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# National Meeting to Commemorate 80th Birth Anniversary of Kim Jong Il Held in Samjiyon

A national meeting to commemorate the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il took place in front of the statue of the Chairman in the City of Samjiyon, the holy land of revolution, on February 15.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the meeting.

When the General Secretary appeared, all the participants burst into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" upon him who has put the might of socialist Korea, the highest patriotic heritage of the Chairman, and its position on the highest level with his continued revolutionary leadership and carried into brilliant reality the Chairman's cause of building a powerful country.

A flower basket in the name of General Secretary Kim Jong Un was laid at the statue of the Chairman.

Also placed before the statue were flower baskets in the name of the WPK Central Committee, 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 respected Comrade Kim Jong Un together with leading officials of the Party and the government paid high tribute at the statue of the Chairman, the eternal Sun of Juche, venerable image of socialist Korea and great sage of the revolution.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a report, titled, *Let us accomplish to the end the cause of the great Comrade Kim Jong Il in the revolutionary spirit of Paektu.*

Looking back with great pride on the emotion-charged days when they worked and struggled upholding the Chairman's idea and cause, the participants renewed the conviction that his patriotic desire for building a powerful country will surely come true as there is the outstanding leadership of the Party Central Committee.



# General Secretary Kim Jong Un Delivered Speech at Ground-breaking Ceremony for Construction of 10 000 Flats in Hwasong Area

The ground-breaking for the construction project in the Hwasong area, a prelude to the struggle in the year of 2022

A new project for building 10 000 flats started in the capital city of Pyongyang amid extraordinary revolutionary enthusiasm of all the Korean people who were performing labour feats to celebrate the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il as a revolutionary, auspicious event.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area was held with splendour on February 12.

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 ground-breaking ceremony together with Party and government cadres.

When the start of the ceremony was declared, the national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Kim Jong Un made a speech, entitled *Let Us Further Glorify the Golden Age of Capital City Construction by Bringing About a Sea Change in the Hwasong Area.*

Expressing his pleasure over the ground-breaking ceremony for building another new street for people symbolic of the era of great changes in the capital city full of fresh courage and confidence, he extended warm



congratulations, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government, to the builders of the capital city and the service personnel, who are starting the struggle in the grandiose year of 2022 through this grand ground-breaking ceremony for a project to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area true to the decisions adopted at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party.

He said that the project, one of the major tasks facing the construction sector this year, is the second of its kind for hitting the long-term goal of housing construction in Pyongyang, which the Party aspires to and which started last year, and also the first stage of building a new, modern urban

district in the area.

He highly praised the service personnel and civilians, who had built 10 000 flats in the Songsin and Songhwa areas, an eastern gateway to Pyongyang, for turning the areas into a splendid street, lined with high-rise and superhigh-rise apartment houses, with indomitable spirit and strenuous efforts, thus achieving substantial success and providing a sure guarantee for pushing ahead with the housing construction in the Hwasong area, as planned this year, the second year for implementing the decisions made at the Eighth Party Congress.

Expressing the belief that their elated enthusiasm for labour and aggressive spirit for advancement will be fully displayed and more inspiring and more meaningful





successes be achieved in the construction of 10 000 flats to be launched in the Hwasong area, he advanced the tasks and ways to push ahead with the grand construction project in a more dynamic and scrupulous way.

Clarifying the construction of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area as the main theatre that should take the lead on the grand construction front covering the whole country, he expressed expectation that the

construction units deployed in the Hwasong area should naturally become standard-bearers and models for all other theatres of construction and dedicate all their wisdom, enthusiasm and fortitude to the sacred construction campaign.

A resolution to the Party was read out by Kim Jong Gwan at the ceremony.

Then there was a blasting, signalling the beginning of the construction of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area, followed by the

fireworks displayed in the sky along with thunderous cheers.

Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the trustworthy soldiers and other builders as a token of his encouragement to them who have gone all out for another grand construction campaign for demonstrating the militant might of the great WPK and the revolutionary spirit of socialist Korea, true to the intention and will of the Party Central Committee.

# Kim Jong Un Made Speech at Ground-breaking Ceremony for Construction of Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm and Shovelled First Spadeful of Earth



The Central Committee of the WPK has decided to turn a major military base on the eastern front into a modern vegetable production base

A large-scale modern greenhouse farm is to be built in the Ryonpho area of Hamju County, South Hamgyong Province of the DPRK, according to a decision made at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and a relevant assignment.

There was a grand ground-breaking ceremony on February 18.

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

When the start of the ceremony was declared, the national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a stirring speech.





He expressed his joy of launching the construction of the large-scale greenhouse farm that will contribute greatly to the living of the people in the city of Hamhung and South Hamgyong Province in the wake of the start of building 10 000 flats in the capital city for 2022, which is of great significance in solving the housing problem for the people of the city. He gave a militant salute to the service personnel and other builders, who have come to the project site with a determination to render a contribution to promoting the people's wellbeing by successfully carrying out the top-priority project in the construction policy of our Party and state.

