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Fourth Enlarged Meeting of Political Bureau of Ninth Central Committee of WPK



The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea convened its fourth enlarged meeting on August 25 to take more political and practical measures for guaranteeing the successful implementation of the major policy tasks for 2026, the first year of implementing the new five-year plan set forth by the historic Ninth Congress of the Party.

Comrade Kim Jong Un guided the meeting.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee first heard a report on the progress made in this year's major policy-oriented construction projects, adopted and assigned by the first and second plenary meetings of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK, and on the current situation in major economic sectors.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee positively appreciated the important changes and successes demonstrating the transition to a new phase of development, which had been made in overall state affairs in the first year of implementing the decisions of

the Party Congress.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee examined the strategic coordination and timely measures for perfectly completing the projects for this year and strengthening the capability for implementing short-, intermediate- and long-term tasks on the principle of encouraging successes and experience, constantly drawing lessons and finding solutions in conformity with the characteristics of the times and the requirements of the reality, in which a creative struggle, unprecedented in terms of the width and depth of state development and the extensiveness of its long-term goals, is underway.

The meeting specified the principles and a series of policies for the state economic guidance organs to prudently and strategically overcome the unfavourable conditions and difficulties arising alongside the ever-changing circumstances, and to fully ensure concentration in the construction of major policy-oriented objects, in particular.

Pointing out a series of deviations revealed in the course of implementing the decisions of the Party Congress, Comrade Kim Jong Un said that they were the consequences of the immature operation and leadership of the economic guidance organs failing to keep abreast of our higher ideals and greater power of advance and such shortcomings could be overcome and eliminated by the efforts redoubled with new determination and fighting will.

Noting that the leading cadres are entrusted with an important duty of steering all sectors of socialist construction to fresh innovations and changes and an eye-opening rate of growth, he called upon all the Party organizations to more dynamically conduct organizational and political work to give full play to the spiritual strength of the masses in compliance with the invariable requirement of the WPK Central Committee for giving priority to ideological work in every undertaking.

Saying that the ongoing advance requires extraordinary courage and strenuous efforts beyond precedents and limits, he noted that the goals of transformations set forth by the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK are not merely the numbers in business plans but important political struggle tasks for protecting the great dignity of the country and proving the advantages of the social system.

He stressed the need for the officials responsible for the implementation of the Party's decisions to successfully conclude this year's struggle without fail and thus open up a broad avenue to attaining the new long-term goals, always mindful that the current daily successes represent the ongoing accelerated advance and development and they will result in the promotion of the people's wellbeing.



Second Meeting of Ninth Central Military Commission of WPK

The Second Meeting of the Ninth Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea was held on August 29.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided the meeting.

Present at the meeting were members of the WPK Central Military Commission.

The meeting heard the appraisal of the recent political and military activities of the Korean People's Army Committee of the WPK and the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK and discussed a series of structural reorganization plans for the improvement and development of the future overall defence affairs.

The meeting discussed the organizational matter.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee approved the by-election of Pak Jong Chon, advisor to the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK, as a member of the WPK Central Committee and a member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, Yu Kwang U, director of the Security Bureau of the Korean People's Army, as a member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and Om Ju Ho, political commissar of the KPA Air Force, as a member of the WPK Central Committee.

The WPK Central Military Commission decided as follows after deliberating on the change of the duties of military commanding officers for key posts and receiving ratification of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee:

Pak Jong Chon, advisor to the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK, was by-elected as vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, was dismissed and recalled from the Party central leadership and appointed as first deputy director of the Munitions Industry Department of the WPK Central Committee.

Kim Song Gi, director of the General Political Bureau of the KPA, was appointed as minister of National Defence of the DPRK.

Yu Kwang U, director of the Security Bureau of the KPA, was appointed as first deputy director of the General Political Bureau of the KPA, and Om Ju Ho, political commissar of the KPA Air Force, as director of the Security Bureau of the KPA.

The WPK Central Military Commission expressed expectations and conviction that the major commanding officers starting their work in the new posts would firmly arm themselves with the Party's idea of building a strong army and responsibly fulfil their role through boundless devotion and extraordinarily heightened activity in implementing the Party's military line and policies.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Awards State Commendations to Contributors to Bolstering Up Defence Capabilities



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met and congratulated a scientist, researcher and official of major defence research institutions, who had made a great contribution to resolving scientific and technological problems of epochal significance in developing new combat weapon systems and improving their performance and to putting the military and technical strength of the country's armed forces on a higher level, at the headquarters of the Party Central Committee on August 29.

Comrade Kim Jong Un read out a decree of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK on awarding state commendations to those who had made distinguished contributions to bolstering up the defence capabilities, and personally conferred the title of DPRK Hero, Gold Star Medal and Order of National Flag First Class and Order of Kim Il Sung on the scientist, researcher and official.

Highly appreciating the innovative exclusive military sci-tech achievements, recently made and introduced in the defence science research field, as a great revolution that opened up a sure prospect

for radically improving the modernity of the army's combat weapon systems, Comrade Kim Jong Un paid high tribute on behalf of the DPRK government to the national defence science research group for their boundless efforts, patriotic devotion and heroic contribution.

The defence scientists displaying boundless loyalty to the Party and the revolution, the country and its people and unlimited creativity to guarantee the strength and prestige of our state with matchless sci-tech strength are the greatest patriots and heroes, he said, stating that the DPRK is invariably preserving the high prestige and glory of invincibility thanks to the great role of the defence science research

group who have always perfectly implemented the military strategic plans of the Party Central Committee.

