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27th Politburo Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK Held

The 27th Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee on February 7.

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

Present there as observers were deputy directors of major departments of the Central Committee of the WPK who are members of the relevant panels of the preparatory committee for the Party congress.

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

Upon authorization of Kim Jong Un, Jo Yong Won, Presidium member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, presided over the meeting.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee decided on the following agenda items:

First, "On the deliberation of qualifications of the delegates to the Ninth Congress of the WPK"

Second, "On the deliberation of composition of the presidium, platform and secretariat for the Ninth Congress of the WPK"

Third, "On the deliberation of schedule of the Ninth Congress of the WPK"

Fourth, "On the deliberation of documents to be submitted to the Ninth Congress of the WPK"

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee heard reports on the agenda items and discussed them, and on the basis of them approved relevant decisions.

Kim Jong Un made an affirmative appreciation of the fact that the relevant panels of the preparatory committee for the Party congress had effectively pushed ahead with the preparations for the congress in every way, and clarified the principled issues and detailed tasks for the successful holding of the congress.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee adopted with unanimous approval a decision on opening the Ninth Congress of the WPK in Pyongyang, the capital of the revolution, in late February 2026.





Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Pays Congratulatory Visit to Ministry of National Defence



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, paid a congratulatory visit to the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK on February 8, the 78th founding anniversary of the Korean People's Army, to congratulate and encourage all the officers and soldiers of the army.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and secretary of the WPK Central Committee.

There was a solemn ceremony of greeting the Supreme Commander.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un reviewed the guard of honour of the Korean People's Army.

He was courteously greeted by major commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and commanders of the KPA large combined units.

He reviewed the colours of victory, symbols of honour of the large and other combined units at all levels of the KPA.





The national flag of the DPRK was hoisted.
The Supreme Commander reviewed the guard of honour of the KPA marching past in a fine array.
He delivered a significant speech on the occasion of Army Founding Day.
In the speech, he said:
“All the generals and other officers and soldiers of the heroic armed forces of the Republic,
“Generals and other officers at the Ministry of National Defence, the supreme commanding organ of the Korean People’s Army,
“I congratulate you on the February 8 Army Founding Day.
“This day, when we recall with pride our army’s heroic building history and its ever-victorious course, is a revolutionary holiday which is significantly celebrated not only by the service personnel but also by all the people throughout the country.
“On behalf of the Party and government, I extend warm congratulations and militant greetings to all the officers and soldiers on the occasion of Army Founding Day in reflection of my mind always thankful to our army that is playing every role and making infinite devotion for our great state and people, shouldering a great mission and heavy duty incomparable to those of other armies in the world.

“I also pay my respects to the responsible efforts of the commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and the military and political cadres of the large combined units, who are doing their best to perfectly embody the military lines and policies of the Party in the military and political activities of the entire army.
“In particular, I extend warm encouragement and congratulations to the commanding officers and other combatants of the overseas special operations units, who are carrying out the order of their homeland in combat positions in the faraway alien land, staking the honour of their heroic army, as I want to see them all the more today.
“Comrades,
“We greet this day every year, but today I have come here with a really special feeling.
“As it is the day we are celebrating in the lead-up to the Ninth Party Congress, which will open soon, I feel more keenly the greatness and preciousness of our army.
“In looking back upon the victorious journey of our army over the past turbulent five years as it has always been since its founding, today’s glory would never be conceivable separated from the enormous role our army has played. At this thought, I can hardly find enough words to express my heartfelt thanks to



all the officers and soldiers of our army.
“Officers and soldiers of the KPA,
“You have done really great things to support the Party’s cause and defend the security of the national sovereignty and safety of the people in the vanguard of the pioneering struggle, the struggle for achieving transformation, which was challenging year after year.

“I would like to praise you for having done greater things last year than you had done in all the years of the past.
“Last year was a year especially filled with unheard-of dramatic events and distinguished feats that could be performed only by our army. For this, it can be called a year when the Party’s and people’s trust in and affection for their army grew stronger





and greater.

“Our army has proved before the times and history that it is its mettle and original features to quicken more enormous and vigorous strides for loyalty and feats the greater the trust in and expectation for it is.

“As you are all prepared for, this is a year of tremendous transformation, when the fighting front of our army will become more widened and which will demand more strenuous efforts.

“Likewise, the coming five years that will be indicated by the Ninth Congress of the Party will be years when our army’s

outstanding role that no one else can perform will become further enhanced.

“Our Party is always filled with confidence and feels proud as if it had won the world, as it has put in the vanguard of the struggle to create a new world the revolutionary armed forces, our army, boundlessly faithful to its cause.

“Comrades,

“On the occasion of Army Founding Day, I offer my warm congratulations once again to all the officers and soldiers of the army, and I hope you will make more strenuous efforts.

“Our brave army will further accelerate its advance for the country and the people, and its fighting course will be adorned with brilliant feats and fame.

“Long live the heroic Korean People’s Army!”

When Kim Jong Un finished his speech, the service personnel chanted the slogan of loyalty to him and sang a revolutionary military song in chorus as a token of their militant enthusiasm to dedicate themselves to ensuring the eternal prosperity and security of their socialist country and the happiness of their beloved people by regarding as sustenance for their growth and lifeblood of their destiny the trust and loving care shown by him, who injects vitality into the revolutionary armed forces to be strong, signally glorious and invincible, and by becoming men of faith and moral obligation, who never deviate on the road of following the Party Central Committee, and men strong in ideology, who are fully equipped with its revolutionary ideas.

He had a photo session with the major commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and commanders of the large combined units of the KPA.

A ceremonial performance was given by the central military band of the Ministry of National Defence.

Kim Jong Un had a photo taken with the generals and other officers of the headquarters of the Ministry of National Defence in

commemoration of Army Founding Day.

He expressed belief that the KPA, which has accepted the decisions of the Party as an absolute truth and supreme military order and always said “Yes” in response, will glorify the current era by performing miraculous feats transcending heroism of all historical ages in the ensuing new struggle and add lustre to the honour of the present generation to be admired by posterity.

He watched a sports game of commanding officers of the ministry held in celebration of Army Founding Day.

Then he met the retired generals invited to the celebrations.

Saying that recorded in every page of the long army-building history, which has always gone on alongside the leadership history of the Party, is the ennobling devotion made by the retired generals who faithfully upheld the Party and the country with their unbounded self-sacrificing and indomitable spirit during their long service in the revolutionary army, he had a photo taken with them, who had dedicated themselves to bolstering up the military muscle.

His congratulatory visit to the Ministry of National Defence was a meaningful occasion that greatly heightened the noble sense of mission of the service personnel and their spirit of exertion to invariably perform the vanguard role of the revolutionary armed forces in the sacred struggle for safeguarding the sovereignty and right to development of the state and the people’s destiny and future.



Conference in Celebration of 80th Founding Anniversary of SPYL



A conference was held in splendour at Kim Il Sung Stadium in the capital city of Pyongyang on January 16 in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

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 conference.

Youth delegates presented bouquets to him, reflecting the profound reverence of the millions of young people for him.

Warmly acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers, he extended greetings to the young people across the country, who are performing valuable feats, dedicating all their beautiful hopes and aspirations to the prosperity of the country.

When the conference was declared open, the national anthem of the DPRK was played.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the SPYL.



Referring to the significance of celebrating the 80th anniversary of the youth league in a grand way in the lead-up to the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, he paid noble tribute to the glorious struggle history of the Korean youth movement that has invariably supported the revolutionary cause, and extended warm congratulations to all the young people, youth league organizations and their officials, who, with faithfulness to the Party and their country, are leaving lofty and beautiful imprints of their youth at

their workplaces, military posts and school campuses.

