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Decision of Politburo of WPK Central Committee

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On convocation of Eighth Plenum of Eighth WPK Central Committee

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea decides to convene the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK early in June to review the work of the Party and state administrative organs and the implementation of the national economic plans in the first half of 2023 and discuss the policy issues of weighty significance in the development of the Korean revolution.

Politburo of WPK Central Committee

Battle heralds dawn of Korea's liberation

Historic Battle of Pochonbo showed Korea was not dead but alive and both the spirit and heart of Korea were alive.

By Ri Sung Ik PT

People's The Korean Revolutionary Army carried out an assault in Pochon county town in Ryanggang Province (the then Pochonbo, Pochon sub-county, Hyesan County in South Hamgyong Province) on June 4 1937 during the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

Recorded as Pochonbo Battle in history, it was not so large in scale but its historic significance still shines in the history of the Korean people's anti-Japanese war.

After their military occupation of Korea, the Japanese imperialists speeded up the militarization of its economy and increased economic plunder and exploitation as never before while intensifying their fascist repression of the Korean people in order to complete their preparations for the war to invade the Asian continent in the latter half of the 1930s. Korea thus turned into a literal hell and the destiny of the Korean people was at stake.

After making a scientific analysis of the prevailing situation. General Kim Il Sung put forward the policy on the KPRA's offensive operation in the homeland by a large unit and the immediate tasks to realize it at a meeting held in China's Xigang in March 1937.

After advancing into the

River on rafts from the Kouyushui Barrage on the night of June 3, the main force of the KPRA camped on Konjang Hill. When it got dark the following day, they approached the town of Pochonbo to occupy their designated positions respectively.

At 22:00, the army simultaneously started the assault at the signal of a gunshot. The enemies fell dead failing to put up resistance.

Pillars of flames shot up from the Japanese imperialists' repressive apparatus and ruling machines, including the police station and sub-county office, brightening up "Hurrah!" resounded in the streets which had been fraught with groans in agony.

Kim Il Sung, the legendary hero of the anti-Japanese war, made a stirring speech before the masses swaying like a nocturnal sea.

He ardently called on them to staunchly fight for the liberation of the country, saying Korea was not dead but alive and that both the spirit and heart of Korea were alive.

The flames of Pochonbo instilled in the Korean people confidence in national liberation and the news of the Pochonbo Battle amazed Korea and the rest of the world.

It not only hit the headlines of publications of Korea but also those of China and the USSR at that homeland by crossing the Amnok time, and local patriots, fighters for

national independence and many other people from all parts of the country came to Pochonbo to personally step on it.

The Japanese troops who had desperately chased the KPRA in order to make up for their ignominious defeat in the Pochonbo Battle were moved down caught by the protean tactics of the KPRA in the battles on Mt Kouyushui and Jiansanfeng. The enemies suffered another ignominious defeat in the battle on Jiansanfeng, which left so many casualties. Unable to carry all the corpses, they cut the heads them. For fear that the fact would be known to public, they said that they were carrying pumpkins in the

The anecdote of "pumpkin heads" gave the Koreans confidence in victory again in the wake of the Pochonbo Battle.

After the battle, passionate Korean youth from all parts of Korea and overseas ardently volunteered to join the KPRA and the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle of Korea greeted a new age of vitalization.

The Pochonbo Battle, which left an indelible mark on the historic course for the cause of liberating Korea, is significantly commemorated even today and the spirit of that day is being carried on by new generations.

Code mirrors WPK's view on younger generation, future

By Pang Un Ju PT

At the Third Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held in June 2021, General Secretary Kim Jong Un said that there is no more important revolutionary work than bringing up children, the future of the country, to be strong and sound and that it is the most important policy and supreme cherished desire of the Party and state to provide more improved conditions for bringing them up even by investing a huge sum of money.

Recollecting the day when the supply of nourishing foods including dairy products for all the children throughout the country was being formulated as a Party policy, the director of the Law Institute of the Academy of Social Sciences said: "Laws in our country reflect intact the WPK's policies for realizing the people's intentions and demands. The Law of the DPRK on Childcare was adopted at the Sixth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly also by mirroring the childcare policy put forward at the Third Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee."

A paragraph of Article 2 of the childcare law stipulates that the state shall make sure that the system of production and supply of nourishing foods for children is established in a wellorganized way, dairy products and other nourishing foods are supplied to all the children free on a regular basis and the best conditions are provided for bringing them up.

Every penny counted at the time when huge undertakings were being carried on for a fresh victory in socialist construction amid the worldwide spread of Covid-19.

Such world-startling event as adoption of the childcare law unfolded at the hardest time thanks to the WPK's outlook on younger generation and political creed that the deficit suffered by the state for rising generation is not a loss and the more the fund is disbursed for children, the brighter the future of the country will become.

The childcare law is a subsidiary to the Law on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children adopted in 1976 and stipulated the order relating to the production and supply of nutritious foods for

children and the provision of conditions for bringing them up.

After the adoption of the Law on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children, the number of nurseries increased by 4.6 times and that of children attending nurseries by 3.6 times in the DPRK in the 1970s as compared to the 1960s, which meant that the country led the world in the absolute number of nurseries.

Afterwards, laws containing the people-oriented policies at the service of children increased in number with their contents being amended and supplemented. Socialistic policies for children became greater in number and more solid by dint of such statutes as the law on safeguarding women's rights and those on labour protection and education.

Kim Jong Un who carries on the noble love for younger generation of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong II, who spared no money if it were for the good of children calling them as "king" of the country, has put his heart and soul into raising all the Korean children as honourable pillars supporting the future of the country.

On a visit to the Pyongyang Baby Home, the General Secretary said that orphaned children long for affection more than anybody else and suggested raising them well to be bright and honest in place of their parents and making them become pillars of the country by growing up healthily free from the sorrow of parentless children. And at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill, he inspected the newly built nursery and kindergarten and satisfactorily said that they were at a very high level and that the upbringing and education of children would go well as the environment underwent a complete change with excellent childcare conditions

He personally calculated the number of children at nurseries and kindergartens throughout the country and the daily necessary amount of milk and took a special measure to provide them with powdered milk.

Such parental love runs through every provision of the childcare law consisting of four chapters and 61 articles.

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Premier Kim inspects agricultural sector



Premier Kim Tok Hun (second from right) inspects the Jisam Farm in Singye County.

Premier Kim Tok Hun, Political Bureau of the and vice-president of the in this year's farming and advanced

who is also member of Central Committee of the

of the DPRK, inspected the over farming according increase agricultural sector of North to the processes while production. and South Hwanghae positively arousing the provinces and Kaesong revolutionary enthusiasm

of the masses.

disastrous

He stressed the need for

He called for regarding

accompli and steadily

and Jangphung counties the right time and in a and production, true to the decisions of the Seventh harvesting. Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, to learn in phenomena as a fait detail about the immediate farming

perfecting the irrigation system to cope with them, He urged the agricultural to deeply taking thorough measures understand again the for irrigation of crops the Presidium of the Workers' Party of Korea importance of their duty and widely introducing project and take relevant

State Affairs Commission give responsible guidance methods to decisively

meetings discussed the issue for officials Kangnyong, the farms to concentrate organs at all levels to Ongjin, Jangyon, Suan, all efforts on finishing conduct in a sci-tech way Thosan, Singye, Kumchon the rice-transplanting in the farming operations guidance for and other areas, he met qualitative way, manure implementing the Party's workers and tend well earlier crops agricultural policy, the devoting themselves to including wheat, barley issue of pushing ahead the struggle for attaining and potatoes so as to with the work to select and this year's goal of grain maximize their yields and actively introduce seeds make full preparations for suited to the geographical features and climatic conditions according to a weather long-term plan and other

round the construction site for desalting Lake Kangnyong to learn about the problems arising in the

SPA Standing Committee convenes permanent commission meeting

Supreme People's Assembly of to create industrial designs,

deliberated on the issues of of deliberation of industrial amendment and supplementation designs and browsing service general education including the industrial design, vocational data. education, general education Some of the provisions of the education, improvement of and inspection of imports and law on vocational education educational administration and exports before adopting relevant have been amended and environment, qualifications

has specified in a more detailed vocational schools, making of according to educational

way the contents needed teaching plans and programmes, programmes. mass-based industrial design

positively developing training and appointment of practical training.