Expressing expectations and belief that the excellent defence science research group would bolster up the arms of the powerful country, self-reliant in national defence, in a more overwhelming and stronger manner for the great state and people, he had a photo taken with them.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Pays Tribute to Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Martyrs on National Liberation Day



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The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong on August 14 on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation.

Accompanying him were senior Party, government and military

officials, including members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, leading officials of the WPK Central Committee, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet, commissions, ministries and national agencies and commanding officers of the Korean People's Army.

The KPA guard of honour lined up there.

The national anthem of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was played.

A wreath in the name of Comrade Kim Jong Un was placed at the wreath-laying stand of the cemetery amid the playing of wreath-laying music.

Also laid were wreaths in the name of the WPK Central

Committee, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the DPRK SPA Standing Committee and the DPRK Cabinet.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, together with all the participants, paid a silent tribute to the memory of the revolutionary martyrs who had devoted their precious lives to the sacred struggle for the independence and sovereignty of the country and its prosperity.



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

Noting that the revolutionaries of the first generation had fought a bloody war of resistance to save the country and the nation and regain the national dignity as their hearts had been burning with the noble sense of duty to bear the responsibility for the destiny of the country and descendants, Comrade Kim Jong Un said that their resolute independent spirit and undying feats are the ideological and spiritual treasure and precious revolutionary legacy that should be inherited by all generations to come.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters' beautiful ideal of communism, steadfast revolutionary faith and indomitable fighting spirit are injecting eternal viability into our people in their struggle to build a prosperous and powerful country as the forerunners desired,





The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits the Monument to Fallen Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Fighters.

he said, affirming that the cause of the great Korean people will be ever-victorious as they carry forward the revolutionary fighters' lofty revolutionary spirit and noble view of life generation after generation.

Then he visited the Monument to Fallen Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Fighters.

With reverence for the known and unknown anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs, who had made a contribution to accomplishing

the historic cause of national liberation, remaining faithful to the ideology and leadership of President Kim Il Sung, he placed a flower at the monument and observed a moment's silence in memory of them.

Looking at a group sculpture representing three soldiers of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army fighting a heroic battle and a stone wall bearing many martyrs' names, he said that although the

bodies of the fighters, who had dedicated their precious youth to the revolution to regain the dignity and freedom of the country and the people, had been buried in unknown mountains and fields, their admirable images and feats are clearly recorded in the history of the country.

He expressed his hope that the pioneer generation of the Korean revolution, who had created the priceless revolutionary traditions of

Paektu and handed them down to the new generations, would always be remembered at the peak of the highest honour and dignity along with the advance and development of ever-victorious Korean-style socialism.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Liberation Tower



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Liberation Tower on August 14 on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation.

Accompanying him were senior officials of the WPK Central Committee and leading officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK.

The Korean People's Army guard of honour lined up before the

Liberation Tower.

The national anthems of the Russian Federation and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were played.

A wreath in the name of Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid amid the playing of wreath-laying music.

Written on the ribbon of the wreath were the letters reading "We do not forget the feats of the martyrs of the Soviet army."

Comrade Kim Jong Un paid high tribute to the martyrs of the Soviet army who had bravely fought for the Korean people's

liberation struggle for freedom and independence of the country.

He looked round the Liberation Tower with the officials in his company.

Looking back reverentially on the militant feats of the officers and soldiers of the Red Army who had dedicated their hot blood to the sacred cause of Korea's liberation, he said that no matter how many years pass and even though one generation may be replaced by another, the Korean people will never forget the noble soul of the martyrs enshrined in this land and the heroic, self-sacrificing spirit

displayed by them.

The excellent history, traditions and ties of blood between the DPRK and Russia now serve as a fundamental cornerstone and inexhaustible driving force of the bilateral relations of friendship and cooperation, he said, affirming that the great friendship and unity between the peoples of the two countries forged with the noble idea and genuine militant friendship would be steadily carried forward and developed generation after generation along with the new era of comprehensive efflorescence.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Enjoys Circus of National Acrobatic Troupe on Anniversary of National Liberation



A circus of the National Acrobatic Troupe celebrating the 81st anniversary of national liberation was given at the Pyongyang Circus Theatre on August 16, amid joy and excitement of the people in the DPRK greeting the significant day when their great motherland newly emerged with pride.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, enjoyed the performance.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared in the auditorium amid the playing of welcome music, the participants raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

On the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation,

he extended warm congratulations to all the people of the country including the service personnel of the whole army who are creating a new era of comprehensive development with boundless love for their precious and sacred country and confidence and optimism about their cause.

Among the audience were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, other senior Party and government officials, children of anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs and anti-Japanese patriotic martyrs, teaching staff and students of revolutionary schools, officials of ministries, national agencies and armed forces organs, and officials and labour innovators of industrial establishments and youth and students in Pyongyang.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Put on the stage were colourful numbers including physical acrobatics "Wire-rope Walking" and "Fly Higher" which won top prizes at international circus festivals.

The elegant folk acrobatic works and refined numbers of high technique, full of deep emotion and vibrant vitality, showed well the features of the DPRK's acrobatic art blooming and developing day by day.

The distinctive pieces performed by a magician, who was familiar to the people, drew the audience into the mysterious world of magic.

The performance was acclaimed by the audience as it elicited

excitement, admiration and cheerful laughter.

Expressing great satisfaction over the acrobats' successful performance, Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly congratulated them.

He met creative workers, artistes and officials of the National Acrobatic Troupe who had created such an excellent performance to add joy and optimism to National Liberation Day.