Since it emerged in the first days of nation building as the banner of unity of young people from all walks of life who were aspiring after a prosperous and powerful nation, the youth league has followed a protracted course while writing the most proud and glorious pages in its chronicles thanks to the faithful and patriotic aspirations cherished, and the powerful strides made, by the ranks of young people, he said, and continued:



The 80-year history of struggle of the youth league is being reviewed in the light of the socialist ideals, noble patriotism, passionate sense of justice and pure spiritual world, which young people across the country have now cherished as part of their faith and mental qualities. And this again raises the position and fame of our young Koreans on the highest level.

Linking the proud past of our state with its glorious present and building a rosier future by wonderfully preparing the next generation

who will carry forward the baton of the revolution—this is the historic exploits and victory of the Korean youth movement, which cannot be compared with anything else nor be achieved by anyone else.

Your motherly country has decided to confer the Order of Kim Jong Il, a highest order of the state, on the Socialist Patriotic Youth League as an expression of its greatest appreciation of the steady succession to our cause the youth league has ensured by safeguarding its traditions and remaining faithful to its sacred obligations and duty

over the past 80 years, Kim Jong Un said, adding that he would pin the order of honour on the flag of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, with the expectation that our resourceful and brave young people would continue to record their shining names and feats in the glorious history of the Party and the country and firmly propel the succession and advance of our revolutionary cause in the future, too.

Saying that the dream of Korea, the future of Korea, is calling our young people, he called for more bravely and dynamically struggling

for the eternal prosperity of the motherland, our beautiful tomorrow and the honour of the young people of Korea.

In response to the ardent appeal of the great fatherly leader, the young people raised rousing cheers of “Long live the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea!”

All the participants took an oath of loyalty, looking up to the fatherly Marshal.

Kim Jong Un extended warm encouragement to the young





vanguard filled with the ardent single mind to live up to his trust and with the will of succession.

He conferred the Order of Kim Jong Il, a highest order of the DPRK, on the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

He pinned the order on the flag of the SPYL and awarded its certificate to the chairman of the central committee of the youth league.

Then he met exemplary young people who performed distinguished feats in defending the country and at major workplaces of socialist construction.

He highly praised them for their distinguished deeds of

responding to the call of the Party with their boundless loyalty and labour achievements, regarding it as their bounden duty and the greatest honour in their life to devote themselves to their motherland.

He said that the important role and brilliant exploits of the Korean youth and the youth league in accomplishing the cause of the Party from one century into the next and from one decade into the next were, indeed, miraculous and great ones that no others could perform, noting that the young vanguard faithful to the Party has always formed a fortress around the Party that leads the revolution to a great upsurge in the face of all challenges and ordeals of history.

The Party Central Committee has also planned and advanced

today's gigantic cause of fully demonstrating before the world the dignity and prestige of the country and developing the whole country in a simultaneous and successive way with its trust in none other than the young people, he said, adding it is a source of great pride of our Party, state and people, as well as strength unique to Korea, which no physical strength can overwhelm, to have a large contingent of the most revolutionary and patriotic young people.

Expressing his expectations and conviction that all the participants

in the conference will continue to glorify their reputation as patriotic youth in the vanguard of the general advance for building a prosperous and powerful country by giving full play to their youthful wisdom, passion and tremendous strength and spirit as befits the masters of Juche Korea without an equal in the world, he had a photo session with them to be recorded long in history.

He warmly waved back to the young vanguard for a long time.





80th Anniversary of SPYL Celebrated

The Korean young people, who are fully displaying their mettle and courage in the vanguard of the grand struggle to achieve a fresh notable victory, celebrated the 80th founding anniversary of their Juche-oriented organization, the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.



Participants in the celebrations of the anniversary laid flower baskets and bouquets in front of the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill.



Photo exhibition *Training Successors to the Revolution, Patriotic Young People, Through the Great Politics of Attaching Importance to Young People*



Evening gala of youth and students



Inauguration Ceremony of Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm Held



An inauguration ceremony of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm was held in splendour on February 1.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

Kim Chol Sam, chief secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the WPK, addressed the ceremony.

He said that the honourable and worthwhile construction of the combined greenhouse farm initiated by the Party for the good of the people was finally completed to present the spectacular view of a record grand greenhouse group in a matter of a year. Today's inauguration is an epochal success symbolizing the eye-opening change of 2026 which will lead to a vigorous advance towards greater goals, he added.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a meaningful congratulatory speech.

In his speech he said:

"All of us now stand facing a great transformation, something that amazes even ourselves.

"Do we have to use any other impressive expression or explanation to describe what we are seeing here?

"We are witnessing the reality that needs no long explanation or expression.

"This was where the local residents had suffered from flooding generation after generation, regarding it as their fate, and it is protected by a solid dam that would resist even the heaviest flooding on record. I am very happy and pleased that this has become a base for their new life, which they will work cheerfully to build up.

"Our younger generation has proudly achieved a new transformation that is as beautiful as their youth and as honourable as their reputation.

"Since the day when they committed themselves to the worthwhile, gigantic nature-remaking project, our soldiers and young people have devoted their youthful wisdom and enthusiasm to developing a precious part of their country; in doing so, they have also displayed their unshakable faith in socialism, confidence



about the future and love for the country, thereby creating wealth from which our people will benefit for all ages.

“Our young revolutionaries have chronicled a priceless struggle against the rigours of the construction project by displaying their dauntless courage and fervent zeal. But for their invaluable struggle we could hardly find ourselves standing in front of this great monumental structure today.

“Our soldiers and young people have made a wonderful achievement of creation to be presented to the Ninth Party Congress, and thus proved again that they are fully qualified

to be called the most powerful elite force and vanguard of our revolution.

“The youthful vigour and warm sincerity, which have been passionately devoted to every inch of the expansive area of the island, will be remembered forever as an imprint of their priceless patriotic effort, and this will be rightfully etched in the history of our great state.

“Availing myself of this significant opportunity, I express my respect, and send my best wishes on behalf of the country and people, to our dependable officers and soldiers and our young

people for the patriotism and fidelity which they, as the main force of the gigantic construction struggle, have displayed in performing heroic feats with loyalty to the Party and the revolution and accelerating the dynamic onward advance of the times.

“Along with the patriotic march of our proud builders for both today and tomorrow, our brave pioneers, the land of our country will be richer and more beautiful, and our ideals and determination will surely result in achieving steady advance and victory.

“I once again express my heartfelt thanks to all of you.