Noting that the Party Central Committee has always regarded it as a matter of crucial importance to solve the problem of vegetable supply for the people in Hamhung, a major industrial and science city in the country, and in South Hamgyong Province and has thought about building a modern greenhouse farm here, and promoted it in a planned way for several years, he referred to the significance and importance of the construction of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm.

He underlined the intention of the Party Central Committee to build the greenhouse farm as the largest and modern greenhouse farm in our country, at the same time as a textbook farm for disseminating advanced agricultural technology, a new base for the creation of the rural civilization of our style and a cultured socialist farm good to work and live in both in name and in reality, and push ahead with the country's overall rural development more dynamically and more confidently with the farm as the standard and beacon. And he set forth the tasks and ways for dynamically accelerating the construction.

Calling for exerting efforts to set up structures for our people as early as possible, imagining in our mind's eye a merry laughter that will tinkle in each of our people's houses and looking forward to the bright future of our country which will become more prosperous by that laughter,







The venue of the ground-breaking ceremony brimming with the feelings of kinship between the leader and soldiers



he expressed his belief that the courageous officers and men of the People's Army will carry out the order of the Party Central Committee with credit by working with all the militant mettle of the revolutionary army.

After he finished his speech full of the noble intention of "The people are God" and the great trust in the soldier-builders, all the participants raised enthusiastic cheers again, which resounded far and wide.

Generals of the Korean People's Army made speeches to express their resolve.

They said that all the soldier-builders are filled with burning enthusiasm for fully demonstrating the ever-victorious spirit of the revolutionary army of the Party in the worthwhile and glorious campaign for materializing the intention of the Party Central Committee upon receiving the call of the respected Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un.

They expressed their firm will to raise a hot wind of Ryonpho

for effecting another round of miracle in the same spirit as they displayed when they built the modern greenhouse farm in the Jungphyong area.

They firmly pledged, in reflection of all the soldier-builders' unanimous will, to complete all the structures in the area to be models of rural development in the new era and symbols of the Party's people-first politics, and make a report of loyalty and victory to the Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un shovelled the first spadeful of earth in commemoration of the ground-breaking ceremony and personally pressed the button for blasting.

It was followed by a loud boom of the blasting and then the explosion of fireworks.

Kim Jong Un waved back long to the reliable soldier-builders full of courage and enthusiasm to become fortresses and shields in defending the idea and cause of the Party Central Committee and throw themselves into implementing them.

# Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of WPK Held

Another important milestone in further strengthening the basic organizations of the Party and making innovation in Party work as required by the new stage of struggle to achieve the comprehensive development of socialist construction





# Kim Jong Un Presided over the Conference



The Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the Workers' Party of Korea was held in Pyongyang from February 26 to 28.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the conference.

Attending the conference were secretaries of the primary Party committees and sub-primary Party committees of factories, enterprises and cooperative farms who distinguished themselves in carrying out the Party's policies, secretaries of the primary Party committees of ministries, national agencies and guiding organs at provincial, city and county levels, senior officials of the provincial, city and county Party committees and other Party committees playing the same function, and officials of the Party Central Committee.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un made an opening address.

He stated that the important purpose of the conference is to review the past five-year work of the primary Party organizations

from a critical point of view and identify the major link in the whole chain of efforts to improve and strengthen the work of the primary Party organizations in line with the remarkably high requirements of the developing revolution so as to make it known to the secretaries of all the primary Party organizations and arouse them once again.

When the General Secretary declared the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the WPK open, the national anthem of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was played solemnly.

Jo Yong Won, secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, made a report at the conference.

He said that the respected General Secretary ushered in a new heyday in building basic Party organizations with his outstanding idea and energetic leadership, regarding it as fundamentals for developing the whole Party to strengthen the primary Party organizations.

He referred to the successes and



Kim Jong Un underscored the need to make the conference an epochal occasion in boosting the organizing ability, fighting efficiency and activity of every primary Party organization and a turning point in raising the political and practical ability of the secretaries of primary Party organizations to a new high.



In his concluding speech Kim Jong Un ardently called on all primary Party committee secretaries to turn out in the sacred struggle for providing the people with a happy life as early as possible and turning the country into a great powerful socialist state, well aware of their duty as political officials of a people's party, their "servant" party.



experience gained in the struggle for carrying out the tasks set forth at the First Conference of Chairpersons of Primary Party Committees. Then he detailed the tasks to be fulfilled in strengthening the primary Party organizations into the vanguard units sharing the idea and intention with the Party Central Committee and acting in concert

with it, and into the political staffs greatly encouraging their units to implement the decisions of the Party Congress. Speeches were followed. Speakers analyzed and reviewed in depth the achievements and experience gained by primary Party organizations for the past period and expressed their resolution to





wage a dynamic struggle for bringing about the comprehensive development of socialist construction by steadily intensifying the work for transforming the primary Party committees into elite ones.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un delivered a concluding speech, titled, *Secretaries of Primary Party Committees Should Become Genuine Political Workers of the Motherly Party.*

He appreciated that the current conference again established a unanimous view on the importance and urgency of improving the work of the primary Party committees, analyzed and reviewed in detail the achievements and defects in the course of strengthening the primary Party committees and deeply discussed realistic ways.

