strategic environment no matter how the international situation may change.

He expressed his willingness to promote greater advance of the China-DPRK relations along with the times by providing a blueprint for the development of the bilateral relations together with Comrade Kim Jong Un during his current visit, and steadily boosting exchanges and cooperation and thus make a positive contribution to accomplishing the socialist cause of the two countries, ensuring the wellbeing of the two peoples and promoting peace, stability and prosperity in the region and the rest of the world.

The talks proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Hosts Banquet in Welcome of Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of CPC Central Committee and President of PRC



The respected Comrade 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, hosted a banquet at the Mokran House on the evening of June 8 in welcome of Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China.

Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech in welcome of Comrade Xi Jinping.

He noted that the will of the peoples of the two countries to jointly create a beautiful future on the road of struggle for socialism was reaffirmed through the Pyongyang meeting and talks.

Saying that the two parties and two countries had consolidated the bonds of unity and cooperation, sharing their destiny for a long time, as they are not merely physiographical neighbours but they are united on the basis of a common ideology and militant friendship, he expressed his readiness to develop the DPRK-China friendship founded on a good history and tradition into a model of the most powerful and strategic relations between socialist countries by leading it to a new high.

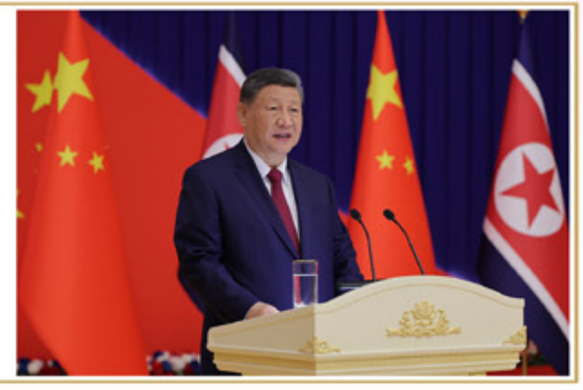
Comrade Xi Jinping made a reply speech.

He said that China and the DPRK have always shared destiny and that the traditional bilateral friendship is an invincible one with a long history, referring to the great friendship between the peoples of the two countries who shared life and death, sweets and bitters, in the decades of the revolution.

Saying that the bilateral relations are at a new historic starting point this year marking the 65th anniversary of the conclusion of the China-DPRK Treaty on Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance and that he achieved an important common understanding with Comrade Kim Jong Un during his current visit, he expressed his will to make joint efforts to develop the bilateral relations on a high level, open up a more beautiful prospect for the socialist cause of the two countries and promote the steady progress of human society.

The participants in the banquet toasted the steady consolidation and development of the DPRK-China friendship.

The banquet proceeded in a warm atmosphere full of friendship and fraternity.



Artistic Performance Given in Welcome of Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of Central Committee of CPC and President of PRC

An artistic performance was given in splendour at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on the night of June 8 in honour of Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China, who was on a state visit to the DPRK, opening up a good prospect in the course of the DPRK-China friendship in the new era.

Comrade Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju greeted Comrade Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan at the plaza of Pyongyang Indoor Stadium.

Comrade Kim Jong Un and Comrade Xi Jinping extended warm greetings to the enthusiastically cheering audience.

The national anthems of the PRC and the DPRK were played.

The performance began with Chinese song *We Sing of Motherland* and Korean song *The Glorious Motherland*. Put on the stage were famous songs full of patriotism, revolutionary spirit and national sentiments of the Korean and Chinese peoples in colourful and special artistic forms.

The medleys of Chinese songs *New World* and *Let's Sing of the New Age* wonderfully represented the genuine encouragement of the Korean people to the Chinese people who are making steady development and changes in the course of comprehensively building a modern socialist country under the leadership of Comrade Xi Jinping.

The performance ended with the finale *DPRK-China Friendship Is Everlasting*.

Comrade Kim Jong Un and Comrade Xi Jinping had flower baskets presented to the performers who gave the successful performance.

Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of CPC Central Committee and President of PRC, Lays Flower Basket at Friendship Tower

Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China, on a state visit to the DPRK, laid a flower basket at the Friendship Tower on June 9.

Comrade 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, together with his wife Ri Sol Ju came to the Friendship Tower to greet Comrade Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan.