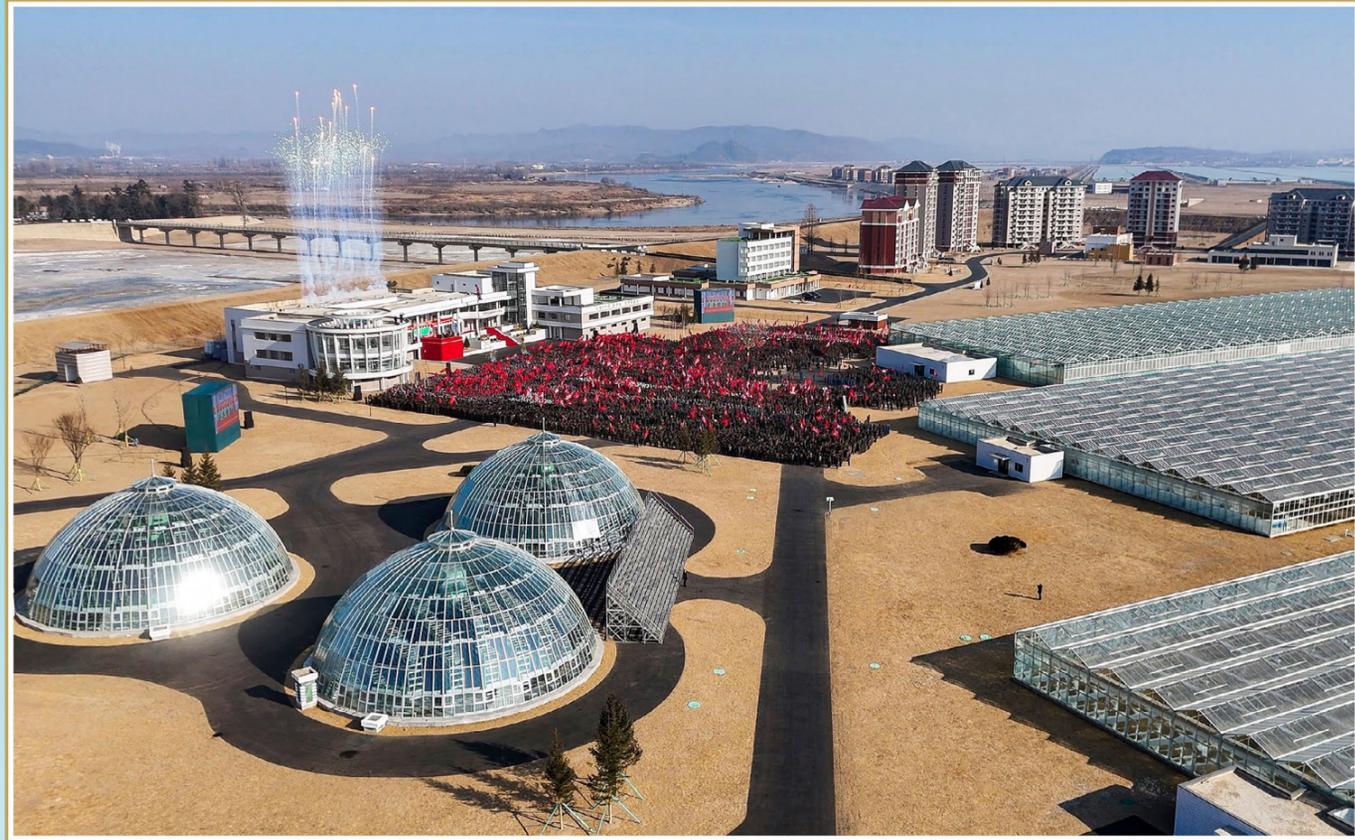
“This year, too, you should make redoubled efforts for our

future that will always remain bright with the vigour of young Koreans, and also for the great era of transformation and prosperity.

“In conclusion, I wish all the residents a happy life and offer congratulations once again on the inauguration of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm.”

When Kim Jong Un finished his speech, all the participants raised enthusiastic cheers, looking up to the great teacher and dear father who takes loving care of all his children and brings them up to be heroes of the times.





Combined Greenhouse Farm.

Kim Jong Un unveiled the monument, heartily wishing that the farm would contribute to the economic development of the region and the improvement of the people's material life.

He warmly wished the local people wellbeing and a bright future to be more civilized and richer.

That day, he had a photo session with the soldier-builders and young vanguard members involved in the construction of the farm.

He extended warm encouragement to the officers and soldiers of the army and young builders, who had successfully turned the island area into an ideal farming town in the new era with their ardent

patriotic enthusiasm and labour efforts, cherishing the Party's grand plan and decision for regional development as an absolute truth.

He expressed expectations and belief that the youth, officers and soldiers would redouble their youthful strength, enthusiasm, wisdom and courage and more bravely and energetically struggle for the bright future of the state that will be more powerful and beautiful and for the honour of the Korean youth.

He said that he would meet with the admirable young builders in Pyongyang again, stressing that the Ninth Congress of the glorious motherly Party is waiting for them who will enter in a dignified manner the capital city of the great state with labour gifts of loyalty.



He cut the inauguration tape.
 He then visited the Sinuiju Vegetable Science Research Centre.
 He warmly waved his hand to give encouragement to the young vanguard who had written a heroic biography of great changes in the northwestern tip of the country and presented immortal dignity and glory to the Congress of the motherly Party by responding to the call of the Party, the people and the revolution with revolutionary advance and courage and mettle peculiar to the brave and passionate youth.

There was a ceremony to mark the inauguration.
 Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.
 He went round the Sinuiju Vegetable Science Research Centre together with leading officials.

He met scientists and technicians who made contributions to the construction of the farm and officials of the central and field headquarters and had a photo session with them.

He went round various types of greenhouse buildings including a solar-heated greenhouse where fish farming is combined with vegetable cultivation.

Even a single blade of turf or a single tree in the farm is permeated with ardent love for the country of our service personnel and the youth and their spirit of devotedly implementing the Party's policies, he said, giving an instruction on officially commending exemplary service personnel and young builders and conducting the work for reviewing and evaluating their achievements on a large scale.

There was a ceremony of unveiling the Monument to the Sinuiju



Samgwang Livestock Farm Inaugurated As New Model of Socialist Rural Construction in New Era and Livestock Farming Development



The rural areas across the DPRK are undergoing changes one after another to present new scenery of civilization all the year round, thanks to the steady implementation of the programme for the rural revolution in the new era set forth by the Workers' Party of Korea. Against this backdrop, Samgwang-ri of Unjon County in

North Phyongan Province has turned into a modern livestock farming base and beautiful and ideal socialist land to greet the auspicious moment of its inauguration.

An inauguration ceremony of the Samgwang Livestock Farm under the North Phyongan Provincial Rural Economy Committee,





built as a model of socialist rural construction in the new era and development of livestock farming, was held in splendour on February 2.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a historic speech in commemoration of the inauguration of the Samgwang Livestock Farm.

At this Samgwang Livestock Farm to be inaugurated today, we are seeing another unique development of the socialist countryside aspiring to advancement and modernity, he said, adding that this is a new standard and epitome clearly showing the height of transformation and level of change we want to reach.

He referred to the purpose and important significance of the

construction of the Samgwang Livestock Farm, which was initiated to create a new starting point and innovative criterion conducive to defining a future development orientation of the countryside and livestock farming in the light of the lessons drawn from the rural construction in the past.

Just this Samgwang-ri clearly indicates the prospect of the socialist rural development we are going to attain, he said, noting that what we have to do is to expand the experience and successes we have gained in the course of building the farm, and thus put rural development onto a new qualitative transformation stage. He specified different tasks to be tackled in implementing the socialist rural development policy and definitely turning the livestock farming of the country into a modern one of the world level.

Upon authorization of Kim Jong Un, Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet, cut the inauguration tape.

Kim Jong Un extended warm congratulations to the local residents who came to lead a blessed life in the wonderful place transformed into a socialist paradise.

He, together with leading officials, went round the first branch of the Samgwang Livestock Farm, protected cultivation ground, dairy product production ground, etc.

Enjoying the gratifying sight of milch cows and goats of good breeds being raised, he said that the main thing in livestock farming is also breed and referred to the need to establish a nationwide system of supplying superior breeds and conduct the work of preserving pedigrees in a scientific way.

He continued: In line with the intention of the Party which set superior breeds, sufficient feed, a scientific approach to rearing, comprehensive veterinary services, and IT-based and intelligent production and management as the five key factors in developing

livestock farming, the farm should direct big efforts to improving the quality of products while lowering the production costs by optimizing and upgrading technical management, management of equipment, raising and tending, and feed management. It should thus ensure that the validity and vitality of our Party's policy on livestock farming are proved by clear production growth in the future, too.

He noted that as is the case with this farm, modern and industrialized elements are now being positively introduced into rural areas and that it is necessary to actively encourage such a trend and make it a policy. He continued that it is an extension and intensification of the programme for the rural revolution in the new era to develop the country's animal husbandry in a specialized way, i.e., through the integration of the production system of livestock farms, the expansion of veterinary medicine production and the establishment of a new stockbreeding information technology



research unit, before clarifying the ways for its implementation.