Saying that the troupe is a prestigious art organization as it has glorified the honour and prestige of the country while enjoying the love of the people through the creation of world-famous acrobatic works and active performance activities for over 70 years, he highly appreciated the creative workers and artistes of the troupe for having contributed to the development of socialist culture by giving full play



to the influence peculiar to acrobatic art.

Expressing his belief and expectations that the creative workers and artistes of the troupe would create and perform a larger number of excellent acrobatic pieces, welcomed by the times and the people, by fully displaying their extraordinary creative talents, high skills and patriotic enthusiasm and thus bring about a new improvement in, and usher in a new heyday of, acrobatic art, he had a photo taken with them.



Sports Event Held to Mark Anniversary of National Liberation



A swimming and diving contest took place on August 16 according to the schedule of the sports and cultural events marking National Liberation Day.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, enjoyed the contest.

All the participants were filled with great excitement and joy as they would be with him in the sports event to significantly celebrate National Liberation Day.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared in the natatorium, all the players and spectators raised enthusiastic cheers.

Among the spectators were leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, officials of the WPK Central Committee, the Cabinet, ministries and national agencies, and commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence.

A swimming contest was held by six teams, divided into men's 100-metre freestyle and 100-metre breaststroke, women's 100-metre





freestyle and 100-metre breaststroke and 4×100-metre mixed medley relay in the order of backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke and butterfly stroke.

The contest was so close amid the competitive spirit of players and the enthusiastic cheers of the spectators.

And a diving contest was held by three teams, divided into men's and women's individual 10-metre platform diving and mixed 10-metre platform synchronized diving.

In the swimming contest, the Sobaeksu Sports Team came first, the Ministry of Fisheries Sports Club second and the Suyangsan

Sports Club third.

The Sobaeksu Sports Team came first in total standings also in the diving contest.

Then, there was a synchronized swimming demonstration.

An awards ceremony was held amid the applause of the participants.

The sports and cultural events in celebration of the 81st anniversary of national liberation boosted the festive mood of the auspicious holiday of the Korean people.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Has Photos Taken with Creative Workers and Artistes of National Symphony Orchestra

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on August 8 met and congratulated the creative workers and artistes of the National Symphony Orchestra on its 80th founding anniversary.

He warmly congratulated all the creative workers and artistes of the symphony orchestra on significantly commemorating its founding anniversary with dignity and pride in having added brilliance to its history along with the advance of their beloved country, and had a photo taken with them.

He gave a bouquet to Ho Mun Yong as a token of his congratulations for the conductor having been honoured with Kim Il Sung Prize, and had a photo taken with the creative workers and artistes who had received high state commendations in recognition of their contribution to the development of Juche-oriented symphony.

All the creative workers and artistes broke into stormy cheers and chanted slogans of loyalty in reflection of their firm resolution to add glory to the history of Juche-oriented symphony by conducting proactive and enterprising activities for artistic creation, bearing deep in mind the love and trust of the benevolent Marshal Kim Jong Un who had sent a letter of congratulations to the symphony orchestra on its 80th founding anniversary and repeatedly showed great benevolence.

Comrade Kim Jong Un said that it is a source of great pride for the Party, state and people to have such an art group with an excellent history and tradition and high creative ability as the National Symphony Orchestra, which has cultivated the flower garden of Juche-oriented musical art, enthusiastically performing revolutionary songs and other musical works as a march for struggle and creation in the development course of the DPRK.

The authoritative National Symphony Orchestra should play a role as an engine in developing the musical art, which is as ever the great motive power for rejuvenation of our state, he said, adding that when the solemn and characteristic sounds of Korean-style orchestra give greater impetus to the Korean revolution and lead the heyday of





development of the musical art in the new era, the Korean people's cause will advance with greater strength and full vitality and emerge victorious.

Very high are our Party's and people's expectations of the symphony orchestra which has faithfully preserved its original features of patriotic enthusiasm and sincere artistic creation in

their pure forms over the past eight decades, he said, before giving precious instructions to be adhered to by the symphony orchestra as a guideline in exalting its prestige and esteemed name as befitting an art institution of national value that embodies the development aspects of Juche-oriented music.



Birth of a Genuine People's Country

The founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was proclaimed on September 9, 1948.

The historic day witnessed the founding of the great country, the first of its kind in the nation's 5 000-year history, in which state power is in the hands of the people, the people's opinions are reflected in the national policies and the people's rights are protected by law.

All the people in the country pay the highest tribute to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, founder of the DPRK, their glorious motherland.



The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, founder of the DPRK (September 1948)

September 9 this year marks the 78th founding anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

With the founding of the DPRK by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Korean people became masters of the state and society and began to carve out their destiny independently.

This was an event signifying that the DPRK emerged on the

international arena as an independent and sovereign state, and it was a watershed that indicated a fundamental change in shaping the future of the country.

