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Let Us Strive More Dynamically for Prosperity and Development of Our Great State and Wellbeing of Our People



FRONT COVER: The respected Marshal Kim Jong Un having a photo session with the participants in the Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union

BACK COVER: Grand performance in celebration of New Year 2023 held

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Enlarged Meeting of Sixth Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK Held





The enlarged meeting of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the headquarters of the Party Central Committee from December 26 to 31, 2022 to clarify the positive and scientific policy orientation for dynamically leading Korean-style socialism to a fresh change and development by thoroughly applying the idea of independence, self-sustenance and self-reliance in defence, the invariable guidelines of the Korean revolution.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, was present at the plenary meeting.

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

Officials of the departments of the Party Central Committee and leading officials of ministries, national agencies, provincial-level leadership bodies and cities and counties and major industrial establishments were present as observers.

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK authorized Kim Jong Un to preside over the meeting.

Kim Jong Un appreciated that the WPK has pushed ahead with socialist construction more dynamically and extensively by further increasing the enthusiasm of the whole Party and all the people for struggle, while overcoming the difficulties and hardship equivalent to the ten-year struggle since the Eighth Congress of the WPK. He said it is the most precious experience that the WPK correctly grasped the peculiarities of the internal and external environment of the Korean revolution during this course and confirmed our

revolutionary principle, methodology and orientation of advance.

He said that the plenary meeting should serve as an occasion for opening a wide avenue for the development of the state and giving the people greater confidence and optimism by clarifying the path of new leap forward and mapping out the most correct and effective strategy on the basis of the experience, lessons and substantial advance accumulated through the stubborn struggle in 2022. Stressing the need for the members of the Party central leadership body to display a high sense of responsibility and activeness to this end, he declared the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee open.

The plenary meeting put the following matters on its agenda items:

- 1. On review of the implementation of major Party and state

policies in 2022 and the work plan for 2023

- 2. Organizational matter
- 3. On the fulfilment of the state budget for 2022 and the draft state budget for 2023
- 4. On strengthening the Party guidance over the revolutionary schools
- 5. On the five-point line of party building in the new era

The plenary meeting discussed the first agenda item "On review of the implementation of major Party and state policies in 2022 and the work plan for 2023".

Kim Jong Un made a report on the first agenda item.

In his report he appreciated the successes made in 2022 in which our Party and people have made steady and powerful progress while waging an arduous struggle in firm unity.



2022 was a time which was by no means meaningless and we have made clear advance, the General Secretary said, adding that definite successes made in all the work of the Party and state are a praiseworthy victory that could be won only by our great people who have displayed the spirit of self-reliance and fortitude and creativity while stoutly enduring the grave national crises, and the immortal feats that would shine forever in the history of the country.

He extended warm thanks to all the Party members and other people across the country on behalf of the Party Central Committee for having firmly defended and implemented the Party policies with the most powerful and courageous struggle unprecedented in history, thus demonstrating the honour, dignity and prestige of the state before the whole world and glorifying the year 2022 as a year of important milestone in opening a new surging phase of our revolution.

Saying that 2023, when the tasks of the third year of key significance in implementing the five-year plan set forth at the Eighth Congress of the Party would be carried out and when the

70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and the 75th anniversary of the DPRK would be commemorated, is an important year in the process of our socialist development and the history of the DPRK, he set it as the general direction of new year's work to further expand and develop the all-people struggle to open a new phase in socialist construction so as to provide a decisive guarantee for the fulfilment of the five-year plan.

The General Secretary indicated all the tasks for ensuring stable development of the national economy and bringing about a substantial change in the improvement of the people's living standards.

The report defined the year 2023, which faces the higher goals and huge tasks for accomplishing the five-year plan for national economic development, as a year of making a big stride in the development of the national economy, a year of attaining key goals in increasing production, carrying out the strategy of readjustment and reinforcement and improving the people's living standards, and set it as the main task of economic work to mainly complete the plan

for readjustment and reinforcement decided by the Party Congress while pepping up production in all sectors and units.

The General Secretary ardently and militantly called upon the workers, scientists and technicians of core sectors for the successful development of the national economy to overcome the difficulties of the revolution by their own efforts, holding high the fighting spirit and banner of the 1960s and 70s once again.

The report stressed the need to thoroughly adhere to the Party's principle of attaching importance to and prioritizing science and technology, clearly understanding the importance of science and technology playing a locomotive role in developing the national economy and improving the people's living standards, and set forth the orientation of innovation to raise the country's scientific and technological level to a new higher level.

The General Secretary stressed the need to actively organize and properly lead the socialist patriotic movement and the revolutionary mass movement, the powerful driving force for the prosperity and

development of the state.

The report clarified the crucial policy resolution on giving spurs to strengthening the self-defensive capabilities on the basis of the analysis of the present situation of the inter-Korean relations and the external challenges seriously threatening regional peace and security.

The report raised it as a major task to boost the political and ideological and military and technical strength of the People's Army, the main force of the national defence capabilities.

The report made clear the main tasks facing the sectors in charge of affairs with the south and foreign affairs on the basis of the analysis of the external circumstances of the Korean revolution.

The General Secretary in his report pointed out the important issues arising in solidifying and developing our state and social system and giving play to its advantages and might.

When the socialist legal system is further improved and strengthened, the original features of our system as the genuine people's country that the law defends the people and the people



observe the law can be preserved, Party and state policies can be properly implemented and the purity of the revolutionary ranks and the consolidation of Korean-style socialism can be defended and maintained.

The General Secretary indicated important items, orientations of improvement and principled issues for preserving and solidifying the political climate peculiar to the Party and substantially guaranteeing the prospective development of the Party by boosting the combat efficiency of Party organizations at all levels and improving Party work and personnel management in a fundamental manner.

He concluded his three-day report, ardently calling on the leading officials, who are fully responsible for the work of all fields of the revolution and the destiny of Party policies, to make decisive progress in carrying out their duties to live up to the trust and expectations of the Party and the people with their high sense of loyalty and devoted service at the most critical and responsible time in the history of the development of the DPRK and thus powerfully demonstrate to the world how the WPK shouldering the destiny of the country and the people overcomes trials and advances towards a greater victory through new year's struggle.

The meeting heard the proposal put forward by Premier of the Cabinet Kim Tok Hun relating to the measures needed for improving and strengthening the overall state affairs including the economic field, and leading officials of various fields made speeches and written speeches.

Based on the idea and spirit of the important report by the General Secretary, two-day sectional workshops and consultative meetings took place to establish, in a scientific and detailed way, a thoroughgoing and correct implementation plan for next year's colossal fighting tasks.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee finally deliberated on the opinions on the draft resolution, examined the deliberation of the draft state budget for the new year and discussed the issue of taking important measures for the development of major sectors of the national economy.

The plenary meeting adopted the resolution on the first agenda item with unanimous approval.