The meeting tabled and creation, recording of the results has specified in detail the

Standing Committee of the conditions for field activities apparatuses for experiments and more concrete, including those The law on general education role of inspectors, submission, issues arising in strengthening of applications for inspection of of such DPRK laws as on and dissemination of design new definition of the age for inspecting them and guidance compulsory secondary general over their inspection. This has supplemented including those of teachers and organization contribute to ensuring the quality The law on industrial design related to the organization of of education and edification and quantity of such goods and

Some provisions of the law There was a meeting of the industrial design, including the lecturers and the supply of on the inspection of imports permanent commission of the organization and provision of textbooks, school fixtures and and exports have become related to the responsibility and examination and confirmation import-export goods, places for made it possible to enforce a stricter discipline and order in their inspection and thereby

KCU members go on with relay towards Pyongyang

South Hamgyong Province who arrived in Haeiu City of South farms the country to the respected and Nampho City. east coastal region to arrive in Chonnae County of Kangwon Province on May 30.

Officials of local Party and power organs and working people's organizations, working people and schoolchildren warmly greeted and saw off the KCU members along the route.

Members of the letter-relay squad laid baskets of flowers and bouquets and paid homage hearty welcome. to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong II at their statues and mosaic murals depicting their images in relevant regions.

A letter of loyalty-

Children's Union

members across the

country run toward

Pyongyang amid

In another development, and museums in different to the Ninth Congress of the the letter-relay squad running areas and looked round several Korean Children's Union and The letter-relay squad of along the west coastal region industrial establishments and conducted a variety of political took over the letter of loyalty Hwanghae Province on May 30 In the course of letter-relay, the a meeting for boasting of ample of all the KCU members across via South Phyongan Province KCU members held a question- knowledge, high morality and and-answer study contest about strong physique, a meeting for fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un They visited revolutionary the important letter General boasting of native places and



HOME NEWS

Centenarian receives birthday spread from leader

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Yun Chun Ran on her 100th birthday.

She leads a pleasant life in good health at a fine old people's home built thanks to the people-oriented policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

Kim Tu II, chief secretary of the South Phyongan Provincial Committee of the WPK, other officials of the Party and government organs in the province, employees and residents of the old people's home congratulated the centenarian who enjoys all blessings under the warm care of the Workers' Party.

House-moving takes place in Taephyong

The Taephyong area in Pyongyang has been pepped up by house-moving.

Owners of new homes were congratulated by officials of organs of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government in Mangyongdae District and builders.

People danced merrily at each apartment building with each household being filled with delight

The residents who received new flats gratis were overwhelmed by a feeling of deep gratitude to the WPK and the country.

Many young people carry out annual,

Young people throughout the country, who are taking the lead in making a breakthrough for the fulfilment of the five-year plan for national economic development, work hard to carry out their economic plans ahead of

More than 590 young men and women in different economic sectors including coal, light, fishing and timber industries fulfilled their yearly economic plans, while over 5 100 others carried out their half-yearly assignments.

In particular, amid the fierce campaign of learning from and overtaking others and swapping experience in the coal industry sector, over 4 100 young people executed their half-yearly plans earlier than planned.

More than 80 workers carried out their yearly or half-yearly plans at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill, including a worker who was the first to finish her yearly plan in

In the DPRK, all provinces,

L concentrating manpower finished rice-transplanting in and means on finishing the most of their paddy fields. rice-transplanting at the right

By Yun Kyong Il PT

Province, a granary on the even 50 percent.

with rice seedlings. As of May 27, dozens

cities and counties are of farms in the province in a rational way.

Hwanghae their daily plans by 20, 30 or

transplanting by 10 percent the rice-transplanting 1.2

paddies and harrowing and ensuring both the speed and means in a rational way, swing. While pushing ahead arranging labour and means

Rice-transplanting nears completion

Rice-transplantation is going on at the final stage on the Nulsan Farm in Jangyon County, South Hwanghae Province. RODONG SINMUN

Yonan, Unchon and other Many farms in Anak counties are raising the Province are also seething a hundred workteams of related to rice-transplanting County have overfulfilled operating rate of farm rice-seedling transplanters

has overfulfilled the rice- are increasing the results of collective emulation drive.

quality of farm work while thus overfulfilling their daily obtaining spare parts and plans. Those in Chongdan, repairing tractors on the spot. Farms in South Phyongan reported day after day, over the technical requirements

machines like tractors and transplanting in good time. Sukchon and Jungsan and waging a vigorous roles of tractor drivers, water

counties are enhancing the of May 27. With the rice-transplanting controllers, rice-seedling consistently on a daily average, thus times every day by giving underway in the final stage, transplanter operators and importance to ensuring

with the work to finish rice- Phyongsong City and the in any conditions. province finished the ricetransplanting in the main as

North Hwanghae Province carpeting tens of thousands definite precedence to cities, counties and farms of rice seedling suppliers and the quality of the rice- and qualitatively.

the drawing of water into North Phyongan Province are arranging work force and transplanting as it is in full With the news of innovation it that farmers exactly meet

> Farmers of South and North Hamgyong provinces, Nampho City and other rural areas across the country are

Strong and healthy rice seedlings grow

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

year's farming.

are channelling efforts into technological demands in The Janggyo Farm growing robust and healthy line with the characteristics of Kangnam County in

the biggest agricultural paddy field. province of the country, tends seedbeds scientifically in Samchon County cover methods based on a scientific and technologically.

Ongjin County, technical control the temperature in soil composition and weather experts keep up with sci-tech a responsible way under conditions. problems arising in rearing the weather conditions of Similar efforts are rice seedlings and carefully the area where temperature being made by farmers provide efficient technical between day and night.

a responsible way in keeping their growth.

farmers to take an active part increase their role. rowing healthy rice in technical study to master Seedbed keepers keep seedlings is a key advanced methods of growing diary books to manure and matter decisive of a healthy seedlings so as to grow seedlings scientifically apply them to practice while and technologically in Agricultural workers in raising the rice seedlings as keeping with the features of different parts of the country required by scientific and reclaimed tideland.

And they make sure that

The Toksong Farm in in Chongdan County has fast.