He referred to the important tasks to be upheld and fulfilled primarily at present by secretaries of primary Party committees, political workers of a people's party, their "servant" party.

Noting that the work by secretaries of primary Party committees and their qualities will as ever be evaluated by how they play the role of the mother, a "servant," for the people, he set forth the tasks secretaries

of primary Party committees should concentrate on with an emphasis put on in discharging the role of a genuine mother and faithful servant.

He emphasized that secretaries of primary Party committees should launch dynamic organizational and political work for implementing the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress and the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee and thereby bring about substantial achievements.

He also set forth the ways for making primary Party committees live and active groups with strong fighting efficiency and cohesion.

Saying that the results of the work of preparing the Party members and other working people politically and morally and the work of implementing the Party's decisions depend on how the secretaries of primary Party committees conduct the work with people, he taught the issues arising for the secretaries of primary Party committees in fundamentally improving the work with the people.

He specially stressed the need for the Party committee secretaries of ministries and national agencies and the secretaries of ri Party committees to enhance their

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responsibility and role.

He noted that it is the mode of activities peculiar to our Party fully discharging its duty as a people's party, their "servant" party, for the Party Central Committee to set the people's desires as its policy and a state policy and for all the primary Party organizations to thoroughly implement it so as to make the people benefit from it, and that this is just the idea of the role of primary Party committees and the idea of attaching importance to the primary Party committees advocated by the Party Central Committee.

He ardently called on all secretaries of primary Party committees to turn out in the sacred struggle for providing the people with a happy life as early as possible and

turning the country into a great powerful socialist state, well aware of their duty as political officials of a people's party, their "servant" party.

When Kim Jong Un finished his concluding speech, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!" as a token of their highest respects and the warmest greetings to the General Secretary, who clarified a clear policy of struggle in the new era for enhancing the militant functions and role of primary Party organizations in every way with his profound thought and brilliant ideo-theoretical wisdom and is ushering in a heyday in strengthening the whole Party.

Citations of the General Secretary of

the Workers' Party of Korea were conferred on exemplary secretaries of primary Party committees at the conference.

Amid the great excitement, Kim Jong Un personally presented citations and had a photo taken with them.

The General Secretary made a closing address.

When he declared the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the Workers' Party of Korea closed, the song *Internationale* was struck up solemnly, and all the participants again raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" for Kim Jong Un who develops the WPK into an ever-victorious revolutionary and militant party.



# Kim Jong Un Had Photo Session with Participants in Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of WPK



# Kim Jong Un Planted Trees with Participants in WPK Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, planted trees together with the participants in the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the WPK on March 2 to mark the Tree-planting Day.

The secretaries of primary Party committees were filled with great excitement and delight as they took part in the memorial tree-planting in the presence of the General Secretary in the Hwasong area where another ideal street symbolic of the Party's political idea of the people-first principle is being built.

Jo Yong Won, secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, made remarks in connection with the memorial tree-planting.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un broke ground first to signal the start of memorial tree-planting.

While transplanting trees with the participants, he said that primary

Party committee secretaries should dedicate their patriotic zeal and party conscience to the work for implementing the Party's policies.

Saying that as the trees with firm roots can weather any storm, the Party that has taken its deep roots among the people and depends on them is invincible, he called on the secretaries of primary Party committees to make redoubled efforts to turn the Party into a united group strong in its fighting efficiency that has taken its deep roots among the working masses.

Kim Jong Un had a photo taken with the participants against the background of fir trees planted by him.

Through the memorial tree-planting, the secretaries of primary Party committees came to realize once again the firm will of the Party Central Committee to make the revolution and construction run through with trust and love for the people, unconditionally serve them and finally build a communist society desired by all the people at any cost.





# Decade of Great Revolutionary Leadership Resplendent with Victory and Glory



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un with participants in the Eighth Congress of the Korean Children's Union (June 2017)

## For the Future of the Country

The history of loving the rising generation created by the great leaders President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il continues invariably in the new century of the Juche era in socialist Korea, thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un regards it as his duty and mission to carry forward the great leaders' ennobling view on the rising generation.

His warm affection for children became widely known across the country since he visited Mangyongdae Revolutionary School on lunar New Year's Day in 2012.

Although he had many places to visit on lunar New Year's Day, he had come to the school first thinking that its schoolchildren must be feeling gloomy yearning for Chairman Kim Jong Il, saying that it was the first lunar New Year's Day since the demise of the Chairman and he should greet the holiday together with them on behalf of their parents.