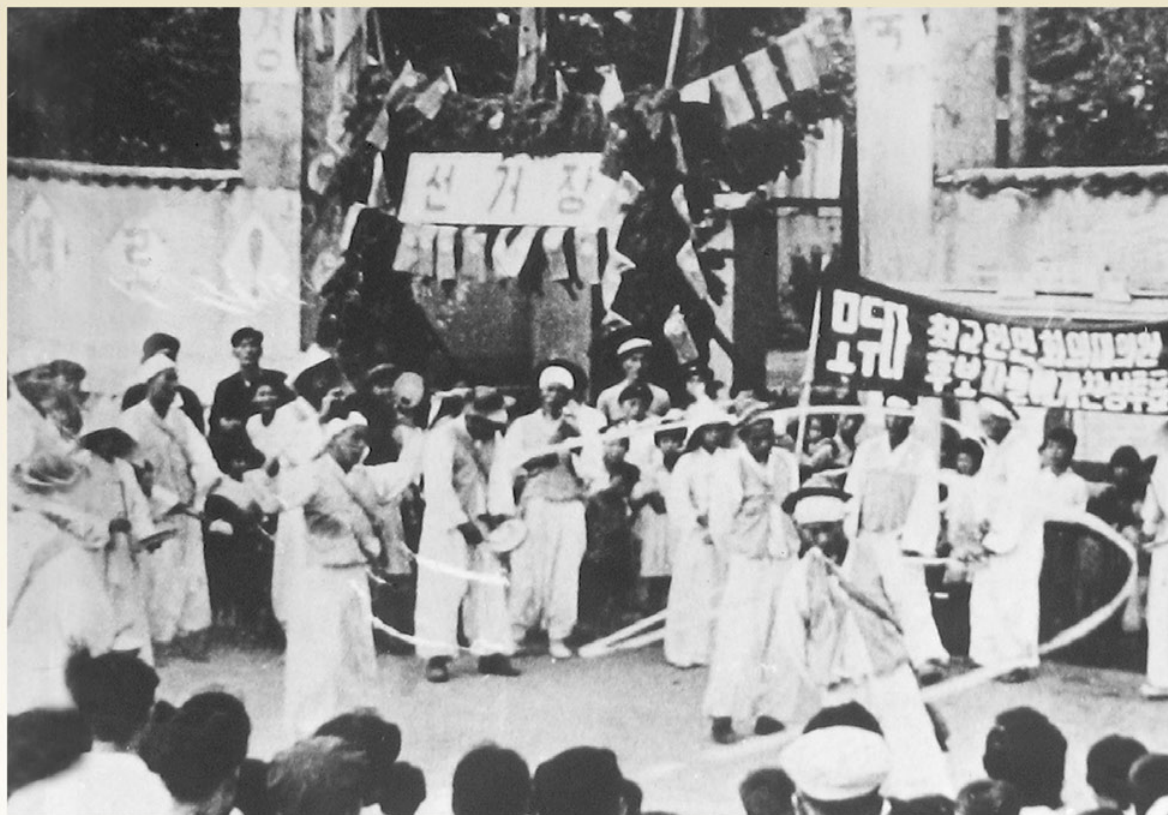
Comrade Kim Il Sung led the Korean people to build a new country after achieving the historic cause of national liberation through a two-decade anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

Having cherished a great ambition of building a genuine people's country, he, in the initial days of the anti-Japanese war, established the people's revolutionary government, a new form of government, in the guerrilla bases.

On the basis of this experience, he, after Korea's liberation, set forth a line of building a new country and led the effort to this end.

He cleared a new path for setting up a people's government to champion and realize the interests of the working masses, including workers, peasants and intellectuals. In doing so, he adhered to a stance of independence without confining himself to the established theories and foreign experience.

On August 20, 1945, some days after liberation, he made a speech



Polling station for the election of deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly in August 1948



The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is elected Premier of the Cabinet at the First Session of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK in September 1948.

at a meeting of military and political cadres of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army; in this speech he advanced a line of building a new country and stressed the need to found a democratic people's republic representing the interests of all the Korean people by relying entirely on the people themselves. And at the inaugural congress of the Workers' Party of Korea in October the same year, he defined founding such a republic as the Party's main political task.

He formulated a policy of uniting all patriotic democratic forces including workers and peasants and relying on them to establish a people's government. To this end, he led the effort to form mass organizations and social organizations embracing the broad sections of people.

Following the promulgation of the historic Law on Agrarian

Reform on March 5, 1946, he ensured that the Labour Law, the Law on Sex Equality and the Law on the Nationalization of Major Industries were made public and democratic policies pursued in education, culture, judicial and prosecutorial sectors.

This resulted in training large numbers of hardcore members as the main buttress of the revolution, awakening a wide spectrum of people and building up the country's internal revolutionary forces.

Comrade Kim Il Sung put forth a policy of founding a revolutionary army with the seasoned anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters as the pivot and by recruiting the sons and daughters of workers, peasants and other working people. While directing concern to establishing bases for training military and political officers, he took necessary steps for forming units of arms and services for a



The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung announces the political programme of the DPRK government at the First Session of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK in September 1948.

regular armed force.

February 8, 1948 witnessed the founding of the Korean People's Army, which was a regular armed force for a new country.

As summarized above, the three years after Korea's liberation were a period when a solid foundation was laid for the establishment of an independent and democratic state.

At the First Session of the Supreme People's Assembly held on September 8, 1948, Comrade Kim Il Sung was elected head of state in accordance with the people's unanimous will.

The following day he proclaimed the founding of the Democratic

People's Republic of Korea.

At the Pyongyang mass rally for celebrating the establishment of the DPRK government, he said:

From now on, as a full-fledged nation with a government of their own, our people will always be protected by this government and have dignity, rights and honour as citizens of the DPRK.

Having been founded as a democratic, independent and sovereign state by the great leader, the DPRK has now become a people-centred socialist state.

Text: Kim Son Gyong

September 9, 1948

The founding of the DPRK proclaimed



With the founding of the DPRK, the working people take pride in becoming the masters of state power.



Anniversary of National Liberation Celebrated



A ceremony for paying respect to the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill is held on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation.



Flowers are laid at the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation.