The national anthems of the PRC and the DPRK were played.

A flower basket in the name of Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee and President of the PRC, was laid there.

The top leaders of the two countries, together with the participants, paid a silent tribute to the memory of the Chinese People's Volunteers martyrs who had displayed matchless bravery and self-sacrificing spirit in the Korean people's sacred war to repel the imperialists' armed invasion.

Comrade Kim Jong Un briefed Comrade Xi Jinping on the historical data, photos and oil paintings showing the brave CPV fighters who courageously made an entry into the Korean front with the genuine internationalist spirit and the feeling of fraternity, fought bloody battles shoulder to shoulder with the Korean people and rendered sincere assistance to them in their postwar reconstruction.

Turning over the leaves of the list of fallen CPV fighters, Comrade Xi Jinping recollected them, who clearly demonstrated the militant friendship and the spirit of comradely cooperation of the peoples of the two countries, bound up in the same destiny, and are still alive in their mind as an invaluable symbol of friendship.

Saying that the days when the peoples of the two countries were in the same trench for battles, sharing life and death, sweets and bitters, constitute the eternal memories of history, which can never be faded and erased even after the long lapse of time, the top leaders of the two countries expressed the same opinion on the need to jointly preserve and manage well the memorial facilities dedicated to the CPV martyrs, intensify education in the revolutionary traditions and the ideological and moral training among young people and carry forward the traditional DPRK-China friendship generation after generation.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Central Cadres Training School of WPK and Plants Tree with Comrade Xi Jinping

Comrade Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China, on a state visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea on June 9.

Comrade 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, accompanied him.

Comrade Xi Jinping went round the school, guided by Comrade Kim Jong Un.

They expressed their willingness to exert common efforts to make party cadres training schools play a proper role in strengthening the parties together while exchanging in depth the excellent party-building experience and earnestly learning from each other by further expanding and developing exchanges and cooperation between the two parties of the DPRK and China.

Comrades Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping planted a tree together in commemoration of their visit to the school.

A monument to the meaningful tree-planting was unveiled.

Inscribed on the monument were the letters in Korean and Chinese reading "DPRK-China friendship will be evergreen. Tree planted by Comrade Kim Jong Un and Comrade Xi Jinping. June 9, 2026."

Comrades Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping had a photo taken with the tree and monument as the background.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Hosts Luncheon for Comrade Xi Jinping and His Wife Peng Liyuan

Comrade Xi Jinping Leaves Pyongyang Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Sees Off Comrade Xi Jinping

Indelible Traces Left on Crop Fields

President Kim Il Sung made strenuous efforts for agricultural production to provide the people across the country with a rich and happy life.

From the days immediately after the country's liberation from the Japanese military occupation until the last days of his life, President Kim Il Sung gave field guidance to the agricultural sector to steadily improve the people's livelihood.

He saw to it that the agrarian reform was enforced as the start of democratic reforms for the building of a new society after national liberation, and the number of his field guidance trips for the agricultural sector was more than that of the trips he made for any other sector of the national economy.

In the course of this, he found scientific farming methods and a key to the increased production of cereals, and opened up a vista for the settlement of the socialist rural question.

President Kim Il Sung gives field guidance at the Songsok Cooperative Farm, Phyongwon County in September 1981.

President Kim Il Sung discusses farm work with farmers in Chongsan-ri, Kangso County in October 1958.

He visited the farms and villages in different parts of the country, not minding whether they were rich or poor.

He sat with farmers knee to knee and heard how they reaped good harvest so as to generalize their experience throughout the country. He personally cultivated some crops in his kitchen garden and informed the farmers of the scientific farming methods he had learned.

As an honorary farmer of a farm, he made sure that the farmers enjoyed bumper years, and that farm machines were bought for the farm with his share.

One day he said he had visited most of the farm villages across the country and the distance he had covered for field guidance trip would be hundreds of thousands of kilometres and the number of farmers he had met would be tens of thousands.

President Kim Il Sung gives field guidance at the Jangchon Cooperative Farm, Sadong District in October 1969.

President Kim Il Sung sees a new rice-seedling transplanter in May 1974.

President Kim Il Sung gives field guidance at the Pongdae Cooperative Farm, Jongphyong County in June 1974.