Anak County encourages all directed primary efforts to

of varieties of rice plants and Pyongvang South Hwanghae Province, working conditions of every technical guidance over introduction of various Those of the Talchon Farm advanced seedling growing and uncover the vinyl sheets calculation of characteristics On the Jangsong Farm in of rice seedbeds in time and of varieties of paddy rice,

observe their growth to difference is significant at the Ryulsong Farm of Jongphyong County in South Hamgyong Province and the Keepers of rice seedbeds seedlings grow well as Haktong Farm of Kim Chaek manage nutrition and control they apply various nutrient City in North Hamgyong temperature and humidity in solutions in time to meet Province. They manage the nutrition of seedlings to meet with the characteristics of After selecting farmers, the sci-tech demands as they dry-field cold beds, growth who have a high sense of control the temperature of of seedlings and weather responsibility, as keepers of seedbeds and water them, seedbeds, the Maryong Farm now that rice seedlings grow

Dry-field irrigation projects stepped up

per hectare.

By Kim Il Jin PT

ry-field irrigation a plan for introducing drought. projects for this year water sprinkling irrigation South Hwanghae are being pushed methods for much Province has quickly across the DPRK.

on the principle of doing Irrigation facilities were ducts from leaking. up necessary facilities.

field irrigation have been evenly. Fields now under locality. built, relevant ducts laid a water sprinkling system Scores of hectares of dry

Readjusted and reinforced

are created in Sadong with the work to irrigate farming.

District of Pyongyang. hundreds of hectares of The district worked out dry fields much affected by

more areas by using all obtained and installed possibilities and pressed valves and other parts and drew up detailed plans on with its implementation. taken measures to prevent

irrigation projects first for readjusted and reinforced, Jagang Province has including the construction secured plenty of sprayers by drought and pushed the or repair of over ten and other accessories and work to build pumping pumping stations and is striving to grow wheat, stations, lay ducts and set the laying of thousands barley, potato and maize of metres of ducts, thus properly by means of According to information making it possible to water sprinkling or other available, thousands of new minimize damage from methods as required by the pumping stations for dry- drought and grow crops actual conditions of the

and necessary pumping have become able to fields in Usan-ri of Hanggu facilities installed across the remarkably increase output District in Nampho City and the Okto-ri area of North Phyongan Province Ryonggang County have irrigation facilities are in has finished a dry-field been irrigated enough to normal operation in many irrigation project for this ensure high per-hectare

Water sprinkling is done Thaechon County has Other regions, too, in earnest on vegetable employed various irrigation have completed irrigation and wheat fields and methods to make crops projects for this year so favourable conditions for grow more healthily than that they can prove very the growth of the crops ever while pushing ahead effective from early crop

Machine-building industry sticks to readjustment, reinforcement

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Meeting of the Eighth a far-sighted way. Central Committee of the Workers' Party of science and technology Korea set it as the main among employees is carried tasks of economic work for on in an efficient way. In this year, the third one in particular, everyone working implementing the five-year at such base is encouraged plan, to mainly complete to prepare themselves the plan for readjustment as skilled hands capable and reinforcement decided of making any kinds of at the Party Congress, while spare parts flawlessly. In pepping up production in addition, phased plans are overall sectors and units, said implemented to enhance an official of the Ministry of the advanced features of Machine-building Industry.

To this end, it is essential to bases, including machining consolidate the engineering accuracy. bases of machine factories,

Complex and other machine factories and enterprises are reinforcing their engineering Machine Complex works bases by thoroughly relying to readjust and reinforce on science and technology.

viewpoint of regarding such projects for setting up bases as units for simply repairing equipment or increasing the capacity and supplying spare parts, the efficiency of equipment in a are exerting themselves to turn them into strong Electric Cable Factory bases for spurring their own growth by carrying out such Electrical projects as modernization Factory also push ahead and development of new with their readjustment and

the engineering bases with correct methodologies and in

The diffusion of advanced existing facilities in the

Meanwhile, the machinebuilding industry sector steps The Taean Heavy Machine up the expansion of capacity

Breaking from the previous as it carries out the establishments development-oriented way.

> The Pyongyang General and Songchongang Appliances reinforcement projects.



Workers discuss how to finish the custom-built equipment quickly at the Taean Heavy Machine Complex. (above)

A worker carefully examines the quality of product at the Ragwon General Machine Enterprise. (right)



Farm machine-makers step up production

By Yun Kyong Il PT

"It is very urgent and also rural communities. supply a larger number of Complex is fulfilling the mobile corn threshers. Commission.

It is the plan and decision economic sectors. Korea to cover all the farm Machine modern farm machines and Ryangchaek Bearing Factory, spurring the production of make new scenes of doing Huichon Precision Machine tractor parts. farming merrily with the Factory, Anju Insulator

across the country are now keeping the securing of Meanwhile, the secondtheir efforts to produce and ahead of production. rice harvesters and wheat and responsibilities.

The Haeju Farm Machine many farm machine factories.

machine-building industry Tractor-drawn Farm Machine efforts sector are giving precedence Factory are speeding up the made to securing materials after manufacture of rice-seedling mechanize confirming the production transplanters, small rice agriculture according to indices of the farm machines harvesters, combined corn the programme on the rural and their parts to be threshers and other farm preferentially provided to machines, and the Hamhung Tractor-drawn Farm Machine effective to produce and The Taean Heavy Machine Factory the production of

new farm machines in making production plan of farm The Chongjin Tractor agricultural production machines without fail, while Parts Factory is pushing the modern and advanced," said pressing on with the making production of various farm an official of the Agricultural of custom-built equipment machines, while channelling needed for different efforts into the development of motors necessary for the of the Workers' Party of The Ragwon General manufacture of cultivators, Enterprise, and the Haeju and Sariwon fields of the country with Kumsong Tractor Factory, tractor parts factories are

The Kangso Sprayer help of machines unfold in Factory and other units are Factory is turning out the socialist countryside. carrying out their assignments sprayers and vaporizers for Farm machine producers in a qualitative way by dry field irrigation.

making innovations in different parts and materials stage modernization project is being pushed at the Kumsong supply larger numbers of Producers of farm Tractor Factory and the various farm machines and machines and their parts in renovation and modernization their parts, including rice- the agricultural sector are projects at the farm machine seedling transplanters, small endeavouring to fulfil their research institute under the Agricultural Commission and

Establishments in the Factory and Chongjin

_ pushing ahead with of new machines by dint of new lorry. science and technology.

chief engineer.

actively applying science the supporting point of a while the precision and technology and arousing hydraulic setting frame to processing workshop enthusiasm for learning suit the actual conditions, prepares its employees to science and technology in thus succeeding in making become intelligent workers every workplace.

Tasked with making the parts and easily carries them blueprints by themselves its technicians and skilled products.

All are eager to make technological innovation to make dozens of kinds of workers to prepare a wooden

By Kim Il Jin PT

developing and producing lorry, the Jaju lorry sheet take several months, in a various kinds of new-type metal processing workshop little over a month. vehicles. We need several solved one problem after The plate times more materials than another arising in making workshop is stepping up the the previous year," said its the jig by dint of the latest production of various types

engine and transmission, to the processing machine. the core of a new-type lorry, the Jaju lorry engine factory with making wooden-

jigs and equipment and laid pattern good enough to The Sungni General the technical foundations cast several cylinders of Motor Enterprise is for turning out some parts intricate structures in a and tools, which had been reasonable way and find the current production, imported previously, thus out a way to smoothen the improvement of quality of making it possible to meet exterior of the cover for the products and development technical indices for the front of the engine block. Their technical innovation Assigned to make a large- plans enabled them to make "This year our complex sized assembly jig for the dozens of kinds of woodenhas the task of mass- production of the loading pattern making equipment, producing 5-ton lorries and platform of the new-type, which had been thought to

science and technology. In of wheel rims and plate It found out the way in the course of that, it changed springs ahead of schedule, the jig which holds massive who can draw up blueprints of any parts with programs.