The whole country celebrated the 81st anniversary of national liberation.

At the plaza of 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 appearances, people bowed to the portraits of the great leaders.

A ceremony for paying respect to the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill was held.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students laid flower baskets, bouquets and flowers at the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and in all other parts of the country and in front of the mosaic murals depicting their images.

An endless stream of visitors flowed to the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery in Hyesan and others where the remains of the anti-Japanese war martyrs repose.

Colourful events such as a gala evening of youth and students, a

As the whole country is joyfully celebrating the 81st anniversary of national liberation during the gigantic struggle to open up a new phase of comprehensive prosperity of Korean-style socialism, a gala evening of youth and students and a fireworks display take place in Pyongyang to mark the significant anniversary.



fireworks display, and a dancing party of the women's union officials and members took place in Pyongyang and other parts of the country.

At Kim Il Sung Stadium there was a men's football match between Taedonggang and Hwaepul teams as part of the Hwaepul Cup football tournament.

The national flags were seen fluttering in the streets and villages of Pyongyang and provinces and at factories, farms and schools, and artistic performances were given in many regions to rev up the festive mood.

Special holiday service was given at the public catering facilities in Pyongyang and other regions.

The bases for cultural and leisure activities, which had been built under the Party's close concern, were crowded with schoolchildren and working people enjoying the holiday.

Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA



A dancing party of the women's union officials and members takes place on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation.



Colourful artistic performances are given on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation.



A men's football match is held between Taedonggang and Hwaepul teams as part of the Hwaepul Cup football tournament on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of national liberation.

A performance *Young People, Be Loyal to Our Party* is given by the artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

Youth Day Significantly Celebrated Countrywide

Young people across the country significantly celebrated Youth Day.

The ranks of successors to the revolutionary cause of Juche visited the Youth Movement Museum dedicated to the Workers' Party of Korea's idea on the youth movement and its leadership exploits.

A performance *Young People, Be Loyal to Our Party* was given by the artistic

information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-air Theatre to mark Youth Day.

Officials of Party and power organs in Pyongyang and provinces went to factories, enterprises and farms to congratulate the young people on Youth Day.

Meetings with young front-rankers in

noble traits, labour innovators and young volunteers were held in North and South Phyongan, Kangwon and North Hamgyong provinces and other parts of the country.

Artistic performances and sports and amusement games took place at industrial establishments, farms and universities in Pyongyang and other parts of the country, adding to the festive mood.

Youth and students across the country had dancing parties with pride in glorifying their worthwhile life in the sacred struggle to implement the decisions of the Party Congress.

The men's volleyball final of youth and students across the country took place on Youth Day.

Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA



Myongsasimni Railway Station Inaugurated at Coastal Tourist Resort



Myongsasimni Railway Station has modernly been built, adding to the beauty of the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area to which an endless stream of happy tourists flow, under the loving care of the Workers' Party of Korea which is determined to provide the people with a brighter, more affluent new life, a new civilization.

The station building with a total floor space of some 7 000 square metres was built in a unique architectural style to preserve the features of the coastal tourist town. It is furnished in a serviceable way in keeping with its mission, functions and use for ensuring

travel for tourism. It is a standard of regional railway station.

It has all features and conditions as a wonderful tourist railway station. It is the precious fruition of devoted service for the people of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who finds his greatest joy in their happiness and takes the greatest delight in serving them, and another valuable asset for them.

The inauguration ceremony of the railway station took place on August 27.

Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA





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ITF TAEKWON-DO CHAMPIONSHIP



Taekwon-Do Practitioners Bring Honour to Their Country

At the 11th Asian ITF Taekwon-Do Championships, DPRK wins 75 golds and three trophies.

The 11th Asian ITF Taekwon-Do Championships took place in Mongolia from August 3 to 9.

At the championships, DPRK competitors won 99 medals including 75 golds and three trophies.

They won first place in the men's and women's team patterns of the adult, youth and junior divisions, the women's team sparring of the adult division, the men's and women's team sparring of the youth division, the boys' and girls' team sparring of the junior division, the men's and women's self-defence routine of the adult, youth and junior divisions, the women's team special technique of the adult division, the women's team special technique of the youth division and the women's team power breaking of the adult division, respectively.

The following lists winners by event:

Kang Song, Kim Wi Bong and Sin Yun

Hyok in the men's individual pattern of the adult division;

Paek Ji Hae, Pak Ryon Song, Sin Hae Yang and Hong Jin Gyong in the women's individual pattern of the adult division;

Kim Jin Song, Ri Hyon Chong and Ri Song in the men's individual pattern of the youth division;

Choe Hyon Jong, Choe Yun Jong and Jong Ui Gyong in the women's individual pattern of the youth division;

Ri Jong Ung and Ko Ju Mong in the boys' individual pattern of the junior division;

Ri Jong Yon and Choe Jin Byol in the girls' individual pattern of the junior division;

Ri Hyok, Han Il Myong, Kang Song, Kim Wi Bong, Tokgo Chol Bom and Sin Yun Hyok in the men's individual sparring of the adult division;

Pak Ji Hyang, Kim Yu Sim, Pak Ryon Song, Sin Hae Yang, Paek Ji Hae, Ro Kuk Hwa, Kim Yu Jong and Hong Jin Gyong in the women's individual sparring of the adult division;

Nam Il Hung, Ri Jun Guk, Ri Song, Kim Jin Song, Ri Hyon Chong and Choe Kwon Hung in the men's individual sparring of the youth division;

Choe Yun Jong, Hyon Jong, Jong Ui Gyong, Kim Haeng Bok, Choe Hyon Jong, Ham Po Gyong and Ok Sin Hye in the women's individual sparring of the youth division;

Kim Il Phyeong, Hwang Kuk Dae and Ri Jong Ung in the boys' individual sparring of the junior division;

An Ui Ryon, Ri Jin Gyong, Ri Jong Yon, Kang Rye Gyong and Choe Jin Byol in the girls' individual sparring of the junior division;



Tu Kum Song and Hong Jin Gyong in the men's and women's individual power breaking of the adult division;

Sin Hae Yang in the women's individual special technique of the adult division.