The plenary meeting discussed the organizational matter as the second agenda item.

In the debate on the third agenda item, the plenary meeting finally deliberated on the fulfilment of the state budget for 2022 and the draft state budget for 2023, which were examined and submitted by the state budget assessment group, and approved bringing them to the Eighth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly.

The plenary meeting discussed the fourth agenda item "On strengthening the Party guidance over the revolutionary schools" and unanimously approved a relevant resolution.



The General Secretary set it as the general direction of new year's work to further expand and develop the all-people struggle to open a new phase in socialist construction so as to provide a decisive guarantee for the fulfilment of the five-year plan.



The General Secretary ardently and militantly called upon the workers, scientists and technicians of core sectors for the successful development of the national economy to overcome the difficulties of the revolution by their own efforts, holding high the fighting spirit and banner of the 1960s and 70s once again.





The plenary meeting discussed the fifth agenda item “On the five-point line of party building in the new era”.

Kim Jong Un made a report on the fifth agenda item.

Expressing the belief that the WPK would be able to constantly maintain and strengthen its character and nature and discharge its sacred mission and responsibility for the people forever if the five-point orientation based on the theory of Party building in the new era is confirmed as the line of the party building of the WPK, the General Secretary courteously proposed to the plenary meeting to formally define the Party building orientation in the new era in which the will of the whole Party is integrated as the Party’s line.

A resolution on defining the five-point orientation based on the General Secretary’s unique idea and theory of party building as the WPK’s line of party building in the new era was adopted with unanimous approval amid thunderous applause.

Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech.

Expressing firm belief that the decisions of the plenary meeting would lead to steady implementation and substantial changes and a new heyday of the development of the Party and the revolution would be ushered in forever thanks to the high Party spirit, revolutionary spirit and devotion of all the participants, he declared the meeting closed.





12th Meeting of Political Bureau of Eighth Central Committee of WPK Held



The General Secretary analysed the recent subjective and objective situation facing the Korean revolution and the condition and circumstances that are expected in the future and clarified the strategic and tactical principle and the orientation of struggle to be constantly maintained by the Party and government.

The 12th Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the office building of the headquarters of the WPK Central Committee on December 30, 2022.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, was present there.

Attending it were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un presided over the meeting.

The Political Bureau heard and studied the opinions on modifying and supplementing the draft resolution of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK which were raised at the sectional workshops and consultative meetings for two days and decided to finally complete the draft resolution through important deliberation and submit it to the plenary meeting.

It also heard and examined the draft state budget for 2023 deliberated on by the state budget assessment group, and decided to submit it for the plenary meeting's approval.

It discussed the issue of taking some important measures to promote the development of major sectors of the national economy in 2023, decided it with unanimous approval and agreed to report it to the plenary meeting.

The meeting of the Political Bureau also discussed some other important issues arising in the overall work of the Party and the state.

Gift of Loyalty Provided by Workers in Munitions Industry to Plenary Meeting of Great Party

Ceremony of Presenting 600mm Super-large Multiple Launch Rocket Systems Held with Splendour

The defence scientists and technicians and workers in the field of munitions industry, who developed and completed the unique super-large multiple launch rocket systems under the direct guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, clearly confirmed combat performance of the weapon systems as well as reliability and dependability of their operation through several test fires and started their serial production, thus making it possible to further enhance the military capability of the DPRK's armed forces.

The workers in the field of munitions industry, who absolutely remain faithful to the cause of the Party and perform miracles unprecedented in history for the country and the revolution, challenging any impossibility, conducted a campaign for increased production in the spirit of self-reliance and fortitude, thus presenting the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee with 30 super-power Juche-oriented weapons as the worthiest and noblest gift of labour.

A ceremony of presenting the 600mm super-large multiple launch rocket systems provided by the workers in the field of munitions industry to the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held with splendour in the yard of the Party Central Committee on December 31, 2022.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the ceremony.

Present at the ceremony were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and the participants in the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

Also attending the ceremony were officials of the Party Central Committee, officials and persons of merit in the field of the munitions industry.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

A representative of the workers in the field of munitions industry made a report of presentation.

He presented to the General Secretary a presentation document carrying the unshakable faith and determination of loyalty of all the workers in the field of the munitions industry.

Kim Jong Un made a passionate reply speech, expressing his deep thanks to the workers in the field of the munitions industry who have absolutely supported the success of the plenary meeting and hardened its indomitable fighting will by producing and presenting the core striking equipment which would form the backbone of the revolutionary armed forces with their indomitable stamina to unconditionally translate the Party's plan for building a powerful national defence into reality.

Looking round the super-large multiple launch rocket systems together with the participants, he appreciated once again the thoroughgoing ideological and mental power and inexhaustible creativity of the workers in the field of the munitions industry to uphold the WPK with their conscience and obligation and expressed belief that they would continue to make devoted efforts for the revolution by inheriting the tradition and history of loyalty.





Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Makes Speech in Reply at Ceremony of Presenting 600mm Super-large Multiple Launch Rocket Systems December 31, 2022



Comrades attending this event as representatives of the working class in the munitions industry,

Other dear comrades,

We have reviewed our struggle in the arduous year of 2022 and risen up for a fresh struggle in the coming new year. At this moment standing in fine array in the yard of the headquarters of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea for the first time after the founding of this state and our Party are the core means of strike, which our working class in the munitions industry have built through a struggle for increased production of loyalty and which would form the backbone of our armed forces.

They are, indeed, a precious and encouraging donation.

They are powerful in that they will give a fresh strength and courage to the whole country as it greets a new year, will further amplify the historic significance of the plenary meeting of our Party, and will strike another terror and shock into the enemy.

All the working class in the munitions industry and their representatives,

The working class, scientists and officials in the defence industry, with indefatigable and limitless energy and sense of mission, fully displayed the infinite revolutionary zeal and mettle and the thoroughgoing and perfect pattern of creation, which are the original features and a symbol of the working class in the munitions industry. They thus have made an outstanding contribution to the advance and development of our revolution till the last day of the arduous year of 2022. On behalf of the Central Committee of the Party and the government of the Republic and along with the hearts of all the Party members and other people and soldiers of the People's Army across the country, I extend warm thanks to them.

Indeed, I always cannot but feel solemn and respectful to think about the unparalleled patriotism, faithfulness and creativity of our working class in the munitions industry and their heroic struggle for increased production, and extend warm thanks and thanks and make a deep bow to them.

Comrades, have a look at them.

I really feel invigorated.

I feel unwittingly invigorated to see them. I think this is not merely because I am aware of their value and might but because they are permeated with the patriotism and loyalty of our working class who devote their all to our revolution in the severe struggle and in the face of trials and because I am proud that we have made the unique Juche-type weapons by our own wisdom and efforts.