The Juche farming method, a scientific and intensive farming method introduced into all farms in the country, was created by the President during his field guidance.

His on-site guidance at farms was solely for the betterment of the people's living.

One day in August 1993 when he visited South Hwanghae Province, a granary of the country, he looked round five farms in different counties from early morning to noon.

Even in June 1994, the last days of his great life, he was on the journey of field guidance over the agricultural sector.

The Korean people will always remember his devoted efforts to bring about a rich harvest every year.

Text: Pak Kyong Chol

President Kim Il Sung gives field guidance at the Chongsan Cooperative Farm, Kangso District, Nampho in September 1987.

President Kim Il Sung gives field guidance at the Kumdang Cooperative Farm, Onchon County in June 1994.

Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum

The Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum is situated on the bank of the Pothong River in Pyongyang.

It was built in Haebangsan-dong of Central District, Pyongyang, on August 17, 1953, on the initiative of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. Later, it was moved to the present site on the occasion of his 62nd birth anniversary, and the Monument to Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War was erected splendidly there to mark the 40th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

In July 2013, thanks to the energetic guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the museum was refashioned as a grand monumental edifice and a hub of education in the traditions of victory.

On display in the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum are the relics and materials associated with outstanding military ideas, strategies and tactics of President Kim Il Sung who led the Fatherland Liberation War to victory.

It consists of the main building and open-air weapons exhibition area. The main building has scores of exhibition halls and rooms including those dedicated to the first, second, third and fourth stages of the Fatherland Liberation War, Guards Units Hall and Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Hall.

On display are the relics and materials associated with President Kim Il Sung's Juche-oriented military ideas and theories and his outstanding art of command and noble personality, and wartime newspapers and photos showing the spirit of defending the country displayed by the victorious wartime generation, weapons and other combat equipment used by the soldiers of the Korean People's Army, relief maps and dioramas depicting the struggle and life of the service personnel and the people. There can be seen materials on the aggression, atrocities and defeat of the US imperialists.

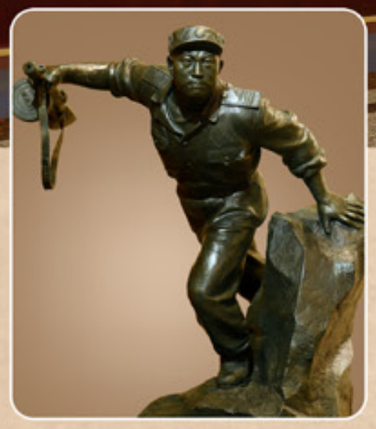
In the museum are also rooms dedicated to the anti-Japanese armed struggle, the building of the regular armed forces and the leadership of the revolutionary armed forces by the great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il.

Panorama of Operations for Liberating Taejon

Materials and data on the struggles of fighters of the services, arms and corps

Photos showing the feats the People's Army soldiers, faithful to the Supreme Commander, performed in the sacred war to defend the country by displaying unparalleled self-sacrificing spirit and mass heroism

Hall of Heroes of the DPRK



Sculpture of Ri Su Bok, Hero of the DPRK

Sculpture of Jo Kun Sil, Hero of the DPRK

Sculpture of Kang Ho Yong, Hero of the DPRK

At the plaza of the museum are the main statue *Victory*, a monument to victory in the war, and ten subsidiary group sculptures representing the main battles in the war and the fighting spirit of the soldiers.

The museum is a hub of education in the traditions of victory for the Korean people.

Photo: Ra Phyong Ryol
Text: Kim Son Gyong

Captured weapons exhibition area

On the Pothong River is the *Pueblo*, an armed spy ship of the US, captured in the territorial waters of the DPRK on January 23, 1968 while engaging in acts of espionage.

항상 준비

Schoolchildren Celebrate KCU's 80th Founding Anniversary

On June 6, the Korean Children's Union recorded its 80th founding anniversary in the proud course of its development. On this occasion, the whole country was overflowing with joy and optimism of the KCU members.

All the KCU members placed flower baskets, bouquets and flowers before the statues of the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il in their home towns and paid tribute to them.

A meeting was held to convey the gifts sent by the fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un to the participants in the celebrations of the KCU's 80th birthday.

Senior Party and government officials visited all provinces (municipalities) of the country to celebrate the KCU founding anniversary with schoolchildren.