At the championships the DPRK, as the overall champion of countries, was awarded trophies in the adult, youth and junior divisions; its men's and women's teams won the honour of overall team champion; and its several practitioners won the honour of overall individual champion (Sin Yun Hyok and Sin Hae Yang in the adult division, Ri Hyon Chong and Choe Yun Jong in the youth division, Ri Jong Ung and Choe Jin Byol in the junior division).

Photo: Choe Kyong Chol



Samgwang Livestock Farm



With the whole countryside being transformed under the rural revolution programme in the new era set forth by the Workers' Party of Korea, the Samgwang Livestock Farm of the North Phyongan Provincial Rural Economy Committee has been built as a modern livestock base.

In good harmony are new rural villages with modern houses of a unique design, branch farms and processing workshops, breeding facilities, cultural and welfare service facilities, office buildings, hall

of culture, kindergarten, school and hospital, all of which are ideal in terms of architectural aesthetics.

Worthy of note is the farm's IT-based and intelligent system of production and management.

As a complex enterprise, the farm puts the main emphasis on raising livestock while at the same time producing agricultural crops and dairy products. Noteworthy is the fact that the farm has established an IT-based and intelligent control system for all the processes of production, as well as an

intelligent integrated production system for their comprehensive management.

It directs close attention to reducing production costs and improving the quality of products by optimizing and modernizing





its technical management, equipment maintenance, livestock breeding and fodder management.

It also conducts livestock farming in a scientific and industrial way by introducing intelligent methods of raising them indoors; the livestock manures are automatically treated indoors and turned into organic compound fertilizer through a related process, and a well-regulated

food production cycle is in operation for livestock and agricultural production.

It has a feed processing plant, which is attracting great attention in the sector of livestock farming; the plant produces a variety of processed feeds in an optimal way according to the recipes set by the general control room, and the feeds are supplied on a daily basis.

The rice seedling nursery, built on the

principle of saving labour, energy and land, has advanced equipment for raising rice seedlings on a cyclic basis and in other ways and for controlling environmental factors, and ensures the highest possible productivity per unit area by introducing modern techniques such as those for three-dimensional cultivation, artificial lighting and soil-free cultivation.

Established at the plant for dairy

products is an intelligent system of producing dairy products that adjusts the output of the products and monitors their quality while actively coping with changes in the conditions of raw materials, equipment and environment; the plant produces more than 30 varieties of dairy products of ten kinds including cheese, butter, milk powder and drinks.

The farm also has everything necessary



for a cultured life—single-storey houses, low-rise apartment blocks, hall of culture, Samgwang Health Complex, shop, restaurant and park.

Samgwang Technical Senior Middle School in Unjon County is counted among the biggest of new structures in Samgwang-ri.

The school has multi-functional classrooms, basic practice room for livestock farming and other laboratories, virtual experience room, campus broadcasting room, gymnasium, outdoor study area and milk supply room.

As the school's courses for technical education are mainly designed to train personnel in livestock farming and crop cultivation, the students are determined to become qualified experts and develop theirs as ideal socialist villages.

Now the farm focuses on introducing advanced techniques and updating them on a regular basis.

Photo: Ri Myong Guk

Text: Pak Kyong Chol



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Tasty and nutritious dairy products



The products are made from the milk from the cows and goats that have been bred and raised by advanced techniques in the clean environment of the Kuryong Mountains with clear streams.





FACTORY NOTED FOR BLACK CHOKEBERRY PRODUCTS

Yonthan County Foodstuff Factory

The Yonthan County Foodstuff Factory in North Hwanghae Province is widely known for its black chokeberry products.

This year its list of black chokeberry products has grown to a few dozens.

The factory has secured a large area

for growing the fruits by taking advantage of the region's natural and geographical conditions.

After reaping a good harvest of the fruits, the management and employees of the factory have directed primary attention to increasing the varieties of its products,

improving their quality and boosting the output of specialties.

The factory maintains regular production while paying due concern to operating its sci-tech learning space to enhance the employees' technical skills, and also to developing new products.



Among its black chokeberry products, the tea, jam, jelly and some others are recognized as specialties of the county.

The demand for these products is increasing for their peculiar taste.

Photo: Ra Phyoung Ryol
Text: Kang Jin Song



As it contains sugar, organic acid, various kinds of vitamins, essential nutrients and minerals, black chokeberry is used as a raw material for producing health foods.



Taesongsan-brand Products Grow in Popularity

Pyongyang Sports Goods Factory

Located in Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang, the Pyongyang Sports Goods Factory produces balls, nets and other requisites for ball games, as well as training apparatuses.

The factory turns out much more kinds and varieties of products, as compared to in 2016 when it was inaugurated.

Recently added to its product list are skates and sports shoes.

The factory has put the main emphasis on improving the quality of its products while paying due attention to diversifying their varieties and shapes. It did so by organizing collective discussions of technical matters and meetings for the presentation of conceptions, aimed at enlisting the creative initiative of its employees and introducing realistic and innovative schemes in production.