Employees of the When it was tasked complex say in unison that when they acquire the latest worked out programs for pattern making equipment science and technology by operating several facilities essential for producing a learning earnestly while out of order and obtained certain engine, the metal working, they can ensure necessary parts to restore mould workshop had only the accuracy of parts and them. Its employees drew a blueprint. Still, it relied on improve the quality of their

increase the production of and evaluating their work. What is noteworthy is that the cities and counties were before, including pine nut tree,

saplings to be planted in secure more saplings of good. The province also works hard mobile communication posts

mass movement to plant

Torth Hwanghae Province

By To Kyong Chol PT

It paid close attention to creating mixed forests in a to generalize good experiences many ways. weather conditions and soil in growth stimulants into the blights and repair of firebreaks. relevant areas, and planting firewood forests a lot.

have been taken to further rangers. It made exact demands covering plants growing under consolidate the material and on them to do their duty with a trees in dozens of hectares of technical foundations of the high sense of responsibility and mountains so as to eliminate the time by enhancing the role of provincial, city and county inspired them to redouble their sources of habitat for harmful fire guards.

tree nurseries to drastically efforts by properly reviewing

Province concentrates on

planting, protecting forests

The province secured many activities among themselves to larch and bamboo-willow.

strengthening the role of forest in the ground all ground

Roads are given facelift

As a result, they raised more saplings of good species than

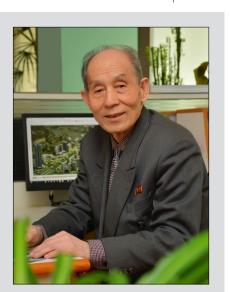
The province made a big effort are good as roadside trees in apparatuses so that they can

rational and far-sighted way, gained in creating forests in line Now it is spring and the fires. taking into full account the with scientific and technical province is effectively pushing symbiotic relations of trees and requirements and introduce ahead with prevention of forest

> Phyongsan and Yonsan Also, it paid due attention to counties scraped up and buried

with the work to find out causes take relevant measures and encouraged to conduct exchange oak, black chokeberry, Korean provides newly established to spread a lot of zelkovas which with enough communication swiftly respond to possible forest

> While intensifying the education and control to make residents strictly keep order in and Thosan counties finished several places in a short span of



All life as designer

By Pak Song Min PT

Paek To Won (pictured), section chief of the design institute under the Paektusan Institute of Architecture, is one of the architects who dedicate their wisdom and enthusiasm to building marvellous monumental structures.

"Looking at 80-year-old section chief Paek To Won, officials and employees of the institute often say that they realize again patriotism depends on mind, not age," said Rim Chang Nam, deputy director of the design institute of the Paektusan Institute of Architecture.

The demobbed soldier graduated from a university and it is nearly 50 years since he began to work at the design institute.

In those days he took part in designing many monumental structures.

He surprised others in designing one project which he undertook soon after graduating from university and contributed to renovating several structures such as the Taedongmun Cinema, East Pyongyang Grand Theatre and Pyongyang Grand

Last year he fully displayed his ability in examining technical designs for dwelling houses of Songhwa Street.

Recently, he examined technical designs for over 40 projects including houses of the new street in the Sopho area of Pyongyang and the Kangdong greenhouse farm in a responsible manner.

My conscience and my patriotism will be verified by the state, people and posterity through my perfect design examination.

This is Paek's invariable attitude in examining designs.

His outstanding ability did not come of its own accord. Whenever he was assigned a task, he worked hard saving every bit of time and read reference books on architecture in his spare time to steadily broaden his knowledge of architecture.

The state awarded high-class state decorations and the title of Merited Designer to the man who has drawn designs all his life.

He was honoured to have a photo session with General Secretary Kim Jong Un during each of the leader's two visits to the institute of architecture.

Now he redoubles his efforts to build more and better monumental structures symbolic of the civilization of the country.

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

he South Phyongan provincial bureau of protection and management intensifies guidance over supply of materials and increased works to dramatically improve preparations made in cities and the proportion of the work done and Sunchon cities planted

the roads in the province. The province set itself the target of completely several road sections last year efforts into the management of Similar efforts are being made transforming this year the to contribute greatly to the roads

Kaechon, Unsan and Pukchang, the region and promoting the Sukchon County maintain and especially the Kangdong- people's convenience in living. Hoechang road.

land and environment the management bureau forces, taken measures for the basis.

It rebuilt and repaired roads leading to Tokchon, economic development of Anju and Sunchon cities and the province.

by machines.

repair roads in charge according By drawing on the experience, to their plans and review and According to its plan, it has organized construction assess their work on a regular

The bureau also channels big ornamentals.

many zelkova trees as street

by other cities and counties of

and county farm machine

station made different kinds of

equipment including conveyor

Roads are rebuilt in

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Songchon County,

South Phyongan Province. JANG KYONG

County channels efforts into river improvement

By Ri Sang II PT

small rivers and streams suffered safely. constantly, not in a makeshift of thousands of cubic metres of Songchongang Machine Factory areas.

Now the county dredges The department of land and

damage from flood every year in The improvement of the mortar on an experimental the past. In that course it learned Songchon River in the Kilbong-basis.

earth on the riverbed.

hese days, Sinhung County different sections of rivers and environment protection and in South Hamgyong streams, carries out banking management in the county belt to help raise the efficiency ⚠ Province makes progress work and covers banks with set an example by laying a of river dredging. stones to protect farmland solid concrete foundation The county with 30 big and from flood and do farming and building a standard embankment with cement

the lesson that it should conduct ri area was a huge project as it. The county committee of around the county town and conservation of forests and rivers had to be dredged to remove tens science and technology, Sinhung Jungphyong-ri and Wondong-ri

Based on the experience, the

county has organized projects for the improvement of several rivers and streams including the sections of the Songchon River

The best things are provided for children

By Ri Sung Ik PT

are regarded as the of children. He said that succession, in accordance of children set up in the country providing them with hearty with his intention to bring Pyongyang's Munsu area. country are now supplied school types. and a huge sum of money meals, warm bed, excellent up orphans well under the The Third Plenary with fresh dairy products is invested to provide them educational conditions responsible care of the Meeting of the Eighth at state expense, despite examined lots of designs with the best things.

Secretary prerequisite for raising They are supplied with the Workers' Party of The General Secretary

generations wonderfully built on the efforts to offer Korean future of the country, to be parent of all the students of own children. President banks of the picturesque children with the best things strong and sound, decided the country. and Orphanage in childcare facilities and spots across the country bringing them up even by satchels,

Central Committee of economic difficulties.