They, as well as local officials at provincial, city and county levels, congratulated the KCU members who distinguished themselves in study, organizational life and do-good-thing movements.

The provincial, city and county youth league committees and KCU organizations at schools organized general membership meetings of KCU organizations, meetings of young activists in displaying noble traits and meetings to hear stories about the pride of KCU members.

Artistic performances of schoolchildren and other cultural events took place across the country, adding pleasure to the holiday.

The venues for dance parties, too, were overflowing with the joy and optimism of schoolchildren significantly celebrating the KCU birthday.

Sports and amusement games, including tug of war and basketball, took place at schools across the country.

Schoolchildren donate tractors on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Korean Children's Union.

Artistic performance is given to mark the 80th anniversary of the Korean Children's Union.

Sports and amusement games of the participants in the celebrations of the 80th anniversary of the Korean Children's Union take place.

The participants in the celebrations of the 80th anniversary of the Korean Children's Union visit the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

A KEY CONTRIBUTOR TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

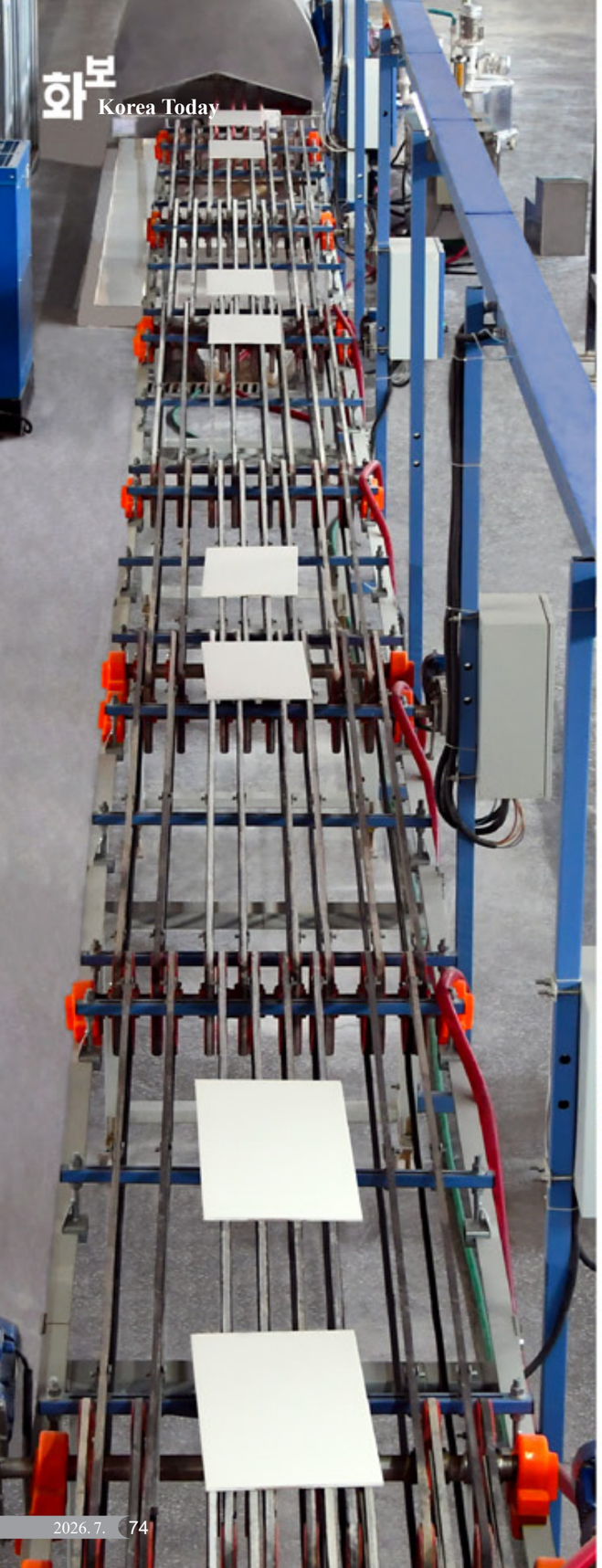
At the Kyongam Tile Factory

The Kyongam Tile Factory in Sariwon of North Hwanghae Province was inaugurated in December 2024.