Having accepted as the demand of the revolution and people, and of their lives, the determination and plan of the Party Central Committee to raise the supremacy of our armed forces on to the highest level without any hesitation and without any letup, the working class in the munitions industry rose up as one with a resolve to build a larger number of 600mm multiple launch rocket system units to be supplied to the People's Army, and launched a campaign of loyalty in late October.

As was the same case when this kind of weapon, which the world had never imagined, was born three years ago, our working class in the munitions industry, this time, too, performed miraculous feats day after day by displaying a super-powerful spirit.

I have heard that the relevant complex, while stepping up the production for attaining the crucial targets in bringing about a revolution in the defence industry which had been set forth at the Eighth Party Congress, assembled one, even two, gigantic units in addition every two days, in the course of which it created a surprising production record.

As it had done in the past, this factory, in the recent struggle for increased production, too, fully demonstrated its tradition and trait of always supporting the Party and promoting the country's prosperity with loyalty and practice, thereby giving birth to these proud crystallizations of patriotism and loyalty.

This year the working class in the munitions industry have worked admirably, indeed.

Unlike any of the earlier years, this year was the most arduous period, and our state was faced with the worst-ever challenges in its history. But the defence industry rose up and supplied as many as 5 000 farm machines to our cooperative farms, which was a strong support to the agricultural front. This is quite inspiring, and that is not all.

Many munitions factories and enterprises have waged a tenacious struggle, making undaunted efforts in high spirits with a firm determination to defend the Party and revolution by means of unmatched military capabilities, and thus made a tangible contribution to increasing our state's defence capabilities incomparably in 2022, a year full of adversities.

I have been immensely grateful to and deeply admiring our working class in the munitions industry for their ardent patriotism and loyalty with which they have worked for the Party and revolution throughout the year. And as we see now, the complex, by working with loyalty and pure conscience up to the last day of the year, has donated to our Party, along with the hearts of all the working class in the munitions industry, 30 units of 600mm super-large multiple launch rocket systems, the main weapon of strike that our Party was most desirous of and our army waited for most anxiously.

This represents an eye-opening success that has demonstrated to the whole world the unusual patriotism and loyalty, inexhaustible potentialities and revolutionary fighting mettle of our working class in the munitions industry, who have shouldered full responsibility for the development of the military technology of the armed forces of our Republic.

We should never forget their historic services and painstaking efforts.

Comrades,

Our working class in the munitions industry regard the valuable title, revolutionary industry of the Workers' Party of Korea, which cannot be bartered for anything, as a source of their exceptional honour and pride. As we see, they are

always honourable and faithful to the cause of the Party and revolution.

That we have such a self-supporting defence industry which displays such heroism and possesses characteristic features and absolute strength is something no other country in the world can have or build even though it wants to, and this is a source of pride of prides of our Party.

All of our working class in the munitions industry always accept it as their main duty to relieve our Party of its anxiety and worry, prioritize before anybody else the problems of its concern, even though they number thousands or tens of thousands, support it without any conditions attached and carry them out without yielding. They are true revolutionaries and patriots and model heroes.

Comrades,

That military hardware, which the working class in the munitions industry have donated to the Party and revolution today, has a high capability of overcoming complicated terrain

conditions, great manoeuvrability and an ability to conduct a surprise and precision launch of multiple rockets in terms of military technology; and as it has south Korea as a whole within the range of strike and is capable of carrying tactical nuclear warhead, it will discharge in future the combat mission of overpowering the enemy as a core, offensive weapon of our armed forces.

As we can hand additional 30 units of offensive military hardware of great importance over to the People's Army units at a time thanks to the devoted struggle of the working class in the munitions industry for increased production, I cannot suppress surging excitement and emotion.

Extending warm thanks again to our working class in the munitions industry, I would like to conclude by making an ardent appeal to them.

Our Party and the government of our Republic have declared their resolute will to respond with nuke for nuke and an all-out confrontation for an all-out confrontation in order to deal with

the enemy's rash acts and reckless moves.

Our working class in the munitions industry should surely guarantee this declaration of ours, this staunch will to deal with the enemy, with matchless sword, spear and shield.

All the revolutionary fighters in the munitions industry should harden their indomitable faith and militant spirit with which to carry out unto death the grand strategy of defence development set out by the Party Central Committee, and turn out as one and strive in the efforts to produce powerful Juche-type weapons which will absolutely overwhelm the US imperialist aggressive forces and their puppet army.

Our revolution and the prevailing situation demand that we, by concentrating our efforts on ensuring continuous development of our defence industry, increase the state's defence capabilities without interruption so as to fully guarantee a reliable and solid security environment for the development of socialism.

As long as we have our laudable and trustworthy working

class in the munitions industry, who challenge difficulties and impossibilities on the strength of Juche to bring about transformations and leaps, and the great people, who are rallied around the Party with one mind and one will, our Party's cause of building a powerful army is sure to succeed.

Full of courageous mettle and due self-assurance, let us all fight with redoubled courage and great confidence to bring earlier even greater victory and glory by launching a more gigantic struggle and working new miracles.

The year of 2022 is drawing to a close, an unforgettable year when we have struggled and advanced undauntedly for our revolution, socialism, braving all sorts of trials. At this moment, I extend warm greetings of the new year of 2023 to all of our working class in the munitions industry, defence scientists, officials and their dear families who have provided a distinctive and significant finale to this year through this meaningful donating ceremony.

Thank you.





Respected Marshal Kim Jong Un Has Photo Session with Participants in Ninth Congress of KCU





Kumsusan Palace of Sun Visited on Occasion of New Year



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on January 1 on the occasion of the New Year 2023.

Accompanying him were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other members of the central leadership body of the Party.

A basket of flowers in the name of Kim Jong Un was laid before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Also placed before the statues were flower baskets in the name of the Central Committee of the WPK, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The General Secretary, together with the participants, paid high tribute at the statues of the great leaders.

He visited the halls of immortality where the great leaders are preserved in their lifetime appearance and made deep New Year's bows to them who devoted their whole lives to the sacred cause of Juche and thus developed the party, state and people to be dignified and powerful with independence in politics, self-sustenance in the economy and self-reliance in defence.



2023 HIGHLIGHTED BY GRAND PERFORMANCE

Kim Jong Un Sees Grand Performance Given in Celebration of New Year 2023



There was a grand performance in celebration of the New Year 2023 at May Day Stadium in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, at night on December 31, 2022.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, saw the performance together with senior Party and government officials.

The May Day Stadium was crowded with the audience who gathered to see the grand significant performance for celebrating

the New Year.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared in the auditorium amid the playing of welcome music, the entire audience raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" for him.

Children presented him with bouquets of fragrant flowers.

He waved back to the enthusiastically cheering crowds to extend warm congratulations to the entire audience and other people across the country on the New Year.

The performance was enjoyed by the participants in the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK and the Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union and citizens of the capital city.

A solemn ceremony of hoisting the national flag of the DPRK was held amid the soaring patriotic enthusiasm of the people to hold up their great country for all ages.