February nine years ago, primary and middle were splendidly renovated investing a huge sum of notebooks, Haebaragi he acquainted himself with schools for orphans were and a special hospital for money. Accordingly, all school things and new To the DPRK children health and living conditions built in provincial seats in the promotion of health the children at nursery and styles of school uniforms are regarded as the of children. He said that succession, in accordance of children set up in kindergarten age across the designed according to

precious instructions and Kim Jong Un warmly them well, and took new clothes, different Korea held in June 2021, pays meticulous attention visited production units embraces and takes necessary measures for nourishing foods and fruits considering that there even to the matters of repeatedly to encourage according to seasons at is no more important uniforms, bags and other the producers to make children of the country, The Pyongyang Baby their homes of happiness. revolutionary work than school supplies with the products with all sincere cherishing the love for Home and Orphanage were Thanks to his untiring to bring up children, the mind of being the caring devotion shown to their

Kim Il Sung and Chairman Taedong River as the in the world as early as on it as the most important. Under his direct resounds with the song cradle of happy life of possible, schoolchildren's policy of the WPK and guidance and great loving. We Are the Happiest in On his visit to the orphaned children in palaces and children's the state to provide more care, schoolchildren were the World, favourite song Pyongyang Baby Home October 2014 and such camps located at scenic improved conditions for supplied with Sonamu of all the children in the

Kyongsang Kindergarten, prestigious early art educational base

By Pang Un Ju PT

in the downtown counting and Korean guidance from four education Pyongyang, Kyongsang language are taught, it has teachers, who give ordinary program Kindergarten is widely dozens of special education education and teach musical (mysterious known among the locals as rooms for teaching children instrument of special study, (animal part) developed a comprehensive early art how to play different rhythm and sight reading. to train the comparable The respected Comrade keeping with characteristics valuable teaching methods matters and phenomena

Kim Jong Un visited the as an early art educational and children's education after remembering the place in May and July 2012 base. after the completion of Graduates

He was satisfied with Gyun Music and Dance faculties of children to use kindergarten. the training of many music University assume a large them in instruction and During the two-year prodigies in the past and proportion of the teaching edification. blessed the happy future of staff of the kindergarten. children who were giving Teachers attach great painstaking search of our kindergarten grow into full play to their talents as importance to selecting teachers are all favoured competent musicians under he praised the efforts of children having an unusual and read by kindergarten the guidance of competent kindergarten teachers.

has become an exemplary Kindergarten teachers say dance teaching material, one throughout the that they attach importance e-textbook 'Kindergarten

of the kindergarten and The children, who passed through songs, e-textbook Kindergarten a few years other environment were the strict selection of 'Close friend' which ago, said that his visit to built distinctively as a space experts, will learn how to was designed to suit the the kindergarten left deep

Pyongyang Kim Won education and intellectual Kang Juk, chief of the

aptitude for music from the children. They include teachers and in excellent Today, the kindergarten nurseries in the city.

improving the intellectual guitar and other musical of children so as to make

Street education rooms where Each child receives themselves, and children's

children's rhythmic to an aptitude for natural English' for easily The exterior and interior music in training talents. acquiring foreign language who visited Kyongsang

instruments according to children understand the musical instruments in Teachers develop analytical faculties of programs names and characteristics from for improving the art of animals," said Ri

"Those developed by the the children of this

The rector of Stockholm Music School of Sweden, and yard of education for play the piano, cello, violin, mind and characteristics impression on him and moment in his music life, adding in admiration that kindergarten.

> In the past several decades, the kindergarten produced many talents like Ma Sin A, Choe Jang Hung, Yu Pyol Mi, Han Su Ryo, Hong Su Ryon and Jo Mi Rae who won special and first prizes at international piano contests.

The children of the kindergarten won the admiration of viewers for the artistic skills they flaunted with oungum trio at the 15th Moscow Meets Friends International Festival in October 2018 and oungum quartet at the 16th international festival in the following year.



Kindergarten in Pothonggang District. JO RYONG / THE

Gifts encourage early art education

By Kil Chung Il PT

In the DPRK the state positive experiences of pays attention to Kyongsang Kindergarten finding out children that made a great deal with natural aptitude for of successes in early art and training them art education and give into reserves of talented children art education in artistes through early line with their individual

Kyongsang, Taedongmun interest of parents. Changgwang Several

early art education units and in flexible rhythm. two years ago, I was Those who play inwardly worried about kayagum, small haegum, musical instruments. But oungum and violin gave the respected Comrade full play to their skills. Kim Jong Un sent dozens "Seeing the remarkably of pianos to the new music developed piano skill of classes of kindergartens my daughter, I was moved including ours as gifts very much," said Kim on the occasion of New Kyong Suk, mother of Ri Year's Day in 2023 as Su Ryon. "I cannot repress if he read our minds," my feeling of gratitude to said An Hye Suk, chief the fatherly Marshal who of Sojang Kindergarten found out and brought in Pothonggang District, into full bloom the bud of

Kindergarten teachers parents had failed to do."

have made painstaking

There are kindergartens Shortly ago, an artistry specializing in art presentation of children education in different belonging to the music places of the capital class took place at the city, in addition to kindergarten amid the

kindergartens which are learning the piano were well known to people as good at hearing and sight early art education units. reading and showed off "When our kindergarten their remarkably improved was chosen as one of the skills with rich emotion

talents of children which

It was attended by the children.

together took place Choe Hui Thae, chairman addressed the meeting.

at the Taesongsan of the Pyongyang Municipal She warmly congratulated

Also present there were Children's Day.

Pleasure Ground on June People's

1 International Children's women in the city.

Committee of the Workers' and other guests.

meeting of children Song Hyang Chun, disabilities director of the Korea and boy Yun Ye Jong and rooters were filled with joy inspiring them with greater overflowed with joy. commemorate Rehabilitation Centre for Hong Ki Ryong with hearing International Children's Children with Disabilities, disabilities performed Day took place at the gym made a speech followed special movements in of extracurricular iuvenile by an artistic performance sports school in Taedonggang and sports and amusement District, Pyongyang, on June games by children with disabilities and kindergarten games were more A scene of an artistic

The children fully

applause from the audience. The sports and amusement

spectacular.

Committee of the Korean displayed their happiness teams formed by mixing Federation for the and talents in the normal and disabled children grew more exciting

They included throwing and teachers of Tongmun through male ensemble and the basketball in the net,

She warmly congratulated will come true under the care games. Committee, children and foreign guests of the respected Comrade Korean children growing up valiantly cheerfully

1 on the occasion of the relevant officials, and who attended the get- Kim Jong Un. 73rd anniversary of June kindergartners, teachers and together on the occasion. As children's songs played such games as house of June 1 International resounded loudly through construction, throwing the fresh air of beautiful Mt the ball in the basket and It was attended by Kim resident diplomatic envoys She hoped that all the Taesong, they held dances jumping over flower-Su Gil, chief secretary of in the DPRK, staff members children would grow and played folk games to decorated rope. the Pyongyang Municipal of missions, foreign women happily with nothing to the tune of songs. Janggu Residing foreign children Meanwhile, similar events

And there were children's

Premier Ri Song Hak, Kim chairwoman of the Central parents, seniors and teachers children won the admiration of friendship

The get-together was enlivened by the ball beautiful dreams and hopes sports and amusement snatching where children tactfully snatched the ball while racking their brains like grown-ups, carrying a ball on the head, holding the wrist of a child, and tug-ofwar in which children are required to pool each other's

envy by studying well (hourglass drum) stunts and and women also attended the were held in provinces to Sun, from childhood, respecting doll dance staged by talented games, deepening the feeling mark the day.