He learned about the production of dairy products at the farm.

Appreciating that the farm is ensuring a stable production environment and profitability through the introduction of an intelligent dairy product production system based on a virtual physical production system, he said that many good experiences conducive to putting the production lines on an intelligent and IT basis have recently been created and that this work should be constantly developed purposefully.

Having a taste of a dairy product, he commented that it is not

inferior to the products made in the capital city and it rather seems to taste better than them, and added that it is very great for the unknown farm to mass-produce ten-odd kinds of dairy products such as butter, cheese, milk powder and yogurt. He continued that he feels great pride to think that such excellent dairy products would be supplied to the children and other people.

Calling for building the rural villages of the country to be prominent in all aspects, so that they can be recognized as flawless in any place and even in the distant future, he expressed his unshakable will to more powerfully and confidently propel the overall rural

development of the country.

Saying that a model entity for greenhouse vegetable production was built in the area of Wihwa Island and a new standard of development of animal husbandry was set in the Samgwang area, he noted that to create a model first and generalize it across the whole country is the traditional Korean-style development mode and the law governing its development. When this is well applied in an organic manner in the construction of rural villages and regions, more epochal progress will be made in the implementation of the Party's programme for the rural revolution in the new era and its

regional development policy, he added.

He stressed the need to further heighten the sense of mission and responsibility for the revolutionary cause, bolster self-confidence and redouble efforts to intensify state guidance over rural and regional construction, promote sustained development, and ensure substantial state investment and support, so as to ensure that the Party's rural construction policy and regional development policy become a historical review adding a proud chapter to the nation-building history.

First-stage Modernization Project Completed at Ryongsong Machine Complex



The Ryongsong Machine Complex, where a blazing torch was lit to create the Chollima spirit in the new era, has turned into a modern large-scale machine-building base capable of taking the lead in promoting the independent development and technological progress of the national economy.

An inauguration ceremony of the first-stage modernization project at the Ryongsong Machine Complex was held on January 19.

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 inauguration ceremony.

Premier of the DPRK Cabinet Pak Thae Song addressed the ceremony.

He said that the struggle tasks facing us are difficult and huge, but there is nothing impossible to do and the set goals will be attained without fail if we continue to dynamically advance in the spirit

and stamina we displayed to successfully carry out the first-stage modernization project, true to the leadership of the Party Central Committee.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech. In his speech, he expressed gratitude to the workers of Ryongsong,





teachers and researchers from Kim Chaek University of Technology and Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering, officials and builders in South Hamgyong Province and officials of relevant sectors who had attained in the lead-up to the Ninth Congress of the WPK a success of great significance in making the national economy self-supporting. Then he referred to the significance of the first-stage technological transformation of the complex, which had been pushed forward as a core policy-oriented task for the eighth term of the WPK Central Committee, and the lessons drawn from it.

Noting that the reality of the country advancing towards rejuvenation and prosperity demands the powerful pioneers and genuine fighters, who can be accountable to today and bring the future earlier, he ardently called upon all the leading cadres and producers to build a modernized and advanced economy capable of firmly guaranteeing the country's future without fail in the present generation based on purposeful designs and scientific methodology, bearing deep in their minds the essence and demands of the Party's modernization policy once again on this occasion.

Upon authorization of Kim Jong Un, Premier Pak Thae Song





cut the inauguration tape.

Kim Jong Un looked round the complex.

Noting that the complex had made a big stride in putting the machine-building industry on a modern and advanced basis, he said another valuable asset had been created to creditably consolidate the foundations of the self-supporting economy.

Today's era, when the overall national economy has been put on a track of stable growth and the great cause of regional

development is increasingly accelerating, demands a larger number of quality machines and equipment than ever before, he said, urging the machine-building industry sector to direct proactive efforts to producing high-performance machine products and push ahead with sci-tech research and talented manpower reinforcement without letup for upgrading machines and equipment and improving their quality.

He set the next-stage modernization goal to be attained by the



complex, and advanced detailed tasks for strongly propelling the work of putting the overall machine-building industry on a fresh advanced basis.

Saying that he feels very attached to the complex pulsating with the spirit of creation and rapid progress, he expressed expectations and belief that the workers of the complex would redouble their revolutionary enthusiasm and self-confidence as befitting the creators of the Chollima spirit in the new era and thus turn out as one to

attain the second-stage goal with the successes made in the first-stage modernization as a powerful springboard.

The successful completion of the first-stage modernization project at the Ryongsong Machine Complex is a significant occasion as it clearly demonstrated the spirit of the state advancing vigorously and confidently to attain the grand goal and ideals of socialist construction by relying on the great strength of self-reliance.



Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp Inaugurated



An inauguration ceremony of the Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp took place in splendour on January 20.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, addressed the ceremony.

In the speech he said:

The Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp with a history of nearly 80 years has been completely transformed into a comprehensive cultural recreation and treatment service base, as another proud edifice demonstrating the development of the region, to be provided to the people. The holidaymakers will regain their health and vigour and feel greater pride and joy of the socialist life here, enjoying the charm peculiar to the excellent attraction.

The fresh transformation of this area, a well-known scenic spot, started on the day of July 2018 when the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited it. He made great painstaking efforts to have the holiday camp built with refined architectural beauty of a Korean

style and diverse service functions in the picturesque place.

As its name indicates, this holiday camp is the crystallization of the people-first politics of our Party that cares for the working people before any others and puts them forward as the enjoyers of all the welfare benefits. This is the real value of this structure, which cannot be expressed with the help of any natural beauty or architectural skills nor be measured in terms of cost.

He then ardently called on everyone to work harder with high confidence and optimism to attain the higher goal of promoting the people's welfare and bring the future of a more civilized and beautiful country earlier.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

Confetti was thrown and balloons rose up into the sky over the venue of the ceremony, presenting a magnificent scene of transformation brought about by the Party's noble affection for the people.

Kim Jong Un looked round the holiday camp.

He appreciated that all the sections of the camp were serviceably arranged to go well with one another and all the architectural elements

were formed in good harmony with the natural surroundings.

Expressing the Party's stand of giving utmost priority to steadily expanding the scope of cultural life for the improvement of the people's wellbeing, he said:

Another holiday camp, a base for cultured life, has been provided in the Onpho hot spring area with a long history to suit the present era aspiring to steady development. Still vivid in my memory is the day some years ago, when I visited the camp and severely criticized that every one of its sections and elements remained uncultured and it was also operated in an unsanitary way, although it had the signboard showing that it is a historic unit associated with the leadership exploits of the Party. As I see the holiday camp, which has been remodelled as a wonderful holidaymaking base for the people, I feel proud that we have done another worthwhile undertaking.