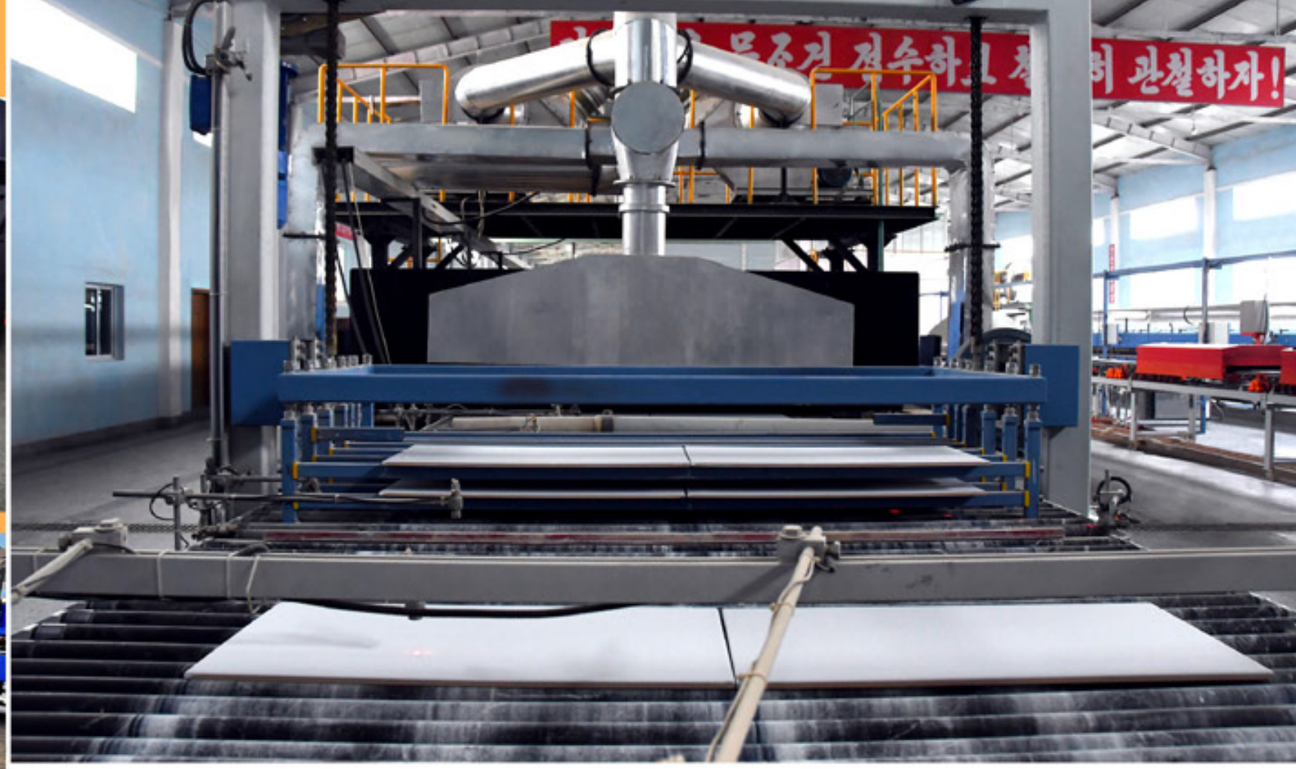
True to the intention of the Workers' Party of Korea to ensure self-sufficiency of the finishing materials and diversify the building materials in terms of kind, shape and colour, the factory has equipped itself with efficient facilities necessary for producing a variety of tiles and sanitary ceramic ware.

It mass-produces various kinds of tiles of hundreds of thousands of square metres a year.

An innovation is being brought about in the production of



The Kyongam Tile Factory exerts every effort to produce more and better tiles of various kinds needed for local construction.



finishing materials to implement the decisions set forth at the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

This year, the first year for carrying out the new five-year plan, the factory mapped out plans for each stage and process to increase the production.

While giving priority to securing raw materials, it is steadily raising the level of technical skills of its employees, minimizing the production cost by relying on the local raw materials and advanced science and technology, and improving the quality of the products.

Its products are enjoying growing popularity.