Children's sports and amusement games take place at the Taesongsan Pleasure Ground on June 1. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Children with disabilities meet to celebrate their holiday

Friendly get-together held to mark June 1 International Children's Day

Sung Du, chairman of the Committee of the Socialist and training their bodies of participants,

get- Education Commission, Women's Union of Korea, strong, noting that their

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chairman of the Central Protection of the Disabled, performance. officials concerned, children Those with disabilities with the passage of time. with disabilities, children flaunted their artistic skills

Kindergarten No. 2 in the dance, chorus with drum, catching and bringing fish, and optimism.

The games between two

children

disabilities. WON TONG

confidence that "I can poem reciting and singing. leg-tied race and tug of war The meeting delighted the do" and "We won", and The seven-year-old girl and both the players and children with disabilities, the teachers and parents



Children practise their skills at Kyongsang Kindergarten. KIM YONG CHAN / THE

A baby spends his first birthday amid congratulations by all

By To Kyong Chol PT

ll the Korean people to the top-level emergency by the medics of the Korean know little Jang anti-epidemic system and People's Army who were Ryong Hung. Ryong Hung as his took measures to lock down on duty at the aforesaid His parent birth was unusual. "In our country, a special across the country.

medical system is in force from the Pyongyang Hyang in pregnancy started medicines for 24 hours at on TV to impress the whole congratulation and baby Hospital to to suffer the throes of it pharmacies of the capital city country and for a year after clothes, toys and many provinces and city and ri confinement. hospitals to help women

epidemic prevention system and isolate regions and units pharmacy.

in before the expected date of to stably contain and control

in childbirth. However, hospital at midnight, Yu Un Bang, head of the In May last year the herself just about to give without fail.

Just then, she was saved

Just at that time, Han Mi army medics were supplying the spread of COVID-19 visited and phoned by many for his growth. And the

Though they were strangers Ryong Hung was born in together with her mother- to assistance in childbirth. in-law and her husband's the army medics managed to medics are paying fatherly sister, as his husband is help her in giving birth to the Hyongjesan Ryonghung blind. However, on the way baby with the only thought to the hospital, she found that they should save them

The baby born with the help of the army medics (May 24) was celebrated as a situation, the state took the in the pharmacy was Jang happy event of the villagers most benevolent measures His parents named the

child Ryong Hung after the The news was broadcast

Jang Il Hong, the father of of the village and district, the baby, said, "The army neighbours, friends of his attention to my son's growth and many people regard him as their son and grandson like my family do.

Thus, his first birthday was in the most difficult well as his family.

Even before the first birthday of the child, his then, the baby's home was other things necessary soldier "fathers", officials parents and many strangers attended the birthday celebration to wish him gook luck for the future.

"At that time, though it

and safety unconditionally. Then Ryong Hung was born parents received letters of So he is not merely the baby and our socialist system family and he has now Mi Hyang said repeatedly, expressing her sincere

behalf of her whole family.

Head of neighbourhood unit



chats with a resident of her neighbourhood unit to learn about the living WON TONG CHOL

"Mass sporting activities

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

is not simply a and even officials living in she thought. living unit but a it respect her, saying hello "Mass spo family, said Hong Kum to her first," said Choe are very popular in Chol, vice-chairman of Hye Jong, a resident of the society, giving it a new the Pyongyang Municipal neighbourhood unit. People's Committee. "As All are harmonious in are good occasions for their school performance the eldest daughter-in-law the neighbourhood unit, creating harmony of the and ensures they observe of a large family usually regarding its affairs as their neighbourhood unit," says sound morality to the cares much about the own and pooling efforts to Kim. management and harmony deal with them. Residents She organizes volleyball of her family, heads of say it is ascribable to the and amusement games at the door during the neighbourhood units are devotion and efforts of its on Sundays and holidays, top-level emergency antitheir neighbourhood units work as its head, the uneven numbers of flats or from state policies one after

Residents feel the Because they wondered at first, but now they visiting families several true heart of the eldest whether a young woman take an active part in times a day to look after daughter-in-law in the with a baby could play them, encouraged by the them, we keenly felt the glances full of affection the role of head of the resounding cheers at the benevolence of the country and steps of the heads neighbourhood unit. of neighbourhood units However, their thought "Many families of the which regard and take care who look after the life began to change as they neighbourhood unit did not of the people as Heaven," and housekeeping of the saw her work hard for know each other because recalled Ri Kwang Bok,

neighbourhood unit No. solve the problems in its their acquaintances with 31, Chongnyu-dong No. 2 families, though little, and each other and exhibited neighbourhood unit visit of Taedonggang Distract, today all of its residents the strength of unity her home at any time. Pyongyang, is one of form a large harmonious through the games, finally Because it has become a

"It is not yet four Harmony of the members help and lead good and bad with the years since she started neighbourhood unit leads one another forward," said head of the neighbourhood

neighbourhood unit. But in of the neighbourhood our neighbourhood unit all unit is a gardener who Teighbourhood unit residents, old and young, cultivates the harmony,

to bring happiness to residents expressed doubt floors. about her.

games.

harmony and unity of the they were busy with their an old resident of the Kim Tal Mi. head of neighbourhood unit and to work. But they made neighbourhood unit. family.

working as head of the to that of society and head Kim Song Chol, another unit.

And he told a story.

On the morning of New Year's Day two years ago, greeting cards with different contents were hung on the doors of apartments on every

viewers of the faces of residents on the same floor and which reflected the warm wishes for good health and happiness of all, the residents could know that they were prepared by the head of the neighbourhood unit all night and were very

the neighbourhood unit.

Kim loves children very much. She tidies up the dressing of children lease of life. Sports games entrance, asks them about

by dividing families into epidemic campaign last When Kim began to two teams by even and year, we enjoyed benefits

Residents were hesitant of our neighbourhood unit

becoming a family whose routine for them to share

Innovator couple

By Kil Chung Il PT

Ra Kwan Ho, 44-year-old electrician, and his wife Han Myong both at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, are a couple of innovators and pride of the factory.

It is said that they have been innovators since they fondly. were single.

Ra, a discharged soldier, grew into handy man of wide knowledge and capacity for electricity with his sincere efforts and the assistance of his seniors after being assigned to the factory, contributing to solving many technical problems.

and mild Kwan Ho was appointed to our workshop, I only thought he would only carry out his assignments steadily. But he has done more than that for the factory unassumingly," said workshop manager Ju Sang

sci-tech achievements and of the innovator couple. dozens of original ideas Ra In that course, had come up with greatly overfulfilled her national and modernizing them.

and passionately without and elected deputy to

forward as an innovator.

Myong Hui, she has been Houses District called a very ardent and assiduous "village of patriots". since maidenhood and made "Our couple has been able strenuous efforts to become to become what we are now an innovator like those of not just by our efforts. It is the factory well known thanks to the constant care throughout the country, of the country and factory, including Mun Kang Sun assistance of neighbours and Ri Myong Sun, with and encouragement of

After entering the ranks Han.

of innovators Han came to often see the name of Ra Kwan Ho in the billboard of honour and got familiar with him through the meetings Hui, 42-year-old weaver, arranged by the factory to

> "We came to fall in love with each other with such meetings and billboard as an intermediary," Han recalled

Trust for and understanding of each other lied behind the union between the calm and introspective man and passionate and vivacious

On the day of plighting their troth, Han told Ra to think about marriage once again carefully, because after marriage he would frequently have to do household chores alone. At that Ra only said smilingly, "Watch me."