Put on the stage were songs highly praising the Workers' Party

of Korea and famous songs and dances in the era of the Workers' Party.

Artistes of such prestigious art groups as the State Merited Chorus and Wangjaesan and Mansudae art troupes and students of art education institutions in the city brilliantly decorated the last night of the old year with an original and beautiful artistic portrayal in the performance.

The performance was greatly acclaimed by the audience.



The grand artistic performance, which put on the stage songs highly praising the motherly Party and famous songs and dances in the era of the Workers' Party, was greatly acclaimed by audience.







**The grand performance
brilliantly decorated the
last night of the old year.**

General Secretary Guides Important Test of Strategic Significance



Another important test of strategic significance was conducted in the DPRK on December 15 last year while the practical successes were made by the indomitable will and strenuous efforts of the scientists and technicians in the defence science research field to devotedly attain the important key goals for strengthening national

defence capability set by the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

An important institute under the Academy of Defence Science succeeded in the static firing test of high-thrust solid-fuel motor with a thrust of 140tf, the first of its kind in the country, at the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground on the morning of December 15.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, guided the test on the spot.

The aim of this test was to verify all specifications of the high-thrust solid-fuel motor based on the thrust vector controlling technology.

The test results scientifically and clearly showed that all the technical indices, including the motor's thrust, specific impulse, combustion feature, duration and thrust vector controlling feature, were equal to the design values, and proved its reliability and stability.

The test provided a sure sci-tech guarantee for the development of another new-type strategic weapon system.

The General Secretary highly praised the Academy of Defence Science for having successfully solved another important problem in carrying out the five priority tasks facing the strategic weapon field under the five-year plan for the development of defence science and weapon systems set forth by the Eighth Party Congress. And he gave warm encouragement to its scientists and technicians, expressing the expectation that another new-type strategic weapon would be made in the shortest span of time.



NADA Conducts Important Test for Development of Reconnaissance Satellite



The National Aerospace Development Administration of the DPRK conducted an important final-stage test for the development of reconnaissance satellite at the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground on December 18 last year.

A spokesperson for the NADA said that the test was mainly aimed at evaluating the capabilities of the satellite photography and data transmission system and ground control system.

The test was conducted in the mode of evaluating the processing capability and stability of data transmission devices while verifying the reliability of the ground control system including photography control command and attitude control command for various kinds of cameras in the optimum environment simulating space environment after the high-angle launch up to the altitude of 500km of a test-piece satellite loaded with one panchromatic camera for 20m resolution

test, two multispectral cameras, video transmitter and transmitters and receivers of several bands, control devices and batteries, he said.

The test confirmed the important technical indices including the technology of camera operation in space environment, data processing and transmission capability of communication devices and the tracking and controlling accuracy of the ground control system. The NADA said this is an important success which has gone through the final gateway process for the launch of reconnaissance satellite.

The NADA announced that it would finish the preparations for the first military reconnaissance satellite by April 2023.

The results of the important test were immediately reported to the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea.





Test Fire of Super-large Multiple Launch Rocket Systems Staged

On the morning of December 31 last year the Second Economic Commission of the DPRK conducted a test fire of the super-large multiple launch rocket systems to be presented to the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea to examine their performance.

Three rockets launched from the multiple launch rocket systems precisely hit a target island in the East Sea of Korea, demonstrating their combat performance.

At dawn of January 1, 2023, a long-range artillery sub-unit of the Korean People's Army in the western area fired one shell towards the East Sea of Korea with a super-large multiple launch rocket system delivered to it.

Ninth Congress of Korean Children's Union Held

The respected fatherly Marshal sent an important letter entitled “March Towards the Future of a Powerful Country under the Unfurled Flag of the Children's Union”



The Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union took place in Pyongyang between December 26 and 27, 2022.

Attending it were delegates nominated by the KCU organizations across the country.

Present there at invitation were officials of the youth league and officials related to the education of the youth and children.

The congress approved the following agenda items:

1. On reviewing the implementation of the important tasks set forth by the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un in his historic speech “Let KCU Members Become True Sons and Daughters, Young Revolutionaries, of the Socialist Country” at the Eighth Congress of the KCU
2. On revision of the KCU rules.

Courteously conveyed at the congress was “March Towards the Future of a Powerful Country under the Unfurled Flag of the Children's Union”, an important letter sent by Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK and the benevolent father of Korean

schoolchildren, to the participants in the Ninth KCU Congress.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made a report on the first agenda item.

The reporter noted that the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un clarified the way of bringing up the new generations in a dignified and genuine way in his historic speech “Let KCU Members Become True Sons and Daughters, Young Revolutionaries, of the Socialist Country” at the Eighth Congress of the KCU.

It is a proud review of the work of the KCU after its Eighth Congress that the KCU has been strengthened into a children’s organization dynamically advancing under the leadership of the respected fatherly Marshal and its members have been more reliably prepared as future pillars, he said.

He pointed out that the KCU members should hold high the slogan, “Let’s always be ready for the socialist motherland!” and equip themselves with traits and qualities of genuine sons and daughters of a powerful Korea, patriotic children, with credit.

The reporter called on all the participants to firmly prepare themselves as reserves of a thriving Korea, flying the flag of the KCU and the red neckerchief with the pride and honour of being members of the glorious KCU.

Speeches were made on the first agenda item.

The speakers expressed their determination to bring about a



A photo exhibition “Glorious and happy 10 years in the embrace of the great Sun”



Participants in the congress visit the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery and the Sci-Tech Complex

radical turn in the work of the KCU, bearing deep in their mind the great love and trust of the respected fatherly Marshal who has taken warm care of all the KCU members while valuing them as the joy and pride, hope and future of the socialist country, and thus usher in a new heyday of the Juche-oriented children's movement.

Adopted at the congress was a resolution "On firmly preparing the KCU members as reliable successors to the revolution and true

sons and daughters of the socialist country intensely loyal to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un".

The Congress discussed and decided on the second agenda item "On revision of the KCU rules".

All the participants made a firm resolve to add lustre to the glorious tradition of the KCU down through generations, always cherishing the valuable teachings of the respected fatherly Marshal, and prepare themselves as sons and daughters eternally faithful to the WPK and reliable pillars of socialist Korea, who are permeated with ardent patriotism, and also knowledgeable, morally sound and physically strong.



Participants in the KCU congress spend merry and exciting days, which will be cherished as indelible memory throughout their life.



Meeting Takes Place to Convey Gifts Sent by Respected Fatherly Marshal to Delegates to Ninth Congress of KCU



A meeting took place on January 1, 2023 to convey the gifts sent by the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un to the delegates to the Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union.

All the KCU delegates raised cheers of "Hurrah!" shedding tears of deep gratitude to the fatherly Marshal who brings up the younger generation to be the successors to the revolution, always looking after all

children of the country with warm love and affection incomparable in the world so that they can grow up brightly and cheerfully.