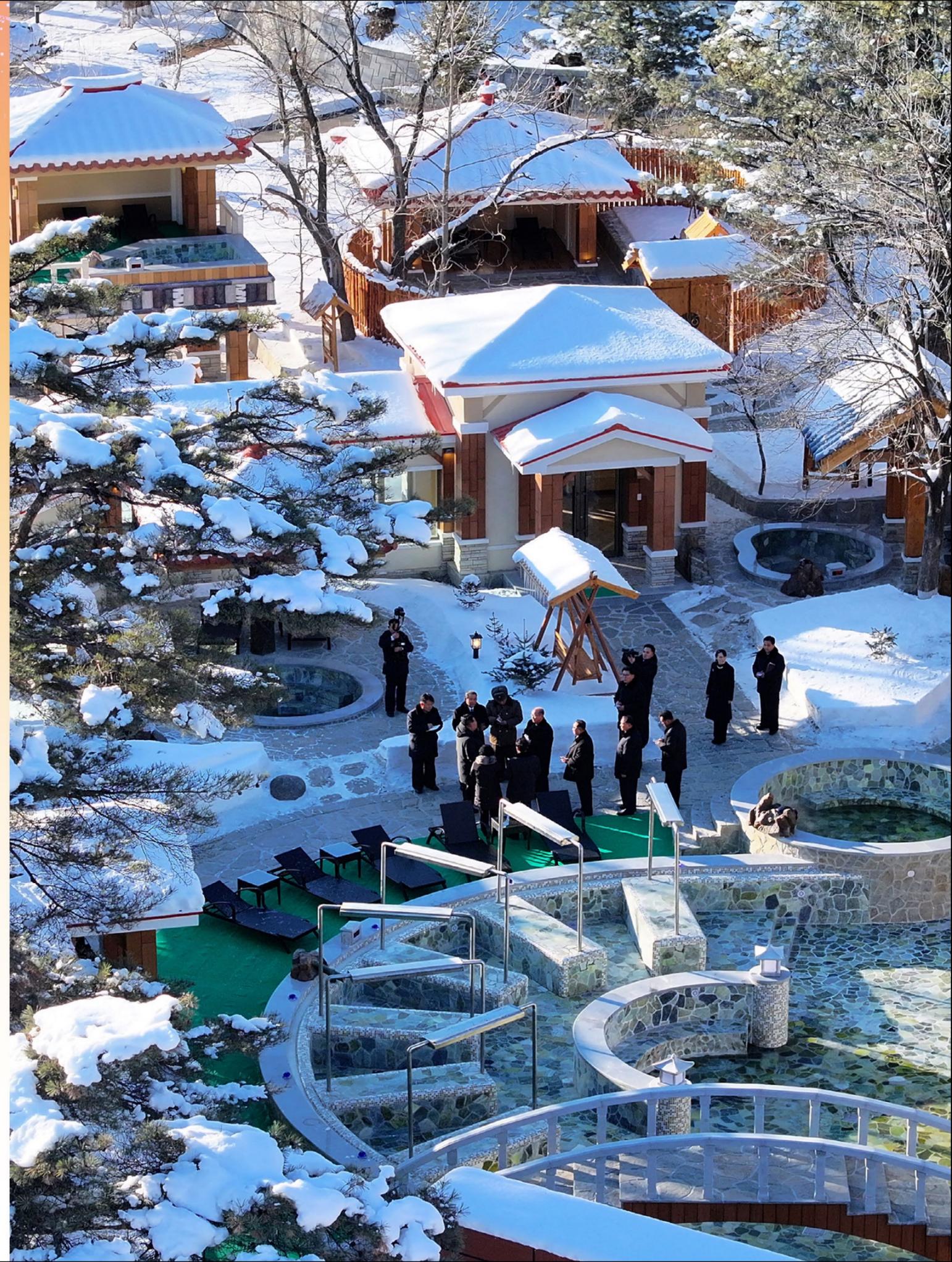
The leadership exploits of the Party should be defended and glorified with the result of struggle, favoured and welcomed by all the people, and with the substantial benefits enjoyed by them in their life, not with the help of any signboard, words or letters.

It is an important component of the people-oriented policy of our

Party and government to actively develop the natural resources of the country to make them contribute to the improvement of the people's wellbeing. We should lead the times also in the creation of socialist civilization by dint of persevering and innovative pioneering and progress.

It is irrational for the Holidaymaking Management Bureau of the Ministry of Labour to manage and guide the Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp. New tourist resorts, holiday camps and sanatoriums are being built across the country on a large scale for the improvement of the people's wellbeing. However, different ministries are in charge of cultural life service bases respectively at present. It means that they cannot conduct management of facilities, technology and talents efficiently in a future-oriented manner, to say nothing of the supply of equipment and materials needed for the normal operation of the excellent cultural service bases provided by the Party with much effort.

He then gave instructions to study the issue of taking a structural measure reasonable for providing unified guidance over treatment, holidaymaking and recuperation bases across the country and





improving the level of specialization in service as required by the new era of socialist cultural efflorescence.

Our Party's people-oriented policies should be intensified without letup, which will make our struggle more fulfilling and worthwhile, he said, indicating the new orientation and ways for continuously creating and expanding various scopes and spaces of cultural life that can contribute to the nationwide promotion of the people's health and the improvement of their wellbeing.

He gave instructions to the officials and other employees of the Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp and the relevant units to make full preparations for operation and service such as the test run of equipment, and open the camp in February.

The participants in the inauguration ceremony looked round in admiration the comprehensive cultural recreation and recuperation service base, which preserves the charm and features peculiar to the mountainous area and fully meets all the requirements of modern architecture, and felt very grateful to the socialist system of the country.

The Onpho Working People's Holiday Camp remodelled under the great loving care of the Party will be filled with the people's happy laughter year after year along with our times prospering day after day.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Guides Fourth-stage Construction Project in Hwasong Area Nearing Completion



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance on January 10 over the fourth-stage construction project in the Hwasong area nearing completion.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un first looked at the layout of buildings and a general artist's impression of the housing construction area in Hwasong to learn in detail about the construction project.

He expressed his view on the formulation of a plan for the capital city construction to be submitted to the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

He went round Saeppeyol Street newly-built in the Hwasong area.

He said that the capital city should always play a leading role in promoting the steady cultural development of the country, adding that for this purpose it is necessary to systemize the construction law in detail, build in a distinctive way standardized facilities with the functions for welfare and sports service essential to residential districts and actively develop and arrange new types of service capable of satisfying the cultural needs and demands of citizens.

Going round the houses in the street, he expressed satisfaction.

Watching with pleasure the Hwasong area, which presents a wonderful landscape of blooming socialist civilization, he said:

The looks of the capital city have really changed. The five-year-long hard-fought struggle has proved its worth. The scope and goal of our struggle have really been further expanded and raised and the eye-opening changes are becoming a sure trend representing Korea today, along with the construction projects being widely conducted on a nationwide scale.

We should define this speed of transformation as the one of advance of our revolution and turn witnessing a new miracle in the season when each year ends into a custom of socialism of our own style. The Hwasong area is a symbol of our times, which convinces us of the bright future of our cause that makes a more dynamic advance and a leap forward day by day towards the goal of building



a highly civilized state with far-reaching ideals.

Construction is a revolution disallowing self-congratulation or satisfaction even a moment, and architecture, as a visual expression of the contemporary ideology and cultural level, should steadily aspire after the new and constantly develop.

Stressing the need to steadily boost the potential capability of designing and construction work, he set forth important tasks that would serve as guidelines in implementing the construction policy.

He especially stressed that it is a major principle of the capital city construction policy, which the Party already clarified, to set new

standards in urban management and pay close attention to cultural environmental management including landscaping, and indicated the orientation and ways for implementing it.

He expressed belief that the builders of the capital city would successfully set up the new streets for the people as monumental edifices of the times with their redoubled wisdom, enthusiasm and fighting spirit, mindful of the unusual honour of and pride in being creators and pioneers leading a worthwhile life while writing new chronicles of history of rejuvenation and development of the country.

Dynamic Start of New Year's Struggle for Comprehensive Upsurge of Regional Revolution

Groundbreaking Ceremony of Construction Projects for Regional Development Policy Held in Splendour in Unnyul County



A regional construction campaign for 2026 started in the DPRK, demonstrating the steadfast pioneering spirit and executive abilities of the Workers' Party of Korea. The Party has made sure that the precious successes, experience and admirable results, gained in the regional revolution for surely guaranteeing the comprehensive national prosperity and development, serve as the starting point of a new bolder campaign and an engine for acceleration every year.