And the celebrations of the Korean Children's Union to mark its 66th anniversary, which was the first national meeting after Kim Jong Un was elected to the helm of the Party and the state, were the crystallization of his ennobling view on the rising generation.

The delegates to the celebrations were selected from all the primary and middle schools and their branches across the country, from the remote mountainous villages to the out-of-the-way islands, and invited to Pyongyang.

Kim Jong Un participated in the national meeting of the Korean Children's Union to mark the 66th anniversary of the founding of the KCU and made a speech, which stirred the whole country with feelings of joy and excitement.

The celebrations on that day was the grand meeting of not only the KCU members but also all other people across the country, whose hearts pulsed with a firm determination to follow him alone.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un regards the matters related



Kim Jong Un visiting the nursery at the Pyongyang Condiment Factory (June 2013)



Kim Jong Un at the Kyongsang Kindergarten (July 2012)





Kim Jong Un at the Pyongyang Baby Home and Orphanage (October 2014)

with the future of the country as the most important of all the state affairs.

He proposed the renovation of the Songdowon International Children's Camp on a modern basis and visited the construction site on several occasions to give detailed guidance over the project.

And he participated in its inaugural ceremony and spent the whole day with children. Two months later, he visited it again to see newly-installed steep water slides.

Under the meticulous guidance and care of him, who gives prominence to children as kings and queens of the country and makes them happiest with nothing to envy in the world,



Orphaned children grow up happily enjoying the benefits from state



Children cutting the ribbon at the inaugural ceremony of the Wonsan Baby Home and Orphanage



The Third Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK held in June 2021 discussed an issue of establishing it as the Party's policy to supply all the children across the country with nutritious foods including dairy products at the state's expense. At the meeting the General Secretary stressed that it is the most important policy and supreme cherished desire of the Party and state to provide more improved conditions for bringing up children even by investing a huge sum of money.



Kim Jong Un guiding the Third Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK (June 2021)





Kim Jong Un giving guidance at the construction site of a children's hospital (July 2013)



the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace, Mangyongdae Children's Camp, Samjiyon Schoolchildren's Palace and December 6 Children's Camp in Kangwon Province were turned into excellent bases of extracurricular education for the schoolchildren.

Though he had a huge heap of documents requiring his conclusions on the Party and state affairs, he never delayed reading letters from children and always wrote back to them.

He was the most delighted when he had things done for children and was the happiest when the children's laughter and singing became louder.

While visiting the Pyongyang Children's Foodstuff Factory,





Kim Jong Un at the newly-built Pyongyang Primary School for Orphans (February 2017)



Kim Jong Un at the newly-built Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans (July 2016)





Kim Jong Un at the Mindulle Notebook Factory (April 2016)

he said that we should demonstrate how we defend our children's laughter and socialism by increasing the production. At the Pyongyang Bag Factory he wore a broad smile seeing new, fine bags for schoolchildren.

With warm affection for children he ensured that everything for children should be the best in the world. So, the Pyongyang Children's Department Store was splendidly revamped, and the Okryu Children's Hospital, baby homes and orphanages in Pyongyang and Wonsan, Pyongyang middle and primary schools for orphans, Natural History Museum, amusement parks and other







Kim Jong Un with the students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School (March 2017)



Kim Jong Un at the Seventh Congress of the Korean Children's Union (June 2013)



Kim Jong Un blessing the future of the participants in the celebrations of the 66th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union (June 2012)

facilities for children were erected at the highest level.

Some years ago when several areas in North Hamgyong Province were badly hit by natural disasters, he sent school things to the children in the afflicted areas and made them enjoy camping in the holiday resort along the east coast.

At the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK held in December last year, he declared that the supply of school uniforms and things to the students across the country at

the state's expense is a consistent policy of the Party and the state and took an important measure for its implementation.

Thanks to the ennobling love of General Secretary Kim Jong Un for the rising generation, all the children in the DPRK are growing up happily as the kings and treasures of the country with nothing to envy in the world, and the country expects a brighter future.

*Text: Pak Ui Chol*





Kim Jong Un at the 1 000-ri Journey for Learning Schoolchildren's Palace (May 2019)



Kim Jong Un at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace (May 2014)





Kim Jong Un at the Samjiyon Schoolchildren's Palace (November 2016)

# 80th Birth Anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il Celebrated with Splendour



Senior Party and government officials visiting Chairman Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp on the occasion of his 80th birth anniversary



Snow and ice sculptures displayed in the City of Samjiyon

All the people in the DPRK celebrated the 80th anniversary of the birth of Chairman Kim Jong Il as the greatest national holiday.

On this auspicious holiday the country brimmed with the feelings of ardent yearning for the Chairman who dedicated his whole life for the people, regarding the ideal of "The people are my God" as his

lifelong motto and led the socialist cause of Juche along the road of victory.

An endless stream of visitors flew to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme sanctuary of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance.

Working people and service personnel paid high tribute to the great leaders at their

statues and beaming images on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang, in the City of Samjiyon and other parts of the country.