As a result, its products grow in popularity.

Photo: Ri Jin Hyok

Text: Kim Son Gyong





Children's Camp on the East Coast

At the Kyongpho Children's Camp in South Hamgyong Province

This is a busy season for the Kyongpho Children's Camp in South Hamgyong Province on the east coast of the country.

The camp has attracted countless schoolchildren since its inauguration. The children train themselves body and mind, swimming, climbing mountains, cooking, playing sports, etc.

In February this year, thanks to the Workers' Party of Korea's and the government's concern, the camp was renovated into a

comprehensive base for extracurricular education. It boasts modern buildings, gymnasium, bathing beach, restaurant, hall, general knowledge dissemination room, e-library and video games room.

Since its opening in April this year, the camp has been brimming over with joy and delight.

The bathing beach is full of children, some boys doing basic training for swimming, some others swimming fast strokes, and still

others jumping from the diving board.

Mountain-climbing is among the children's preferred choices, an activity that helps them learn about nature. Many are doing amusement games in the playground covered with artificial turf.

The cooking practice room, the general knowledge dissemination room and the e-library are teeming with children.

Many others are found in the gymnasium and video games room. All the campers enjoy themselves doing diverse activities.

Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok, Choe Won Chol
Text: Kang Jin Song







Tourism

in the Border City

In Rason

Rason, a city in the northernmost tip of the country, shares the Tuman River with Russia and China.

A good combination of mountains, fields, river and sea, the city has such tourist zones as Pipha General Tourist Zone, Tumangang

The beautiful resort is teeming with tourists, who enjoy themselves swimming, surfing, horse-riding and the like.



Tourist Zone and Sahyangsan Tourist Zone, which provide colourful activities like sightseeing and sea bathing for the tourists.

attraction, they can enjoy touring a seal habitat, tasting marine products and hiking.

At the Pipha General Tourist Zone, the most popular tourist

The Sahyangsan Tourist Zone is for mountain hiking.





The Pipha, Chujin, Karumdan and Haesanggum bathing resorts draw a number of tourists every July and August, the hottest season. There is also a coastal park in the city.



In the coastal park are resting places, walkways and thick forests along the coast; it is also furnished with various sports facilities, wading pool and interactive 3D cinema.



At the international migratory bird reserve, tourists can enjoy seeing scores of species of migratory birds including swan every spring and autumn.



Haesanggum Hotel, which provides a panoramic view of the sea and the city, and other hotels are furnished with all conditions for accommodating tourists.

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Text: Pak Kyong Chol



Songam Cave, Underground Scenic Beauty

The cave was formed by the long-lasting karstification of a dolomite layer that had been formed about a billion years previously. Stone flowers, stalactites and stalagmites of various shapes in the cave present spectacular scenery.





The Songam Cave is located on the border between Sonam-dong in Kaechon and Songam-dong in Anju in South Phyongan Province. Counted among the best underground scenic beauties in the country, the cave has a total length of 2 160 metres. It is noted for myriads of stone flowers, stalactites, stalagmites and stone columns which were

formed through the karstification of dolomites.

The cave has such sections as Kiamdong (oddly-shaped rocks section), Surimdong (primeval forests section), Pomuldong (treasures section), Paekhwadong (a hundred species of flowers section) and Kungjondong (flowers and red leaves section).

It also has more than 70 beauty spots, such as six-metre-high Tansim Falls with underground water falling constantly, Pidandolphokpho (Stone Silk Falls) Rock, and Janggom (Sword) Rock which is a stalactite 4.2 metres high and 1.9 tons heavy.

Worthy of note are Jangsu Pool in Jangsudong and the lotus-shaped

stone flower on it.

Designated as a nature reserve, the Songam Cave has all the features becoming a karst cave—diversity, mysteriousness, beauty, etc.

The cave attracts a growing number of holidaymakers and tourists.

Photo: Song Il Bong
Text: Kim Son Gyong



Kangso Three Tombs on the World Heritage List

The Kangso Three Tombs are known worldwide for having murals of four guardians.

The murals are the best among those found in the tombs of Koguryo that have been unearthed so far.

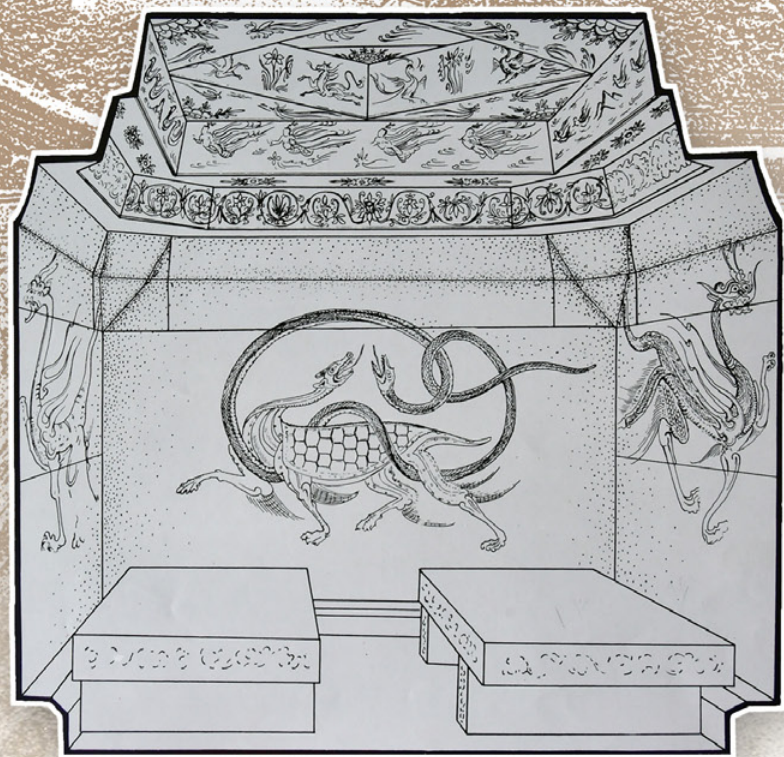
Having no scientific knowledge of the sun, the moon and stars, ancient Koreans