Officials of the Party Central Committee presented the gifts to the delegates of the KCU.

All the delegates in the venue shouted, "Thank you, fatherly Marshal," out of their gratitude to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un for his fatherly affection.

Greeting New Year 2023

National flag-hoisting ceremony held

As the national flag was hoisted at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang at 00:00 sharp on January 1, 2023, all the people gathered there paid high tribute to the national flag.





On the first morning of the New Year, officials, working people, service personnel and students paid floral tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at their statues on Mansu Hill



Gala Evening of Youth and Students in Pyongyang Celebrates New Year

Youth and students held a New Year's Eve Gala at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on December 31, 2022, boosting the revolutionary enthusiasm and mettle of the entire Korean people to hasten a brighter future of the Korean-style socialism under the leadership of the great WPK.



*Night of Pyongyang
Greeting New Year*





The nocturnal sky of Pyongyang aglow with dazzling fireworks promising a bright future



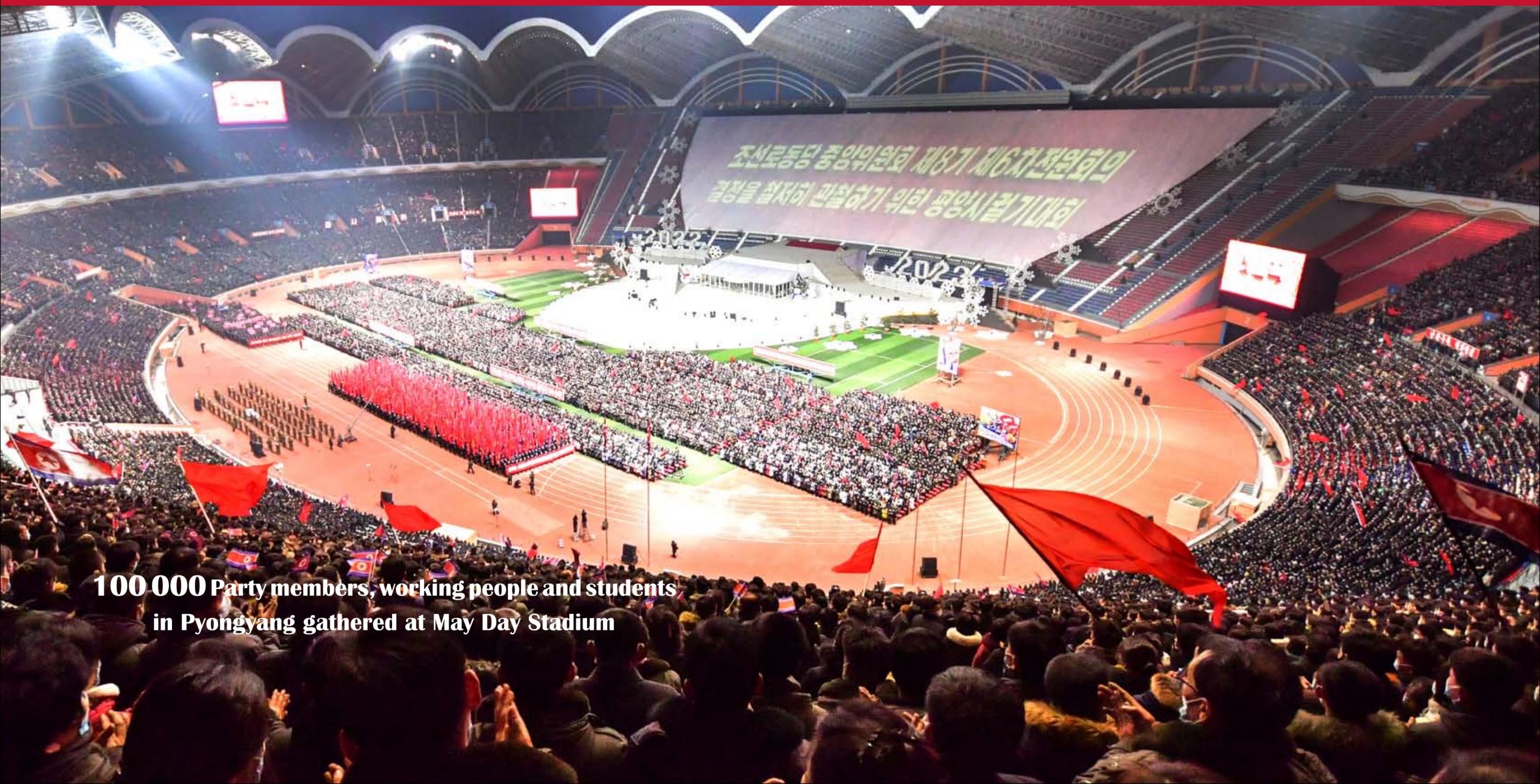


Pyongyang citizens celebrate full of joy and excitement the hope-filled New Year 2023, which will bring about a new phase for the prosperity and drastic development of the state.

Streets and service facilities in animated holiday atmosphere are crowded with people, who are sure of a better future, and the windows of apartments are brightly lit until late at night.



Pyongyang Citizens Have Rally to Vow to Thoroughly Implement Decisions of Sixth Plenary Meeting of Eighth Party Central Committee



100 000 Party members, working people and students in Pyongyang gathered at May Day Stadium



Participants in the civilian procession march forward, with firm confidence and mettle to achieve great victory and glory by gigantic struggle and new miracles



Vibrant Steel Producer

From the outset of the new year 2023 the Chollima Steel Complex is seething with surging enthusiasm for increased production to make an active contribution to the economic development of the country.

Smelters at the steel workshop are displaying high spirits of collective innovation.

Those of the UHP electric arc furnaces are intensifying collaboration between shifts under the slogan "One for all, all for one!" and shortening the melting and raw-materials charging time. At the same time, they are pushing ahead with the work to develop rational working methods and introduce them, which greatly pays off in production.

Great efforts are being directed to the management of equipment and technology at the rolling workshop so as to ensure the operation of rolling mills and heating furnaces at full capacity. Its workers and technicians are strictly observing the technical regulations and standard manuals for operation, while waging a brisk mass-drive for technical innovation to raise the efficiency of the machines.

The gas generating workshop is normalizing production by pushing ahead with the technical reconstruction of machines to meet the increased coal transport capacity.

The complex is making steady efforts to increase the current production, expand the production capacities and improve technical levels.

Its technicians are intensifying researches of great importance in improving the quality of the steel and putting the metallurgic industry on a Juche basis.

*Photo: Ra Phyoung Ryol
Text: Ri Jin Bom*







Workers of the General Tideland Reclamation Enterprise of North Phyongan Province started the Woldo tideland reclamation project in June 2019 and reclaimed a vast tideland of over 3 300 hectares

Territory of Country Widens

Workers of the General Tideland Reclamation Enterprise of North Phyongan Province have completed the Woldo tideland reclamation project in hearty response to the ideas and spirits of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and its plenary meetings to put efforts into acquiring new land by reclaiming tideland.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un set forth the tideland reclamation as an important policy issue in developing self-supporting economy and improving people's living standards, and wisely led the effort to proactively push forward with the tideland reclamation projects in several areas along the west coast of the country.