People visited the Korean National Art Museum, Okryu Exhibition Hall, Korean Stamp Exhibition Hall and Industrial Design Exhibition Hall, and the venues of the national art exhibition, national sketch and calligraphy festival, stamp exhibition

and industrial design exhibition.

Grand performance in celebration of the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il *Shine, Jong Il Peak* was given in Pyongyang Indoor Stadium amid applause of the Pyongyang citizens.

Colourful performances were given in Pyongyang and the provinces.

The participants in the First People's

Art Festival in Celebration of the Day of the Shining Star gave performances at the People's Palace of Culture, East Pyongyang Grand Theatre, Ponghwa Art Theatre and Central Youth Hall on February 16.

A variety of acrobatic and magic pieces were performed at the Pyongyang Circus Theatre and the Magic Theatre of the National Acrobatic Troupe to add pleasure

to people celebrating the holiday.

The Song and Dance Ensemble of the Ministry of National Defence gave distinctive open-air performance at the Yangdok Hot Spring Resort.

The festive mood was also boosted by celebratory performances in different parts of the country including South Phyongan, South Hwanghae and North

**Fireworks Display in Celebration of the Day of the Shining Star  
Held in the City of Samjiyon**





Working people, service personnel, and youth and students paying high tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at their statues and beaming images on the occasion of the Day of the Shining Star



Hamgyong provinces and Kaesong City and performances given by artistic groups at province- and city-level institutions and enterprises in North Phyongan, Jagang and Kangwon provinces and Nampho City.

Snow and ice sculptures portraying Jong Il Peak, red flag, magnolia, national flower of the DPRK, and others were displayed in a distinctive way on Ponnamu

Street in the City of Samjiyon making the citizens more jubilant on the occasion of the Day of the Shining Star.

Catering facilities in Pyongyang and local areas were full of people enjoying various holiday dishes, and laughter of people reverberated through such recreational facilities in the capital city as the Central Zoo, Natural History Museum,

Munsu Water Park and Mirim Riding Club.

The holiday got more exciting for the evening galas of youth and students and working people and firework displays given in Pyongyang and provincial capitals.

Marking the holiday, all the people and service personnel of the country were full of revolutionary enthusiasm to powerfully propel the all-people advance for achieving

the comprehensive development of the country and opening up a new era of a thriving nation under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Il in the struggle for realizing the noble patriotic desire of the peerlessly great men for building a powerful country.

*Text: Choe Kwang Ho*

# Colourful Celebrations Held on the Day of the Shining Star

Commemorative coins issued



"The 80th Birth Anniversary of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il" (gold coin)



"The 80th Birth Anniversary of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il" (silver coin)



National photo exhibition "For the Prosperity of the Country and the Well-being of the People"



National art exhibition held as part of the national art festival "Career of Patriotic Devotion"



Stamp exhibition





National book exhibition



Synchronized swimming demonstration



The Paektusan Prize Games



Industrial art exhibitions held in Pyongyang and other provinces



The 10th Cooking Contest

# Grand Performance *Shine, Jong Il Peak*



이월이라 정일봉에 불빛이 넘쳐 흥겨



*Colourful and fascinating performance*

# First People's Art Festival in Celebration of the Day of the Shining Star



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# The festival highlighting the February holiday



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# Evening Gala of Youth and Students and Fireworks Display Held at Kim Il Sung Square







# Night of Pyongyang in Festive Atmosphere





# NADA and Academy of Defence Science Conducted Important Test for Developing Reconnaissance Satellite



The DPRK National Aerospace Development Administration (NADA) and the Academy of Defence Science conducted an important test on February 27 according to the plan for developing a reconnaissance satellite.

The test helped the NADA and the Academy of Defence Science confirm the characteristics and working accuracy of the high definition photographing system, data transmission system and attitude control devices through the vertical and oblique photographing of a specific area on earth with cameras to be loaded on the reconnaissance satellite.



# Producer of Medical Appliances

## At the Myohyangsan Medical Appliances Factory



**M**yohyangsan Medical Appliances Factory, which was reconstructed as a model factory in the medical appliances industry and started operation in October 2020, is steadily increasing its production.

As it is equipped with modern production lines and has put business activities on a scientific and IT footing, the factory makes strenuous efforts to improve the employees' level of technical knowledge and skill and develop high-quality, high-performance

and practical medical appliances.

To this end, it collaborates with scientists and technicians in relevant units to introduce new technologies into production and upgrade designs of appliances to meet the actual requirement of the country's healthcare service and suit the constitutional characteristics of the patients. As a result, various advanced technologies such as plastic moulding by casting and plastic plate vacuum moulding were introduced to production, thus ensuring



Universal dentist's chair



Delivery bed



Hospital trolley

### Medical appliances of the factory are sent to hospitals across the country.

the production of small quantities of products in large variety and improving the quality of fittings.  
It now turns out a number of medical appliances for various purposes and functions, including consulting beds for women, delivery beds and operating tables, which earns praise from medical workers.  
Especially the universal chair for ENT treatment is favoured by both patient and doctor, as it makes them see endoscopic images together and also receive telemedicine service.  
Since its reconstruction the factory has developed and manufactured modern medical appliances in 40-odd kinds, including universal dentist's chair, universal chair for ENT treatment and multifunctional operating table, and sent them to medical establishments across the country.