The remarkable changes, in which the loud explosions heard at the groundbreaking ceremonies of a year lead to the rousing cheers at the inauguration ceremonies in that year, have become a new custom of Korean-style socialism to excite the whole country. Against this backdrop, from this year large-scale construction projects will be carried out in a simultaneous and expanded way in 20 cities and counties. The projects involve the construction of not only modern light-industry factories but also advanced public health facilities and leisure complexes which successfully went through their experimental stages.

The start with towering confidence of such a grand construction campaign, which will bring about without fail the great auspicious events of regional transformation hailed by the people this year too, along with the bright prospect of a new upward stage of the Korean revolution to be opened up by the Ninth Congress of the WPK, constitutes a dynamic stride in the ongoing successive offensive and continuous advance of the Party which intends to bring earlier the epoch-making transformation by bringing about steady innovations and uninterrupted upsurge each year.

A grand groundbreaking ceremony took place in Unnyul County on January 29, signalling the start of construction projects for implementing the regional development policy in the new year, and greatly boosting all the people's optimism about and confidence in the truthfulness and bright prospects of the policy.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of





Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a meaningful speech.

We are now standing on the starting line of our gigantic struggle for another year, aimed at transforming the regions, he said, and continued:

This is the third year for implementing the regional development policy, and public health facilities and leisure complexes, together with regional-industry factories, will be built in 20 regions of the country including this Unnyul County. This means that nearly one-third of the cities and counties across the country will have been transformed.

This fact is testimony to our firm will to transform and improve the people's living fundamentally and continuously throughout the country, and at the same time it clearly shows the surging spirit in implementing the expanding regional development policy and the development potential of our state gaining in strength year after year.

Referring to the changes made in laying economic foundations, the competitive edge of regional industry and the understanding of provincial areas through the two-year course of implementing the WPK's regional development policy, he affirmed that the Party would continue in the future to pursue the regional development policy, tap all potentialities and carry out the annual plans in a forceful and

thoroughgoing way by adopting innovative and scientific methods.

Stressing the purpose of the WPK which has put forward the People's Army in the vanguard of implementing its regional development policy, he said that the KPA soldiers are the vanguard in carrying out the historic cause unprecedented since the founding of the country and the creators of the people's wellbeing. He added that commanding officers of the units and subunits in charge of regional construction projects should keep deep in mind the Party's intention, and make special efforts for the spiritual development of the soldier-builders so as to develop all of them into staunch adherents, defenders and implementers of the Party's revolutionary ideology and into patriots who render an active contribution to the comprehensive development of the state.

He called on all soldier-builders to march forward more bravely and vigorously, fully displaying the temperament and mettle of the Korean People's Army in the creative struggle for the prosperity of the state and for the good of the beloved people, true to their duty as the vanguard of the Party, the defender of the revolution and the sons and daughters of the people.

Read out was a letter of pledge of officers and soldiers of the 124th regiments at all levels of the KPA to Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un, together with leading officials, dug the first spadeful of earth to signal the start of the construction projects.

When he pressed the detonator, a thrilling explosion broke out



in reflection of the spirit of self-reliance for growing stronger and achieving rejuvenation as early as possible through the indomitable struggle racing against time.

That day, he had photos taken with commanding officers and exemplary soldiers of the 124th regiments at all levels of the KPA.

All the soldier-builders loudly shouted in chorus "Kim Jong Un" and "Death-defying defence" in reflection of their pledge of single-minded loyalty to add glory to their noble title as the pioneer of transformation and the creator of happiness for

the country and the people by repaying the deep trust of the Party Central Committee with their spirit of unconditional implementation and power of staunch execution.

The groundbreaking ceremony served as a significant occasion heralding new great changes and remarkable achievements to be made successfully again with the dynamic fighting spirit of the new era aspiring after steady development and leaps forward and the country's speed of creation that is being accelerated towards great ideals.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits the Construction Site of Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at Overseas Military Operations



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the construction site of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations with senior Party and government officials on January 5.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted on the spot by the commanding officers of the army unit involved in the construction project.

He gave encouragement to the soldier-builders, expressing thanks

for devoting themselves to ensuring the best quality in every process of construction, bearing deep in mind the unanimous wish of all the people and the officers and men of the People's Army that the great heroes would be immortal.

He dug the first spadeful of earth for tree-planting under the landscaping plan for the museum, together with senior officials.

He engaged himself in tree-planting for a long time with the soldier-builders, saying that even a single tree or a single blade of grass, to be rooted at the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats

at the Overseas Military Operations, should be associated with the people's deep respect and noble moral obligation for the heroic soldiers who sacrificed themselves without hesitation, aspiring after the immortality and eternal prosperity of their glorious state.

Then he went round the construction site of the museum to learn about the progress of the construction project.

He said that the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations is the crystallization of our Party's and people's eternal gratitude and respect for the representatives

of the great fame of the country and a grand monument to the times symbolic of heroism and bravery of the Korean people's excellent sons.

He added that, through the construction, another important ideological and spiritual base for education in the tradition of victory will be provided in the capital city of the state and, along with the establishment of the museum, the people will powerfully demonstrate before the world the immortality of the DPRK, their great motherland, and the invincibility of the Korean People's Army,





celebrating major commemorative days including V-Day together with the heroes.

Recollecting in humble reverence the brilliant images of the martyrs who are always alive as the eternal stars of the country, he affirmed that nobody in the world can match such soldiers as those who readily dedicated their lives to the dignity and fame of their motherland, absolutely remaining faithful to the order of the Party,

and it is the immutable truth and law proven by history. He then gave important instructions on completing the construction of the museum on the highest level.

That day, he had a photo filled with affection and trust taken with the officers and soldiers who are devoting all their sincerity to building the museum.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Guides Creation of Sculptures for Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Mansudae Art Studio on January 25 to guide the creation of sculptures to be set up and displayed at the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations.

He learned about the progress of the creative work, looking at the symbolic tower, main thematic group sculpture, sub-thematic group sculptures, sculptures to cover the exterior walls, etc.

He expressed satisfaction over the fact that the overall creative work was progressing on the principle of ensuring the monumental value and symbolism at the highest level true to the intention of the Party to build the museum as a creation of lasting value conveying forever the legendary feats and glorious life of admirable sons of Korea, the defenders of honour.

He said with great satisfaction that the symbolic tower of the museum was depicted down to every detail.

He indicated the orientation and ways for completing the creative work on the highest level, including those arising in more vividly symbolizing in every group sculpture the militant stamina, fierce offensive spirit, noble comradeship and ardent patriotism of the Korean People's Army service personnel, in highlighting in a distinctive way the respects the country and the people pay to the heroic tales and sacred soul of the brave soldiers, in ensuring formative refinement in the distribution and arrangement of elements

in the depiction of sculptures and in sustaining the museum's characteristics as a monument by harmoniously unifying the sculptural forms and architectural structures.

He expressed expectations and belief that the creative group of the Mansudae Art Studio would present splendid creations with utmost sincerity in reflection of the eternal gratitude of the Party, government, army and people to the genuine patriots and their respects for them.

Hypersonic Missile Launching Drill Conducted in DPRK



A sub-unit under a major firing strike group of the Korean People's Army conducted a missile launching drill on January 4.

The drill was conducted as part of the operations evaluation on the sustainability, effectiveness and operating capacity of the country's war deterrent while evaluating the readiness of the hypersonic weapon system, verifying and confirming its capability for accomplishing the mission and developing the missile soldiers' firing capability.

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, oversaw the launching drill.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that it is a very important strategic task to maintain and expand a powerful and reliable nuclear deterrent through sustained verification of the key components of the war deterrent, improvement of its performance and mastering of its operational capabilities.

He said, appreciating the drill:

"Through today's launching drill, we can confirm that a very important technology task for national defence has been carried out.