The Woldo tideland reclamation project, divided into two sections, was a gigantic nature-transforming undertaking, which involved the earth piling of over 6.3 million cubic metres, stone covering of over 500 000 square metres, and the construction of emptying gates and other structures extending several kilometres across the wild sea.

Officials and workers of the enterprise worked out detailed plans according to stages and made scrupulous arrangements to ensure the effective use of manpower, equipment and materials as well as the quality of work.

The builders pushed ahead with the construction project by their own efforts and technology, producing what was lacking and procuring what was in short supply.





Amid new innovations being created at every workplace, the highest record level was achieved in the construction of outer embankment and the emptying gate was built in such a short time of only two months.

The formation of a ring road stretching along the long dikes linking the Jangsong area of Cholsan County to Woldo and Posan areas and the change of a vast tideland of over 3 300 hectares into the arable land, thanks to the efforts of the tideland reclaimers, have laid another solid foundations conducive to sustainably developing agriculture and improving the people's living standards.

Photo: Ri Myong Guk

Text: Kim Son Gyong



House-moving Events, New Sight of Rural Development

Thanks to the brilliant implementation of the WPK's gigantic plan of socialist rural construction, model houses symbolic of modern civilization have been erected and happy house-moving events taken place in rural villages across the country.

Rural houses, one- or multi-storey and terraced ones, ensure originality, modernity and cultural refinement to suit the specific regional features and are provided with ample conditions for the convenience of agricultural workers.





FLUTTERING FLAGS OF GOOD HAUL



Spectacular sights are now being unfolded in the fishing stations in the east coastal areas of the DPRK.

As large shoals of fish swarm into the East Sea of Korea by the end of October every year, all the fishing stations in North and South Hamgyong and Kangwon provinces launch intensive fishing campaigns.

True to the intention of the Workers' Party of Korea which regards the fishing as one of the three main points of the thrust in

solving food problem of the people, the fishing units occupy several fishing grounds and increase fish catching.

Fishing stations of the Korean People's Army engage in fishing activities by scientifically analyzing the temperatures and flow of the water and the amounts of migrating fish and thus correctly predicting fishing conditions and selecting fishing grounds.

All of them wage dynamic socialist emulation drives among

fishing stations, fishing fleets and individual vessels by actively employing advanced fishing methods and small-scale fishing.

As a result, fishing vessels that have returned with huge hauls of fish increase in number, and the May 27 Fishing Station has overfulfilled the winter fishing assignments by over 70 per cent.

Many other fishing stations across the country resound with loud whistles of vessels with full loads.

Cascades of fishes that fill the unloading grounds are moved to cold storage facilities via the processing grounds, and then supplied to the people all across the country. And the fragrance of sea permeates the everyday life of the people.

*Photo: Choe Won Chol, Hong Kwang Nam
Text: Kim Son Gyong*



Creative Workers of Sand Picture

Four years ago a sand picture creation team was organized in the Mansudae Art Studio, an authoritative fine art studio in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It was in 2011 that music and sand picture marked its debut as a new genre of stage art in the country by Kang Un Ju, present team leader, and other members like Kim Myong A, Kim Chang Hyok and Kim Kyu Gwon.

As pioneers in this field, they produced works of the new genre within two months by giving full play to their talents and passion and moved the audiences. They were awarded the title of Merited Artist in 2012.

Yearning for the General, My Dear Wife, They Will Tell of the Soldier's Affection and Hungbu and Nolbu they created in those days still serve as model works.





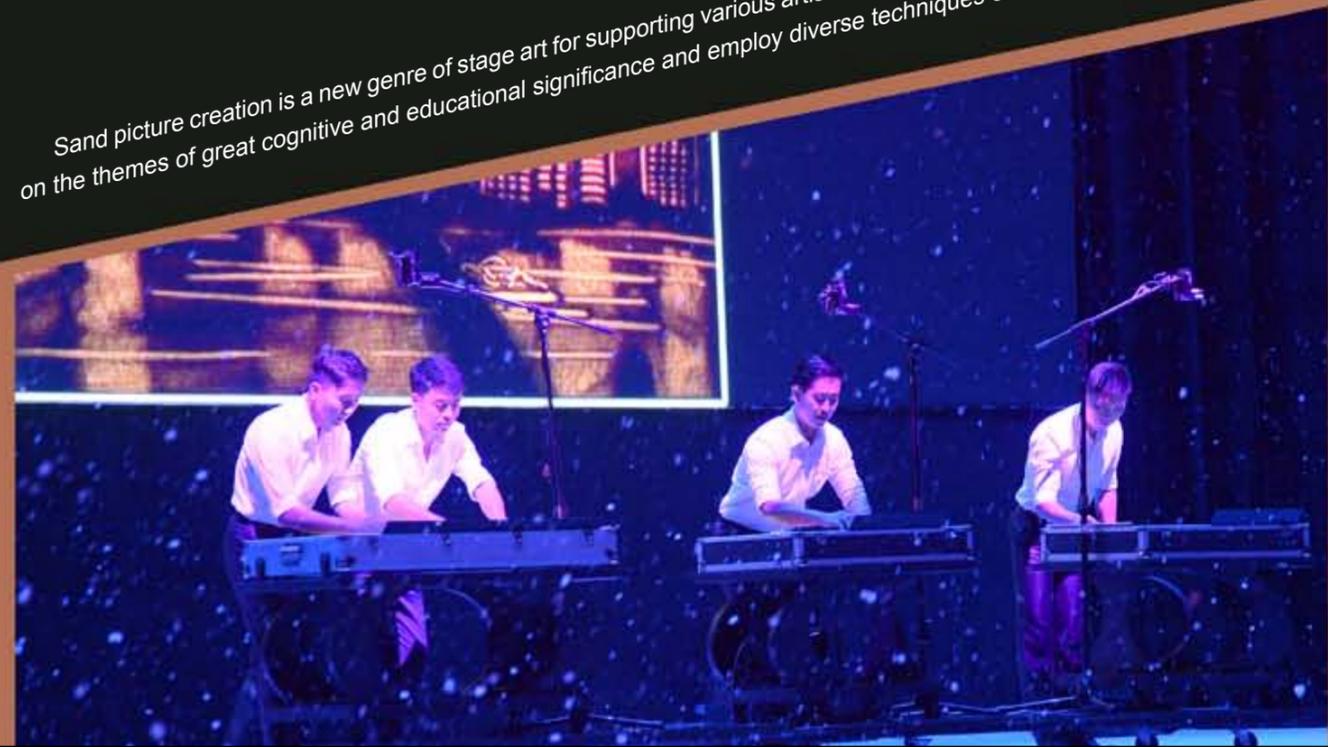
Sand picture creation is a new genre of stage art for supporting various artistic performances. Sand pictures are based on the themes of great cognitive and educational significance and employ diverse techniques of representation.