Photo: Pang Un Sim  
Text: Kim Son Gyong



Universal chair for ENT treatment



## Safe, Convenient and Multifunctional

## HOSPITAL BED

The Huichon Hospital Bed Factory turns out beds for patients with physical disabilities.

The multifunctional beds made of locally available raw and other materials are widely used at the hospitals across the country.





# Kalma Foodstuff Factory

The Kalma Foodstuff Factory in Sokjae-dong, Wonsan, Kangwon Province, is a noted fish processing base in the DPRK.

All its production lines ranging from feeding of raw materials to packaging are streamlined under the integrated production system. It pays close attention to the technical renovation of facilities to diversify the goods and improve their quality.

In particular, it is actively introducing latest processing technology so as to sustain tastes and nutrition of fish and ensure hygienic safety without using chemicals.

Its employees are ensuring the full operation of facilities and raising their productivity by observing the regulations and technical

rules for standard operation.

By-products of the fish processing are used to produce tasty pickles.

Now the factory turns out 37 kinds of foods in 20 categories, including vacuum-dried Pollack and squid, pickled Pollack roes, and fermented Pollack that were listed as February 2 goods.

Its products enjoy growing popularity across the country.

*Photo: Choe Won Chol  
Text: Pak Pyong Hun*



Processed goods of the factory are very popular.





# *Pomhyanggi* Favoured by Women

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**Pomhyanggi cosmetics produce excellent moisturizing and whitening effects and retard skin aging, so they help skin maintain beauty and elegance.**



# Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill



The Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill, located near Mirae Scientists Street on the bank of the Taedong River, is mostly composed of women employees, and they are very attached to their factory.

Its compound is thickly wooded with fruit and other trees of various species and laid out with cozy resting places, thus resembling a large garden or a park.

And all the workshops are provided with hygienic working conditions and environment, inspiring fervent enthusiasm for greater labour feats in workers.

From the nursery and kindergarten songs of the employees' children ring out loudly.

The Jindallae Health Complex furnished with such welfare facilities as bathrooms,

beauty parlour and even a swimming pool, and the hall of culture attract workers after work.

Alongside the Jindallae Health Complex stands the seven-storey workers' hostel built by the state in 2017.

The hostel that provides girl employees with convenient and cultural living conditions is their dear home.

There are a dining hall on the first floor and spaces for sporting and amusement activities on the second floor.

From the third to the seventh floor there are bedrooms and cooking practice areas for the girls.

At mealtimes the cooking practice areas are always crowded with girls preparing



dishes and inviting others to tables.

Every day they leave the hostel with fresh determination to perform labour feats and return with pride in having overfulfilled their daily assignments.

As days go by, the pride of the workers in their factory is getting bigger.

*Photo: Ra Phyoung Ryol, Ri Chol Jin  
Text: Choe Kwang Ho*



Workers enjoying leisure activities at the Jindallae Health Complex and the hostel

# Munsu Water Park

## Attracting Citizens in Midwinter

Last winter was a severe one with much snow, but many cultural and recreational bases across the country resounded with happy laughter of people.

And the Munsu Water Park, located in the east Pyongyang area along the Taedong River from which you can enjoy picturesque scenery of Moran Hill and Rungna Island, bustled with people even in the middle of winter.

The water park, occupying an area of nearly 110 000 square metres, has an indoor wading pool area of 16 500 square metres

with an accommodation for 1 200 people.

The area is well lighted with natural sunlight through the tetrahedral roof of transparent hard glass and is applied with geothermal energy system to keep the temperature of above 28°C all the year round.

Nine pools are found in the indoor wading pool area, including a wave pool, wading pool with slides, and pools for children and their mothers and exclusively for children. The pools keep the water temperature at 27°C, except those for children and their mothers at





above 32°C.

The indoor area is full on ordinary days, and especially on weekends and holidays it is teeming with people—swimming, taking slides, or disporting themselves in water.

Onlookers from the second floor, which has various catering and welfare service facilities, are very delighted to see them.

Not only in the resting halls and places but also in the sauna rooms with different medical effects are seen people



relaxing. As if to cool their bodies, people would jump into the pools, making huge splashes here and there.

Though it is cold outside, Pyongyang citizens are enjoying the cultural and leisure activities to their heart's content at the magnificently-built recreational bases like the water park, unaware of the season.