divided 28 stars into four constellations, i.e., seven stars in one constellation, and matched an imaginary animal with each constellation—blue dragon in the east, white tiger in the west, phoenix in the south and mythological turtle in the north. They called these animals four guardians and regarded them as gods defending the four directions.

For this reason most of the murals in the old tombs and other structures, as well as artefacts, featured these four guardians.

The murals in the Kangso Three Tombs are the most famous among those found in the country, because they give a lifelike depiction of the imaginary animals. Each having its own characteristics, they look





Perspective drawing of the tomb chamber



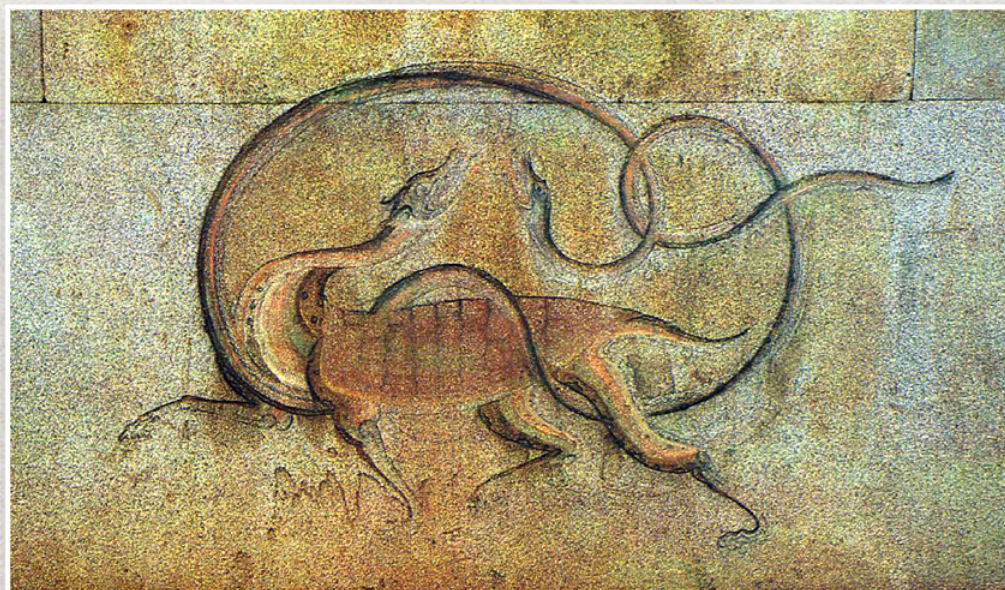
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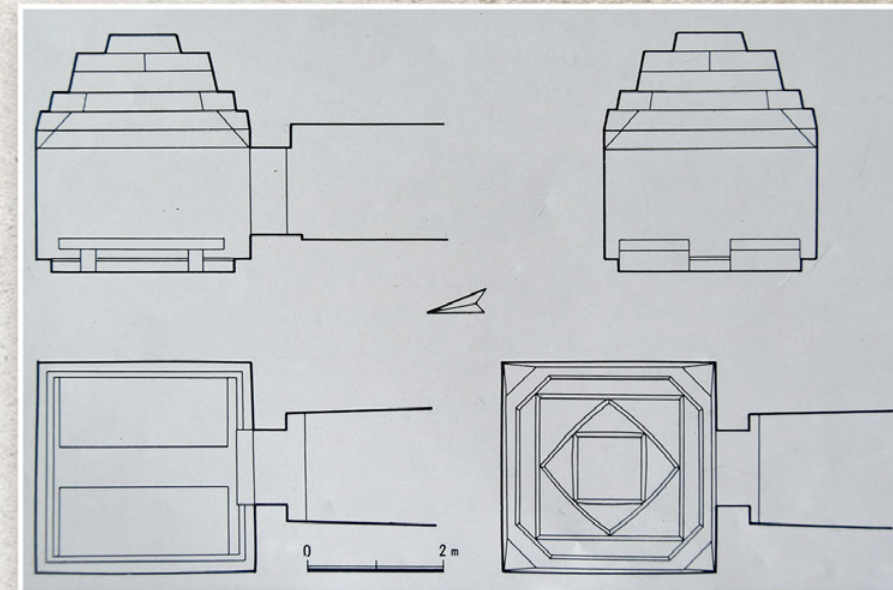
Blue dragon



Phoenix



Mythological turtle



Measured drawing of the tomb chamber

as if they were moving with great stamina. The lively and vigorous brush-strokes and the vivid and smooth colouring show the extraordinary talent of the artists of Koguryo, and they also represent the strong will and enterprising spirit of its people.

For their high level of artistic portrayal,

murals of the four guardians hold an important position in the world history of fine art.

In July 2004, UNESCO inscribed 63 Koguryo mural tombs, including the Kangso Three Tombs, on the World Heritage List as cultural heritage at the 28th session

of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

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