Since marriage they have remained innovators while helping and caring for each

Kwan Ho's mother also supports his wife actively and the factory gives them According to Ju. several much help blessing the future

contributed to ensuring the plans for decades in some full operation of facilities years to be honoured with the title of Meritorious Person Kwan Ho worked faithfully of Socialist Patriotism the Supreme People's The factory often put him Assembly. And last year, her family was provided with a According to Wi Chun flat in Kyongru-dong in the Gum, a colleague of Han Pothong Riverside Terraced

deep admiration for them. family members," said

JUNE 4 LITERATURE PRIZE nurtures dream for literature

The June 4 Literature Prize winners' works are widely read among people and foster the dream for literature among many readers who

By Ryom Un Gyong PT

rt and literature in ideological and artistic qualities every year. production activities among ordinary working occupation, can receive the people as well as writers in prize if they display wisdom the DPRK.

encouragement through the June 4 Literature of the Writers Union excellent novels, poems literature and display and works of children's talents, as mass literature and dramatic literature, in correspondents and offers Committee of the Writers course annually for a disabled soldier.

took measures for developing fostered the dream for literature production on a creation among mass mass basis on June 4 1977. literature correspondents the prize is awarded to that

those who produced mass literary works excellent

and talents for the production of works with love for

The Central Committee certain period of time.

In the past, the prize

girl lathe operator of the Ryongsong Machine selection of poems "We working people, who created persons, who aspire after popular among the Korean people, was also the winner

producing a poem favoured by readers although he has no legs and an arm, his wife

published in newspapers gave creative lessons, and and magazines or adapted referred to the labour and life in different forms of art and in the DPRK society which Everybody, irrespective of literature including drama are just the poem and song

> Complex who created a prize for a poem singing of will climb Mt Paektu help and lead one another

Among them, there is win the love of people as the name of the Central them an intensive short a special-class honoured they mirror their life into voluminous novels.

Asked about the secret of attributed the success to land, and encourage many Instituted in March 1982 and fired broad masses of grateful mentors including people who love literature to commemorate the day, people with the zeal for writers of the WUK Central to pursue the dream for

Many works have been home for a long period and

station was awarded the noble-minded people who

other ordinary people

Their works are read regularly among the

> feelings I felt when I saw The changing looks of

Many of his poems full of fond memories of the past and optimism about he attended the regular the rosier future were often short training course for carried by magazines and literary production which other publications in the literary circles. They include creative-writing classes and a lyric "Walking along the improved his poems. new street" in which he visualized the happy future of the people while walking night" and "Hwasong area along Songhwa Street today" are widely known to newly built as an ideal street the local people along with of the people, another lyric his name.

people who have turned out for the construction of *shine brilliantly*.

second-stage 10 000 flats on Hwasong Street after the So we are the youth, Young heroes in the era completion of the first-stage

uniform," in which he sang shock brigade members that the more the blue- copy into their pocketbooks colour uniform of the shock and recite his poems written brigade fades, the brighter with lifelike and genuine the future of the country poetic words reflecting the gets, won the first place at mindset of shock brigade the national mass literary members who devote their work prize contest held in vouth to the prosperity of February 2021 and the lyric the country and the life of "Five years of my life" builders.

Winners of mass literary works prize contest increase in number



Literary group members have a heated debate on literary production at the Pyongyang RYU KWANG HYOK / THE

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

labour and emotion of life their life vividly. innovative zeal into all group, Yun wrote a lyric prize contest.

reflecting their minds the first place.

production of 'Unhasu' produced the words of song have wonderfully been built

poem "I am a student of All the prize winners say the emotion and worth Pak Ho Gyun, worker online college" in reflection unanimously that pulsating of working life and the of the heat production of her worthwhile part-time reality is the stage of optimism for better future workshop at the East working life in October creation. Pyongyang Thermal Power 2015 to win third place in Workers of Station, wrote lyrics entitled the national mass literary Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk almost all mass literary "O Power Station, Together work prize contest. In Textile Mill hold a short works. with You" which came third December the same year, poem exhibition at their The in the national lyric prize she brought out eloquent production site as they enthusiasm for the mass speech "Key" by mirroring present diverse forms literary work prize contest Yun Pok Sil, worker of her feeling to bring earlier of poetical works on the is further growing in this the Pyongyang Cosmetics the future by dint of science theme of stories woven significant year that marks Factory, and other and technology at the at their workplace during the 70th anniversary of the literary group members national workers literary production activities.

cosmetics. Though they are "A happy photograph" by along with a new era of rural iterary works created professional writers and reflecting her happiness development. by broad sections of poetesses, their works win with the respected Comrade According to leading working people in popularity among fellow Kim Jong Un in attendance creative officials of the reflection of their creative workers as they present at workplace, thus winning Central Committee of the the second place at the Writers Union of Korea, in the pulsating reality instil

As head of the literary national mass literary work gratitude to all the country's

created many works by work prize contest to take Workers, farmers, Liberation War and the 75th university students, lecturers anniversary of the founding that contribute to the In February 2017, she and many other working of the DPRK.

animation and different forms of literary works on a par with professional writers to contribute to the national mass literary work prize contest which is held Not only citizens of the capital city but also

people produced poem,

agricultural workers send many literary works after receiving modern dwelling houses gratis thanks to the policy of the country in recent years and moving into modern rural houses which left for a new construction site and a poem "On the feats second street" which sang

the the theme running through victory in the Fatherland

policies for the people,

Ko Kuk Song thinks deeply to compose a poem. PAR

Poet of youth shock brigade

finished runner-up at the

similar event held in April

In fact, he was a

plastering master of the

shock brigade and no one

would produce such a large

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

here is a young man called a "poet of shock brigade" in the High-Speed Youth Shock Brigade. His name is Ko had ever thought that he Kuk Song.

number of poems touching structures of the times the hearts of builders. on Changjon, Mirae One day, he heard a poem read by a woman Ryomyong and Songhwa streets and volunteer who wrote it at a at the construction site of first-stage 10 000 flats impressive, he said. From that time he began in the Hwasong area in Pyongyang, he expressed to write the stirring realities his joy and excitement in he saw and what he felt his poems.

from them and read them to "The impulses and his fellows in free time. All the shock brigade the panoramic view of members liked his poems the capital after flying the as they were written flag of completion on the in genuine and simple rooftops of skyscrapers expressions and doubled or and high-rise apartment trebled their assignments, buildings were translated however difficult they into poems one by one. were, reciting his poems.

"I'd never imagined that Pyongyang were a source my poor poems would be of great encouragement to such a great encouragement my literary production," to the fellows," recalled Ko.

Recommended by the Central Committee of the Writers Union of Korea, is run every year to take

Now, his poems such as "The construction site at

Like an annual ring of

We'll fill the sky and land of the spirit of young with creations

To make my country

of the Workers' Party! In particular, selected

poems "Tale of blue A growing number of

Plastic waste, a major contributor to environmental destruction

By Ri Ju Gyong

nvironmental protection is an important and Environment (UNCHE) held responsible undertaking in Stockholm in 1972, the 27th to enhance the beauty of the UN General Assembly raised country's landscape, protect and environmental protection as an is recycled. An estimated 19improve the health of people and issue common to humankind 23 million tons end up in lakes. provide them with more cultured in the same year and decided to

develop rapidly, it emerges as 5, when the UNCHE was held, as the more important issue.