*Photo: Ra Phyang Ryol, Ri Chol Jin  
Text: Choe Kwang Ho*





The museum gives versatile knowledge on nature and delight to the visitors



# Visit to World of Nature

The museum has several houses for diffusing encyclopaedic knowledge of the history of the universe and the Earth, the origin of life, fauna and flora.



### Home of diffusing versatile knowledge on nature

The Natural History Museum built in 2016 in the area of Mt Taesong in Pyongyang is attracting many people.

Occupying a total floor space of over 35 000 square metres, the museum is a centre for diffusing encyclopaedic knowledge of the history of the universe and the Earth, the origin of life, fauna and flora.

It is well furnished in terms of formative arts as well as academic significance.

Entering the foyer of the museum, visitors are amazed by model frameworks of dinosaurs from the Mesozoic era against the torrents of lava.

The first floor of the museum has the halls of the universe and extinct animals and plants, which are dedicated to the dissemination of the general knowledge of the solar system and the Earth formed through the evolution of the universe, and knowledge on environmental change of the Earth and evolution of life from the origin of life to the appearance of humankind through samples and academic data. And the dinosaur park with lifelike model dinosaurs—they are moving and making sounds—is the most favourite haunt of visitors.

The fauna and flora halls on the second and third floors exhibit various models and specimens of animals and plants, all arranged





in a systematic order.

Touch-screen computers and other visual aids help visitors get a wide knowledge of fauna and flora on the Earth, such as species, ecology, distribution and conservation.

Hall of the animal ecology and the children's learning area on the fourth floor are always crowded with many working people and schoolchildren. The children's learning area which is laid out to diffuse the knowledge on nature through interesting games becomes a must-see for parents with children.

Visitors are guided by lecturers and researchers, view large LCD screens and scan computers in the main halls on every floor for relevant materials, and have a rest at the uniquely laid-out places in various parts of the museum.

They are unanimous in saying that they have acquired a lot of knowledge at the museum and they will come again and again.

*Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok  
Text: Kang Su Jong*



**Universe House**

The house gives a wide-ranging knowledge on the solar system and the Earth through evolution of the universe and the origin of life.



**Extinct Animals and Plants House**

The house gives an all-embracing knowledge on the environmental changes of the Earth and the evolution of life.



**Animal House**

The house gives a broad and deep knowledge of species of the animals existing on the Earth, their ecology and distribution, ways of protecting them and so on.



**Plant House**

The house gives a wide-ranging and profound knowledge of various plant groups, mushrooms and lichens found on the Earth, including their representative species, shapes and structures, classifications and distributions, ecology, protection of plant diversity, and their uses.

## Movements Named after DPRK Gymnasts

Among sportspeople in the DPRK are gymnasts who exalted the dignity and honour of the Korean nation by registering movements named after them with the International Gymnastic Federation.

There are seven gymnastic movements named after the DPRK gymnasts.

Ri Song Sop was the first DPRK gymnast who created the movement named after him by performing technical movement of high degree of difficulty in the horizontal bar event of the 20th Olympic Games in 1972.

FIG named a movement of high degree of difficulty after Ri Chol Hon, when he performed it in the event of parallel bars of the 21st world artistic gymnastics championships.

In the 25th world artistic gymnastics championships, young gymnast of the DPRK Kim Kwang Suk performed an adventurous and unique movement of the world's top-class in the event of uneven bars. Kim Kwang Suk Movement was admired by experts and enthusiasts.

The world gymnastic circle appreciate the movement, which was executed by Pak Kyong Sil in the event of uneven bars, as the most beautiful and graceful movement. The movement performed by Ri Jong Song in the event of floor exercise of the 28th Olympic Games was named after him, and two movements were named after Ri Se Gwang, who performed new movements of unique and high degree of difficulty in the men's vaulting horse events of the 5th Asian artistic gymnastics championships and the 45th world artistic gymnastics championships respectively.

The names of the DPRK gymnasts, who have exalted the honour of the Korean nation and also adorned the development history of the world gymnastics, are well remembered by the Korean people.

*Photo: Choe Won Chol  
Text: Pak Ui Chol*







**Ri Song Sop Movement**

Double salto and 360 degree-turning landing

Individual all-around gold medal in the 9th World Festival of Youth and Students in 1968  
 Individual all-around gold medal in the international juvenile friendship gymnastics tournament of socialist countries in 1969  
 Individual all-around gold medal in the Golden Sand Cup international gymnastics tournament in 1973

Merited Athlete Ri Song Sop



**Pak Kyong Sil Movement**

Swing forward on HB and a back somersault with straightened body between the two bars and support the body with stretched arms on the low bar

Registered as Pak salto in the uneven bars event of the 26th world gymnastics championships in 1991

Pak Kyong Sil

**Ri Chol Hon Movement**

5/4 salto fwd. strad. through support to hang or directly to hang.