"The missile soldiers have shown the readiness of the DPRK's nuclear forces without regret and given confidence in it.

"Important achievements have been recently made in putting our nuclear forces on a practical basis and preparing them for an actual war. This potential is an outcome of the Party's line on building up the national defences and its policy on attaching importance to defence science and technology and a valuable fruition achieved by our outstanding scientific and technological group.

"We must continuously upgrade the military means, offensive weapon systems in particular. This is just an indispensable undertaking for self-defence. In addition, to make the rivals recognize in a steady and repeated way the constant mobilization of our strategic offensive means and their fatality itself is an important and effective mode of exercising war deterrence.

"To be honest, our such activities are clearly aimed at gradually putting the nuclear war deterrent on a highly developed basis. Why it is necessary is explained by the recent geopolitical crises and complicated international events."

The hypersonic missiles, launched in Ryokpho District,



Pyongyang, northeastward, hit the targets 1 000 km away on the East Sea of Korea.

Kim Jong Un expressed thanks to the sub-unit participating in the drill for playing the prelude of the first combat drill in the new year with amazing launching and fully displaying the striking capability of the strong army, and extended New Year greetings to all the officers and soldiers of the missile forces across the country,



who are putting heart and soul to carrying out their combat duty and devoting themselves to their responsible duty for national defence.

He expressed expectation and belief that all the missile forces would remain faithful to their sacred mission as a reliable shield for defending the sovereignty and security of the DPRK by fulfilling their consistent and responsible combat duty under iron discipline.



DPRK Missile Administration Test-fires Large-calibre MRLS

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, oversaw the test-fire.

The Missile Administration of the DPRK conducted a test-fire on January 27 to verify the effectiveness of a large-calibre multiple rocket launcher system upgraded with new technology.

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, oversaw the test-fire.

He was accompanied by Kim Jong Sik, first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Jang Chang Ha,

general director of the Missile Administration of the DPRK.

Expressing satisfaction over the result of the important test, he said:

"Today's test is of great significance in improving the effectiveness of our strategic deterrent.

"That is because we have achieved technical upgrading of this weapon system to employ its most powerful characteristics in a most appropriate and effective way, and thus made it possible to

apply it in specific attacks.

"All the indexes have been improved to maximize its strike capability, and the mobility, intelligence and hitting accuracy of the rockets, in particular, have remarkably been upgraded.

"The mobility of the newly-modernized launcher vehicle is also perfect.

"The autonomous precise guidance flight system, which can neglect any outside intervention, is a major feature that demonstrates the superiority of this weapon system.

"The course of achieving this success was not all plain sailing, but the task has wonderfully been carried out by our scientists and technicians.

"I am sure that no other country would acquire such technology or possess such capability in a few years at least.

"If they had seen this test, our enemies would obviously have recognized the modernity and development potential of our defence technology.

"This is clear proof of the steady improvement and uninterrupted evolution of our defence technology.

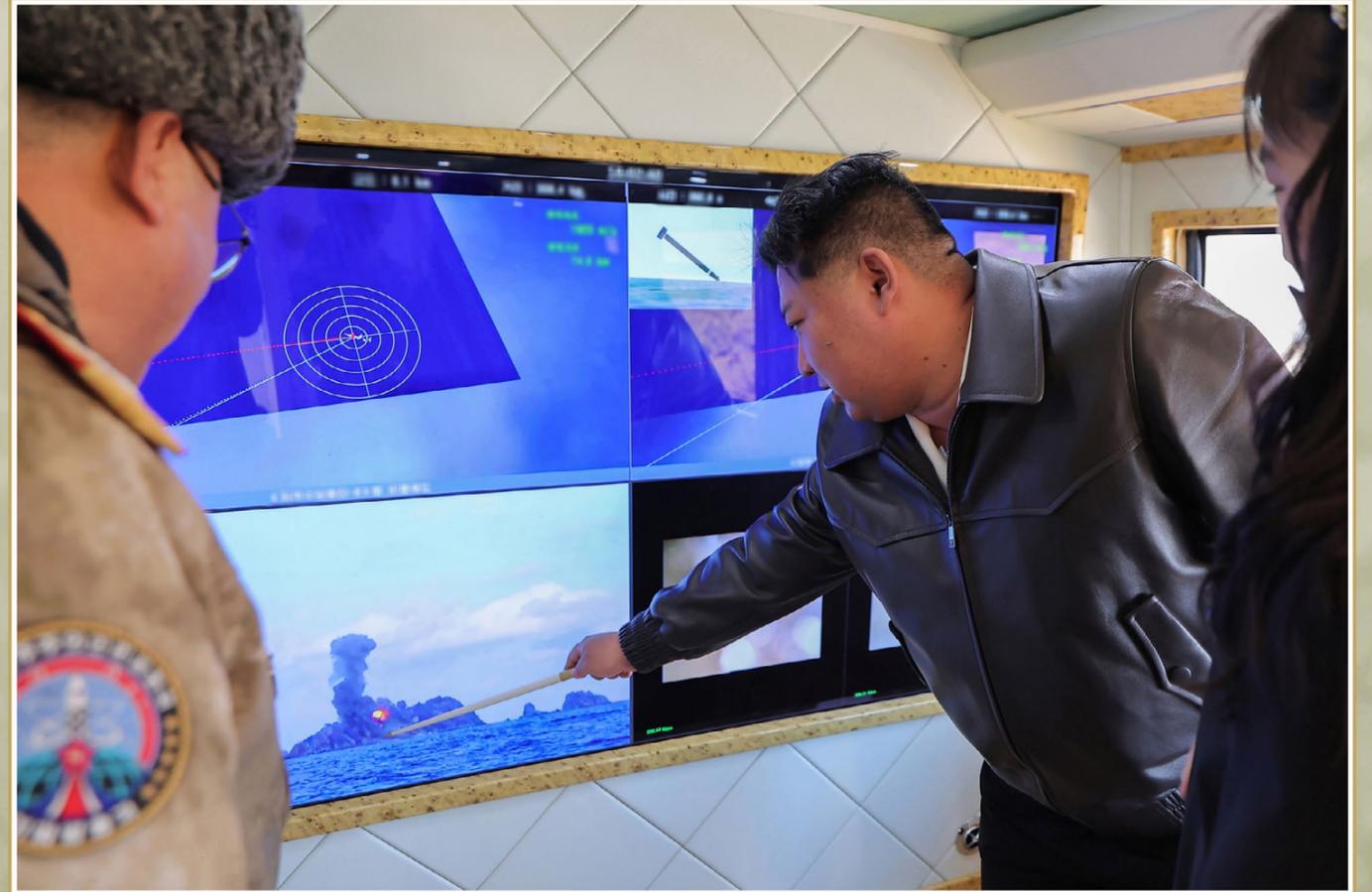
"As I have always emphasized, the relevant activities we conduct are clearly aimed at none other than further raising the level of our deterrent against a nuclear war.

"Demonstrating such a will and capability is itself a responsible exercise of the deterrent.

"This cannot but be indispensable for self-defence today.

"I extend thanks to the defence science research group that has made devoted and painstaking efforts to perfect this weapon system.





“The result and significance of this test will be a source of excruciating mental agony and serious threat to the forces that attempt to provoke a military confrontation with us.

“Our artillerymen, possessed with the most concentrated, destructive and massive strike capability, will perform the responsible mission of deterring war.”

The fired four rockets hit a target in the waters 358.5km away

from the point of launch.

Kim Jong Un stressed that to build up the most reliable offensive capability and enforce the deterrence strategy based on it is the invariable line of our Party’s national defence policy. And he said that the Ninth Congress of the WPK will clarify the next-stage plans for further bolstering up the country’s nuclear war deterrent.