The team members are all graduates from Pyongyang University of Fine Arts. And neophytes are striving to carry forward the creative spirit of the seniors.
While pooling their efforts to create works, the team is trying to extend the scope of the themes and representation. It is their opinion that a work reflecting the idiosyncratic skills of several persons is more influential in moving the audience than a work created by one person does. In the course of this, they say, they become united in their wisdom and will, and this in turn promotes the team's harmony. In order to produce more wonderful works, the team keeps

close contact with the Mansudae Art Troupe and other major art troupes.
They staged the music and sand picture, *We Are the Happiest in the World*, during the grand performance *Shine, Jong Il Peak*, held in February last year in celebration of the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.
Amid the growing interest in their works, the team is giving a spur to their creative activities.

Photo: Pang Un Sim
Text: Kang Su Jong





**FOUR-time World
Judo Champion**

Kye Sun Hui, famous judo player of the DPRK, became a national sports star several years after she started judo.

Kye achieved her Olympic gold medal by defeating a renowned Japanese player, a world champion, in the 48-kg class of the women's judo event at the 26th Olympic Games in 1996.



First place in the 48-kg class of the women's judo event at the 26th Olympic Games



First place in the 52-kg class of the women's event at the world judo championships held in 2001



First place in the 57-kg class of the women's event at the world judo championships held in 2003



First place in the 57-kg class of the women's event at the world judo championships held in 2007



First place in the 57-kg class of the women's event at the world judo championships held in 2005



Kye was elected to the International Judo Federation Hall of Fame in 2018.

Afterwards she placed first in the 52-kg class of the women's event at the world judo championships held in 2001.

All the Korean people still vividly remember the girl in tears, looking up at the flag of the DPRK being hoisted.

Not resting on her laurels, she redoubled her efforts. She earned three world championships (2003, 2005, and 2007) in the women's 57-kg class, and won consecutive victories in the international tournaments, thus bringing honour to the country.

With her playing career adorned as a celebrity judoist, Kye is now devoting herself to training judoists at the Moranbong Sports Club for which she played in her youth.

After a year of her coaching many of her trainees began to distinguish themselves at national tournaments. Among them is Jo Son Hyang, who won a gold medal at the 2015 Asian junior and juvenile judo championships.

Whenever she receives congratulations upon the successes her trainees have achieved, Kye looks back on her past.

During her days at the juvenile sports school she trained judo under the guidance of her instructor, and after retirement from playing she studied at the Korea University of Physical Education.

In high appreciation for her merits the country awarded her Kim Il Sung Prize, Labour Hero and People's Athlete.

To repay the trust and care of the country Kye sheds her sweat in the training of players, never leaving the training ground and taking off the costume.

So, people find it hard to tell her, chief coach, and her trainees apart.

To win gold medal is her unchanged ambition.

*Photo: Ri Chol Jin
Text: Kim Son Gyong*





Capacity: 120 persons

Seat: 77 seats

Length of body: 12 000mm

Width of body: 2 500mm

Weight: 12 000kg

Max. speed: 85km/h



**Pyongyang
816-model**

Double-decker

Historical Remains along Taedong River

Koguryo (277 BC-AD 668), the most powerful state in the history of Korea, moved its capital to Pyongyang (the Mt Taesong area) in the southern part of the country in the first half of the 5th century and built a new walled city around the capital in the mid-6th century. The walled city consisted of the inner, central, outer and northern walls, embracing the present Central and Phyongchon districts of Pyongyang.

Taedong Gate was built as the eastern gate of the inner wall of the Walled City of Pyongyang. It was rebuilt in 947 and 1392, and the present gate was constructed in 1635.

The 19-metre-high gate consists of the embankment of exquisitely-trimmed granites and the stately two-storeyed gatehouse on it. An arch gateway is in the central part of the embankment at the height of 6.5 metres.

The gabled gatehouse on the embankment is 15.91 metres long and 10.34 metres wide.

Taedong Gate is a typical castle gate in the days of the feudal Joseon dynasty, which encapsulates magnificence, beauty and

buoyancy.

Ryongwang Pavilion stands on a cliff by the Taedong River.

It was also called the “most beautiful pavilion” and “Manhwa Pavilion”, as it commands a panoramic view of beautiful scenery featuring a good harmony of clear water of the Taedong River, vast plains and thickly-wooded mountains.

In the mid-6th century during the period of Koguryo, it was built as a general’s terrace in the eastern part of the inner wall of the Walled City.

When the Walled City of

Pyongyang was repaired in the days of Koryo (918-1392), a pavilion was erected on the spot and called Sansu Pavilion.

It was renamed Ryongwang Pavilion after its reconstruction in 1670 during the feudal Joseon dynasty.

The pavilion, standing close to the edge of a steep cliff, goes well with the surrounding scenery.

Pyongyang Bell that hangs in the belfry near Taedong Gate has a long history.

Historical relics and remains showcasing the history of Pyongyang spanning over several thousand years are found in Taedongmun-dong of Central District.



Ryongwang Pavilion was also called the “most beautiful pavilion” and “Manhwa Pavilion”, as it commands a panoramic view of the Taedong River and beautiful scenery.

Ryongwang Pavilion



The present bell was cast for four months in 1726. It is 3.1 metres high and 1.6 metres across at the mouth and weighs 12.914 tons.

Images of Buddha and four heavenly guardians of Buddhism, clouds and name of the bell were engraved upon the surface.

The belfry was rebuilt in 1827.

As one of the biggest bells cast in the period of feudal Joseon dynasty, Pyongyang Bell is counted as a specialty of Pyongyang for its beautiful appearance and solemn sound.

Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok

Text: Pak Pyong Hun



Taedong Gate, which encapsulates magnificence, beauty and buoyancy, is typical of castle gates erected in the days of the feudal Joseon dynasty.



Taedong Gate



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Pyongyang Bell



Never Forget Lesson from Pueblo 55 Years Ago

US armed spy ship *Pueblo*, which had intruded into the territorial waters of the DPRK and was captured on **January 23, 1968**



Pak In Ho who led the search team of the KPA naval vessel when it captured the *Pueblo*

I still vividly remember the day 55 years ago, when the US armed spy ship *Pueblo* was captured.

On the morning of January 23, 1968, I was on board the patrol ship of the navy of the Korean People's Army in the East Sea of Korea, when an unidentified vessel was spotted some distance away from Ryo Island off Wonsan of Kangwon Province.

As we approached her and demanded to raise the colours, she responded with machine-gun fire, trying to run away.

Enraged at such insolent and reckless acts, we returned the fire and jumped on to the vessel to overpower the crew and capture her.



