

## Consultative Meetings Convened in Tents

Last year Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, convened a series of consultative meetings in tents as a new mode of meetings. The events were held on July 15 and 16 when he gave field guidance over the construction of the Sinpho City Offshore Farm and the Kalma coastal tourist area, respectively. And on August 31 he convened a consultative meeting for regional development project in a tent, too.

Today the DPRK's overall economy shows so strong signs of an upturn that foreign experts recognize that the country has entered the era of comprehensive development of socialism. The country's GDP in 2023 grew up 1.4 times as compared with that in 2020, the year before the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

From the beginning of 2024, the country was advancing at an ever-increasing speed, with the spirit of boom prevailing everywhere and everything changing. Modern production lines and new enterprises were being built in different parts of the country. Meanwhile, the construction of regional-industry factories, rural houses and 50 000 flats in the capital city went full steam ahead.

In order to facilitate such changes, Kim Jong Un was always on his inspection tour and would organize consultative meetings in makeshift tents on the spot to take timely measures.

The meetings were not held at a magnificent government building or a specially chosen place, but their agenda items were all important.

Last year the country made public the Regional Development 20×10 Policy, a far-reaching plan to build all regional-industry factories in the country anew within ten years, and it has been vigorously pushing ahead with it since then. At the July 15 consultative meeting measures were taken to build a model offshore farm in Sinpho City, a typical coastal area, and lay a foundation for multilateral, independent and sustainable development of coastal cities and counties throughout

the country by drawing on the experience.

The August 31 consultative meeting set forth a new idea of building advanced health facilities, cultural complexes and grain management facilities additionally along with the regional-industry factories in cities and counties across the country.

The consultative meeting held at the construction site of the Kalma coastal tourist area indicated a new path of development of tourism.

According to local media, those consultative meetings marked epoch-making occasions in promoting regional development and bringing about remarkable changes in all aspects of the state building in a multi-stage and three-dimensional way.

There were neither high-sounding declarations nor press releases at the consultative meetings. However, in those simple tents, ambitious plans for national development were worked out and adopted. Fairly impressive is that the Korean leader sees, hears and experiences everything on the spot and finds out the absolutely correct way. His profitable way of work by which he adopts timely measures and decisions in tents makes people think of a lot of things.

The consultative meetings were held on hottest midsummer days in the country, and the greater part of the world was grappling with record high temperature. The international community and the local people must have been deeply moved to receive the news that Kim Jong Un had convened important meetings in tents when even ordinary citizens were enjoying themselves in summer resorts.