Individual all-around gold medal in the Golden Sand Cup international gymnastics tournament in 1981  
 Gold medal in the pommel horse event of the Ninth Asian Games in 1982  
 Gold medal in the horizontal bar event of the international master-level gymnastics games in 1982  
 Gold medal in the pommel horse event of the Riga-83 international gymnastics tournament in 1983  
 Gold medal in the parallel bars event of the international master-level gymnastics tournament in 1985

Merited Athlete Ri Chol Hon



**Ri Jong Song Movement**

Double salto bwd. tucked with 3/1 t.



Gold medal in the floor exercise event of the Fourth East Asian Games in 2005  
 Gold medals in the floor exercise and vaulting horse events in the Third Asian artistic gymnastics championships in 2006

Merited Athlete Ri Jong Song



**Kim Kwang Suk Movement**

Facing outward on HB - swing forward and counter salto forward with legs straddled to catch HB in reverse grip

Gold medal in the uneven bars event of the 26th world gymnastics championships in 1991  
 Gold medal in the uneven bars event of the international gymnastics tournament in 1992  
 Gold medal in the uneven bars event of the First East Asian Games in 1993

People's Athlete Kim Kwang Suk



**Ri Se Kwang Movements**

1. Double Tsukahara with 1/1 twist.
2. Dragulescu piked.



Gold medal in the vaulting horse event of the 6th world challenge cup gymnastics tournament in 2013  
 Gold medal in the vaulting horse event of the 45th world artistic gymnastics championships in 2014  
 Gold medal in the vaulting horse event of the 46th world artistic gymnastics championships in 2016  
 Gold medal in the vaulting horse event of the 31st Olympic Games in 2016  
 Gold medal in the vaulting horse event of the 48th world artistic gymnastics championships in 2018

People's Athlete Ri Se Gwang





# Kumya Wetland, Habitat of Waterbirds



**Kumya wetland comprises a lake, river estuaries, reed fields, a vast expanse of paddy fields and other types of ecosystem, providing favourable habitats for over 200 species of birds**

The Kumya wetland comprises a vast area on the shoreline of Songjon Bay in the East Sea of Korea into which the Kumya and Tokji rivers empty, and Lagoon Ha.

This area has different types of wetlands such as marshes, bogs, reed or paddy fields, salt pans and coastal regions, as well as a wide variety of animals and plants, including fish like carp, goldfish and

gray mullet, shellfish, Crustacea and marshy vegetation like wild rice and reed. So it provides favourable conditions for the habitation of waterbirds and stopover of the migratory birds.

Numerous white-fronted geese and bean geese flow to the wetland every year and in March last year alone more than 4 000 bean geese were observed to make a stopover.



Kumya Migratory Bird Reserve serves as a natural habitat for a dozen birds of threatened species and over 20 000 migratory birds, and mute swan, bean goose, coot and several species of birds that account for more than 1% of the worldwide or regional populations are observed here every year. So it was registered in 2018 as an East Asian-Australasian Flyway of migratory birds.

And long-tailed duck, a globally-endangered species, and white-winged scoter, black scoter and red-breasted merganser, nearly-endangered species, winter on the waters off the reserve.

Blackfaced spoonbills and Eurasian spoonbills, both globally-endangered species, were also observed in the reserve, and they accounted for the largest proportion of them passing through the wetlands on the east coast of Korea.

In addition, spotted redshank, common redshank, whimbrel and black-winged stilt frequent the reserve, though they are hardly seen in other wetlands on the east coast.

Lagoon Ha, 12.5km in circumference and 4.3km<sup>2</sup> in area, abounds with fish, shellfish, and shrimps, so it serves as an ideal habitat for scores of waterbird species like whooper swan, mute swan, common pochard, common coot, etc.

On the shallow shore of the lagoon and nearby paddy fields,



Brant geese



Gadwalls



Great white egrets

Black-faced spoonbill



Black-tailed gull



Egrets and grey heron



Various species of birds are seen in the Kumya wetland and surrounding mountains and fields

Black-headed gulls and ducks



Common kestrel



Hoopoe

Black-winged stilts



Hooded cranes



Yellow-browed warbler



White wagtail



Meadow bunting

Eurasian spoonbills and egrets



Wood sandpipers



Pallas's rosefinch



Common kingfisher



Common stonechat

Swans



Oriental reed warbler



Cinereous vulture



Manchurian, white-naped and hooded cranes make a stopover regularly in spring and autumn migration periods.

In the forest around Lagoon Ha are also seen spot-billed duck, yellow bittern, waterduck, common moorhen and other waterbirds in breeding seasons.

In 1995 a vast area of over 2 000 hectares in the lower parts of the Kumya and Tokji rivers was designated as the Kumya Migratory Bird Reserve.

Thanks to the country's policy of ecological environment protection, much effort has been made to preserve the natural environment and provide ample conditions for the inhabitation of birds.

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# For Our Pyongyang

For the Future of the Hwasong Area  
That Will Be Dramatically Transformed

Splendid streets and a new administrative district with flats, numbering well over ten thousand, public buildings and welfare service facilities, will appear in the Hwasong area within three years or so.



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