Photo: Ri Chol Jin
Text: Kang Jin Song

Some of the products from the factory

NEW APPEARANCE OF KANGDONG REGION

Two years ago a combined greenhouse farm, a leading vegetable production base in the country, was inaugurated in Kangdong County in an eastern suburb of Pyongyang, and last year modern regional-industry factories, leisure complex and hospital sprang up there.

The new appearance of the region is a precious fruition of the regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The regional-industry factories are brimming over with the workers' joy of worthwhile labour and creation.

With the dignity of being masters of new factories, they are striving to increase production, developing new products and improving their quality by pooling the creative wisdom among themselves.

In the course of this, the foodstuff, daily necessities and garment factories have increased the varieties of their products, making a great contribution to improving the living standards of the locals.

The leisure complex is a haunt of many people. In the complex, furnished with a library, cinema, shopping section and others, the people enjoy various cultural services.

In the library, a sci-tech learning base in the region, the working people and students learn a diversified knowledge to prepare themselves to be pillars in propelling the development of their county.

The shopping section, furnished with commercial and public catering services, attracts the people for a hospitable environment and kindly service by its attendants.

At the general store, the locals choose any of the products from the regional-industry factories, and buy them.

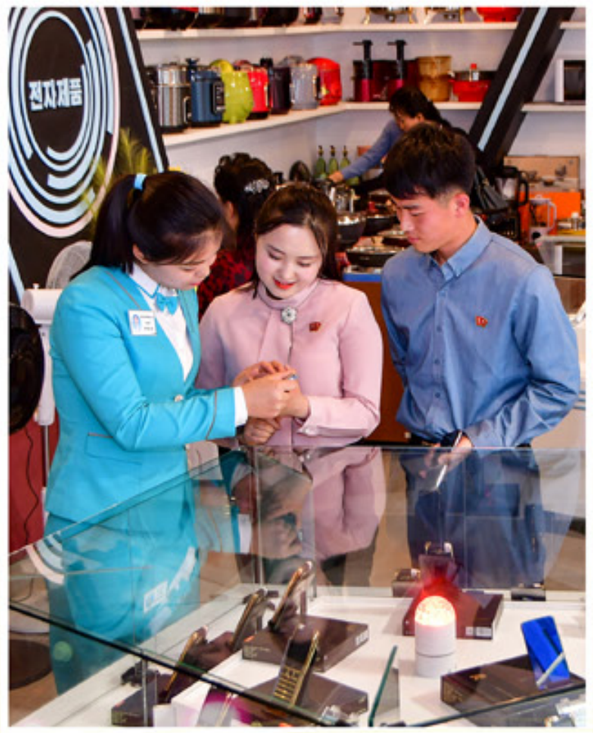
After receiving service at the beauty parlour and barber's, the people say they look more beautiful.

The county hospital does its best to provide advanced medical service to the locals.

The people of Kangdong County are enjoying the substantial benefits of the WPK's regional development policy.

Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok
Text: Kim Son Gyong

The Kangdong County Leisure Complex, built under the great care of the Workers' Party of Korea, is a centre for the cultural life of the local people.



Kangdong County Hospital, built as the paradigm of the regional public health development, provides advanced medical service to the locals.

The regional-industry factories and the combined greenhouse farm in Kangdong County render a great contribution to improving the local people's livelihood.

Lake Pujon Rises to Fame with New Looks of

Mountain Villages

Visit to the Kwangdae Farm in Pujon County

Thanks to the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea for the rural development, the rural villages across the country are undergoing changes in their appearance.

The Kwangdae Farm in Pujon County, South Hamgyong Province, has been transformed into a socialist fairyland.

The newly-built modern houses and other structures in the villages of the farm in the northern highland of the country go well with the natural scenery of Lake Pujon; they remind people of a picture scroll.

The new appearance of the villages encourages the farmers to feel pride in being the masters of a cultured rural community.

A fundamental change is taking place in agricultural production.

The farmers direct great attention to introducing new breeding methods for sheep and goats with high growth rate

and breeding coefficient. They use not only natural grassland but also the newly cultivated pasture.

Efforts are made to reduce the death rates of the grazing animals by taking anti-epizootic measures and supply enough feed in accordance with the natural climatic conditions of the highland.

Herds of sheep, goats and other grazing animals can be seen anywhere in the wide highland.

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