Boundless Respect for Chairman Kim Jong Il

Preserved in the International Friendship Exhibition House are tens of thousands of gifts which the party and state leaders, organizations and personages of over 170 countries, and international organizations presented to Chairman Kim Jong Il in reflection of their boundless respect and admiration for him.



For his brilliant ideological and theoretical wisdom, outstanding leadership ability and ennobling personality, Chairman Kim Jong Il enjoyed boundless respect and admiration by the progressive peoples of the world as he rendered an immortal contribution to the victory of the socialist cause and global peace and security under the uplifted banner of anti-imperialist independence.

This can be seen from the gifts they presented to him.

The Russian leaders presented him with hunting rifle, dagger and

others.

The party and state leaders of China presented to him lacquered tapestry inlaid with mother-of-pearl, double-faced embroidery *Heralding Spring*, textile work *Cranes and a Pine Tree* and others.

Norodom Sihanouk, former Cambodian king, presented more than 70 gifts to him for his selfless support and assistance to the cause of justice, since he had presented his first gift, metalwork engraved with the national flags of the DPRK and Cambodia.

Among those who presented gifts to him also include Josip Broz Tito, president of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and one of the founders of the non-aligned movement, Choummaly Saygnasone, former president of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Gnassingbe Eyadema, former president of the Republic of Togo.

Giancarlo Elia Valori, chairman of the Italian General Investment Group, and many other personages in the world also presented

their gifts to Kim Jong Il.

The gifts presented to him by party and state leaders of over 170 countries, international and national organizations and personages from all walks of life, number more than 40 000.

Text: Kim Son Gyong



Chairman Kim Jong Il meets V. V. Putin, president of the Russian Federation, in August 2001.



Silver tea set
From V. V. Putin, president of the Russian Federation, in August 2001

Silver vase
From V. V. Putin, president of the Russian Federation, in February 2007

Table clock
From the government of the Russian Federation in April 1996





Chairman Kim Jong Il sees a gift presented by Xi Jinping, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and vice-president of the People's Republic of China, on the latter's visit to the DPRK in June 2008.



Chairman Kim Jong Il sees gifts presented by Nong Duc Manh, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, on the latter's visit to the DPRK in October 2007.



Double-faced embroidery *Heralding Spring*
From Jiang Zemin, president of the People's Republic of China, in May 2000



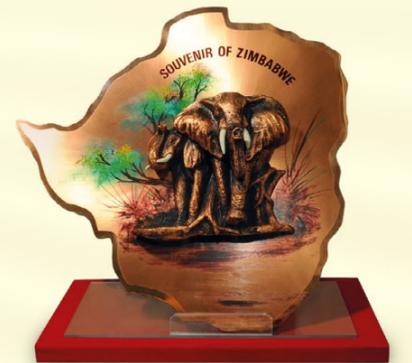
Silver cauldron
From King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia in January 1996



Silk vase
From Mahmud Ahmadinejad, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in February 2008



Gold wristwatch
From Josip Broz Tito, president of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, in June 1979



Bronzework *Elephant*
From Robert G. Mugabe, president of the Republic of Zimbabwe, in May 1994

Woollen carpet

From Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, president of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in October 1985



Silver spoon, silver seasoning pots, silver tray, crystal glass

From Gnassingbe Eyadema, president of the Republic of Togo, in February 1987



Natural crystal, crystal globe

From Didier Ratsiraka, president of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, in October 1990



Ivorywork *Life of the Congolese People*

From Denis Sassou-Nguesso, president of the Central Committee of the Congolese Party of Labour and president of the People's Republic of the Congo, in March 1981



Wooden casket

From Salmin Amour, president of Zanzibar of the United Republic of Tanzania, in November 1996



Crystal vase, plastic work Owl, crystal ashtray

From El Hadj Omar Bongo, president of the Republic of Gabon, in March 1986



Unsan Paper Mill in South Phyongan Province



The Unsan Paper Mill in South Phyongan Province, inaugurated last year, is increasing its production.

It is a solid material and technical foundation for producing paper for the province.

It has introduced up-to-date technology so as to produce writing, packing, wall and other kinds of paper with the raw materials abundant in the region.

As all the production lines are controlled by an integrated system, the mill ensures efficient and sustainable growth of its production and the quality of its products through careful equipment, workforce and technical management.

The mill focuses on improving the



The mill produces writing, packing, toilet and other kinds of paper with raw materials abundant in the region.



technical skills of its employees to ensure an accurate proportion and density of materials.

It has introduced the multi-purpose paper machine capable of producing various kinds of paper products, as well as paper

moulding technology.

An increase in the volume of its production is assured as it relies on the raw materials in the region.

Photo: Ra Phyoung Ryol
Text: Pak Kyong Chol





FIRST COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Jonjin Senior Middle School in Rangnang District, Pyongyang, is a comprehensive school, where the kindergarten, primary school and junior and senior middle school courses are run in the same campus.





Jonjin Senior Middle School in Ranganng District, Pyongyang, opened in November 2025.

This is a comprehensive school, where the kindergarten, primary school and junior and senior middle school courses are run in the same campus.

According to the headmistress, the school will boost the efficiency of education and edification of children and students through contact and collaboration between schools at different levels while providing a succession of education as suited to their gifted talents and aptitudes.

The school is provided with all the conditions and environment for successive

education and practical training of the children and students.

In particular, rooms for junior and senior middle classes are specialized for each subject so that the students can attend lessons in rooms for particular subjects according to the timetable. This helps the students to remarkably improve their cognitive and creative abilities.

Labs for experimentation and practical training in chemistry, physics, carpentry, cooking and driving are available in the school to help the students acquire versatile and specialist knowledge.

There is also a lecture hall for students in the same grade and joint meetings of

teachers for different subjects.

Hanging on the walls of the corridors and halls are visual aids of different types, which give broad knowledge of history, geography, mathematics, physics and other subjects.

The gym can host various sporting activities like basketball and volleyball, as well as cultural activities.

The kindergarten has wonderful conditions for providing pre-school education.

All the spaces of the kindergarten are arranged for education of the children; musical scales appear when the children step on the stairs, and pictures from animations



are portrayed on the walls.
The wading pool and amusement and play rooms help develop their intelligence and talents.

Thanks to the idea of the Workers' Party of Korea on attaching importance to education and its ennobling view on the rising generations, the children and students study and cultivate their talents to their heart's content in this comprehensive school.

Photo: Ri Chol Jin, Ra Phyoung Ryol
Text: Kim Son Gyong



Yangdok Hot Spring Resort



Inaugurated in December 2019, the resort nestles in Onjong-ri, Yangdok County, South Pyongan Province.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un set the remote mountainous area as an ideal location of the resort that would be helpful towards promoting the people's health and enriching their cultural and aesthetic life. He visited the construction site several times and gave advice on how to develop the area into an excellent resort.

It is noted for the practicality, interconnection and artistic beauty of all its component parts—areas for medical treatment and recuperation, sports and cultural facilities, welfare service facilities

and others.

It is haunted by holidaymakers particularly in winter.

Upon arriving at the resort, holidaymakers usually go to outdoor spa baths before anywhere else.

With every spa being shrouded in a thick blanket of fog, the people feel warm and happy despite the winter cold. Everyone in the spa baths admires the wonderful scenery of the surrounding area, and especially the view seen from the terraced spa bath on the upper section of the slope is beyond description.

One of the many interesting spots in the resort is an egg-boiling site.



Other attractive features of the resort include ski area and horse-riding park. On top of the ski area on Tae Peak is a pavilion that commands a panoramic view

of the resort. Skiing down the slope, riding horseback, enjoying themselves in the skylight bath, etc., all look delightful and invigorated.

A growing number of people come to the resort and go back with a unique experience.

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