KPA navy men who captured the US armed spy ship



Crew of the *Pueblo* captured by the self-defensive measure of the KPA

USS *Pueblo*, which had intruded deep into the territorial waters of the DPRK to commit espionage acts, was thus seized by the KPA navy and taken to the Wonsan Port.

The *Pueblo* was an armed spy ship which was dispatched directly by the US Central Intelligence Agency: she had various kinds of state-of-the-art intelligence equipment for catching radio waves and detecting the positions of military bases of other countries. The map possessed by the crew indicated the positions of the military bases of the DPRK and the ship's log detailed the fact that she had left the Japan's Sasebo in December 1967 under the order from the high authorities and intruded into the territorial waters of the DPRK to carry out acts of espionage on several occasions.

The capture of the *Pueblo* was the righteous exercise of sovereignty of the Republic and the just punishment for the intruders.

Nevertheless, the US imperialists had the impudence to fabricate lies, claiming that their ship had been captured in international waters and that she had not perpetrated any acts of espionage, while trying to subdue the Korean people with military threats.

They adopted resolutions on military retaliatory measures against the DPRK at the National Security Council meetings held on January 24 and 25, and mobilized their army, naval and air forces around Korea, thus creating a hair-trigger situation where war may break out at any moment.

In such grave situation President Kim Il Sung made a historic speech on February 8, 1968, at the banquet given to mark the 20th anniversary of founding of the heroic Korean People's Army, in which

he declared that the Korean people and army would return retaliation for "retaliation" of the US imperialists and fight an all-out war against their all-out war.

Encouraged by the strong will and resolute stand of the ever-victorious, iron-willed commander, all the service personnel made full preparations for combat with a firm determination to smash the aggressors at one stroke if they dared to attack.

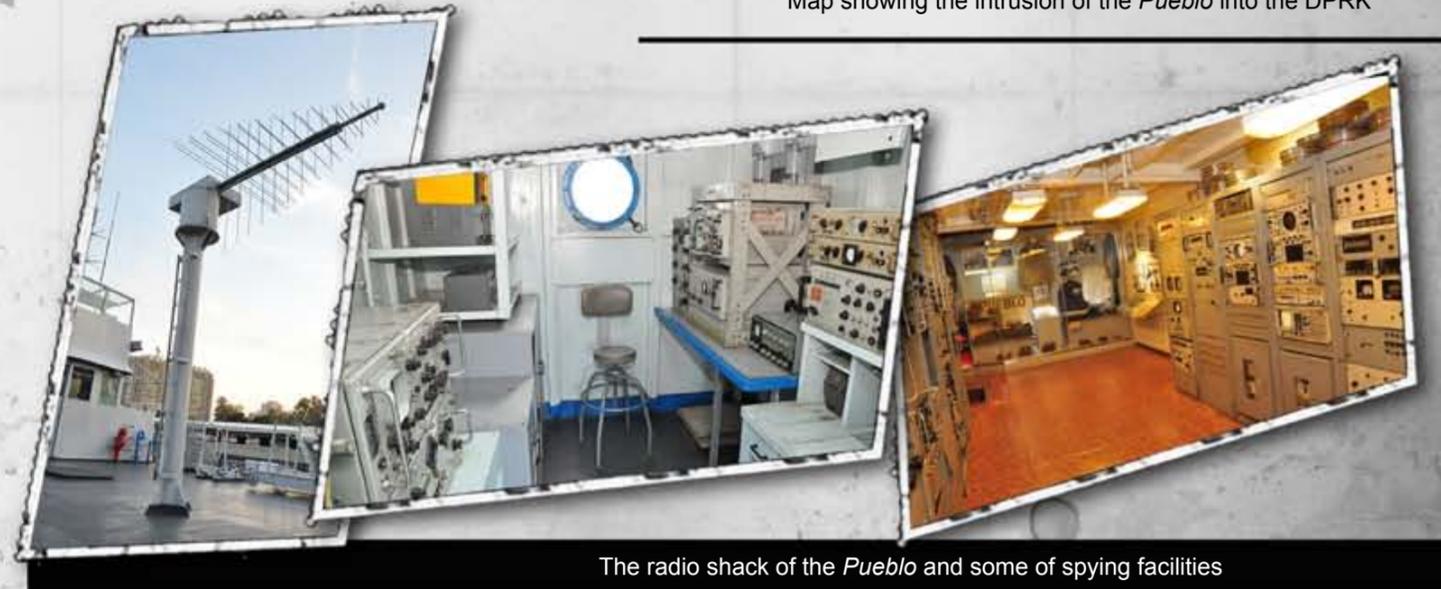
The US, frightened by unyielding spirit of the Korean people, had no choice



The captain of the *Pueblo* confessed that they committed criminal acts in violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement and theirs were utterly acts of aggression.



Map showing the intrusion of the *Pueblo* into the DPRK



The radio shack of the *Pueblo* and some of spying facilities



Crewmen writing confessions



Quartermaster of the *Pueblo* acknowledges its intrusion at a press conference



The United States acknowledged its criminal acts on December 23, 1968 as demanded by the DPRK.

Gilbert H. Woodward, major general of the US Army, on behalf of the US government signed the letter of apology.



but to admit and apologize for hostile acts of espionage committed by the *Pueblo* against the DPRK and sign a document in which it assured that no US ships would intrude into the DPRK's territorial waters in the future.

The *Pueblo* incident demonstrated to the world the stout mettle of the Korean people firmly rallied behind the President

and the validity and might of the self-defensive military line of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Over half a century have passed since then.

The KPA has now been strengthened into an invincible army under the command of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and the dignity and status of the Republic

have been raised to an unprecedented level.

If the US, oblivious of the lesson of 55 years ago, dares to provoke us, it will surely meet its end.

Pak In Ho, DPRK Hero and lecturer of the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum



The *Pueblo* is moored in the captured weapons exhibition ground of the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum.

Natural Living Monument

Pipha Seals



There is a headland in Rason City in northeastern part of Korea, which is named after the pipha (old Korean musical instrument) for its appearance.

The sea off Pipha Headland boasts beautiful scenery and excellent ecological environment, which is known as an ideal habitat of marine animals, including Pipha seals.

Pipha seal is 1.5-2 metres long and 120-150 kilogrammes heavy, and has a narrow forehead and no external earflap. Its greyish back is covered with dense and irregular, black blotches. Such blotches are also found sparsely in its yellowish belly.

It inhabits the sea off Pipha Headland from spring to autumn every year, feeding on fish and cephalopods like octopus and squid.

At present environmental contamination, one of the biggest headaches for the international community, and the consequent decrease in habitats lead to the decline in the number of seals, which are under protection worldwide.

However, according to the measures taken by the DPRK government to protect useful and rare animals and those on the verge of extinction, Pipha seal was registered as a natural living monument two years ago, which further stimulates the protection work.

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