Today, it has arisen not as an issue confined to one country Environment Programme (UNEP) or nation, but a very serious annually organizes events for international issue

the economy and science and of and action for the protection of technology and imbalanced the environment. extraction of natural resources produce various kinds of natural environmental changes such as the destruction of natural environment, desertification of land and Environment Day global warming, threatening the existence, development and future will focus on beating plastic and sustainable substitutes. And of humankind.

For these reasons, it has solutions to plastic pollution. become a world trend today to attach importance to the issue of pollution is a visible threat environmental protection.

adopted at the United Nations

promote international cooperation As society and the economy in this sector and celebrate June World Environment Day.

On that day, the UN health. And discarded or burnt World Environment Day, which The rapid development of encourages worldwide awareness

It is celebrated in over 100

year marks the 50th anniversary of World

World Environment Day 2023 environment-friendly, renewable pollution and will spotlight

The scourge of plastic that impacts every community

According to the resolution around the world.

worldwide, half of which are

Of that, less than 10 per cent rivers and seas annually

Microplastics-tiny particles up to 5mm in diameterfind their way into food, water and air to damage people's lives and single-use plastic harms human health and biodiversity and pollutes every ecosystem from

mountain tops to the ocean floor. For the plastic pollution and its detrimental impacts on health and the environment, scientific and technical activities are dynamically conducted to drastically lower the production and consumption of plastic products and develop it has become a trend to protect people and environment by

In the DPRK all people are

positively encouraging the use of

involved in the movement to More than 400 million tons of create environment-friendly Conference on the Human plastic are produced every year natural scenes and clean and hygienic living environment.

As facilities are set up in all places of the living areas to collect household garbage, clean and cultural environment is maintained and improved.

And sewage and waste water which pollute ecosystem in rivers and seas and destroy environment are purified in a scientific way and supervision and control over it tightened to strictly prevent pollution and eliminate its sources.

All people have turned out for the movement to protect and improve the ecological environment of the country.

The country has undergone a complete change in appearance as it steadily pushes ahead with the planting, protection and management of forests and water control as a mid- and long-term undertaking and state affair.

The author is journalist of the Central Committee of the Nature Conservation Union of

'We should constantly push ahead with afforestation, water conservation'



Deputy department director of the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection

Lethe DPRK, where mountains pushed the work persistently cover most of its territory, which and stubbornly by relying on the has many rivers and streams and strength of the masses. which is bounded by sea on

The reality, in which drought apace throughout the country. and high temperature have repeated and typhoons and floods lesson drawn by them that river have hit the country in succession improvement is useless and the in recent years, throws into relief damage from flood cannot be with coastal construction in a the importance of afforestation prevented without creating and far-sighted and bold way. and water conservation.

The importance was emphasized at major meetings of the Central and typhoon hit the country last straighten and divert waterways, conservation as it is a gigantic Committee of the Workers' Party year. Thacchon and Mundok rearrange the mouth of rivers undertaking requiring huge of Korea, and measures have been counties and some other areas, and protect river structures in labour, funds and time and taken to work out a national long- which have conducted the work a qualitative way to suit the an important matter for the term plan and conserve forests and well, suffered little damage. rivers in a scientific way.

BYWORD

Korea has many mountains

Given that mountains

water conservation constitutes

Provinces, cities and counties effective to take preventive counties including Unsan younger generations.

and rivers.

importance.

Tt is very important to put forward this undertaking conserve forests and rivers in as an important task and have

> At present, afforestation and forest conservation progresses

It is the view of everyone and managing forests.

Though calamities of flood embankments, dig up riverbeds, for afforestation and water

Practice shows that it is very In the past, many cities and prosperity of the country and

True to the intention of the WPK to turn all mountains into green forests, the forest restoration campaign was stepped up on a large scale and to raise the scientific level stubbornly in the past and much in afforestation and water experience and lesson were conservation.

The success will be expanded when we direct big efforts constantly to afforestation and forest conservation while sharing successes and experience and introducing advanced technology.

It is needed to manage rivers and streams well and push ahead

We need to build banks and characteristics of specific areas. people's lives and property, the

measures, rather than dealing with and Kilju counties pushed natural damage after suffering it. river improvement projects in succession according to phased plans to protect farmland and acquire many areas of new land.

At present, it is very important

All undertakings relating to water conservation should be carried out in a scientific way, such as the building of buffer positions based on accurate assessment of water-regulating capacity of rivers and the completion of the irrigation control system. National measures have been taken and ITlevels improved to this end.

A nationwide and all-people campaign should be waged

Forest and water conservation

of the undertaking.

Moreover, the reality in For this reason, the Eighth prevent natural disasters.

with many rivers, forest and weather conditions are getting of Korea and plenary meetings long-range and phased plans severer with the passage of of the WPK Central Committee for it, the DPRK has correctly an undertaking of weighty time highlights the importance stressed the need to channel big implemented them while

account for most of its territory which calamitous abnormal Congress of the Workers' Party After drawing up detailed efforts into the work so as to encouraging all the people to voluntarily take part in it.

OPINION

Japan steeped in national chauvinism

By Song Jong Ho PT

he Japanese authorities are trying to adopt an amendment Let to the immigration control law stipulating discriminative measures on the pretext of strictly inspecting entry and exit of foreigners.

The new amendment will reportedly stipulate that foreigners who repeat the application for refugee more than three times would be sent back to their countries.

With regard to the issue of refugees, international law specifies that repatriation of all the applicants for refugee must be suspended with the tragedy that occurred when Kurds who had been recognized as refugees by the UN standards were forcibly sent back to Turkey and so parents and children were separated from each other in 2005 as an occasion.

The amendment to the immigration control law, a product of national chauvinism, is faced with strong opposition at home and abroad.

On the night of May 12 when the deliberation of the amendment began in the House of Councilors, a rally took place in front of the Diet building in protest against it involving over 4 000 persons and more than 200 000 people signed against it.

A resident who participated in the protest rally said that approval of the amendment is like admitting that foreigners can be sent back or discriminated. He criticized the authorities, saying the provision of meals and medical system for foreigners accommodated in the immigration control facilities saw no improvement even after the death of a

foreign woman. A Sri Lankan, she was dead as she had not received proper medical assistance in a Nagoya immigration control facility in March 2021.

Denouncing the current amendment of the Japanese authorities as a violation of international law, several special rapporteurs of the United Nations Human Rights Council sent a joint letter to demand their correction of the amendment.

However, the Japanese authorities insist on it, a concentrated expression of their ingrained national chauvinism.

There is saying that if you make others shed tears, you will shed your blood.

The Japanese authorities should think deeply about the consequences to be entailed by the national chauvinist policy.

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Russian ambassador to DPRK interviewed by Ria-Novosti

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gave an interview to Ria- In this context of crisis, the stepped up its missile launches, Novosti of Russia on May 24.

He referred to Russia's stand the Workers' Party of Korea and

On the present COVID-19- of sudden outbreak of any fatal related situation in the DPRK and corona sub-variant. That's why follow-up measures, he said:

No COVID-19 case is registered in the DPRK at present. The protecting its population from new outbreak of Omicron sub-variant from May to August last year was successfully overcome thanks to countries, the DPRK is not the great efforts made by the state, hesitant in attributing all the global which is not an exaggeration. difficulties to the US which seeks Military medics played a significant to maintain unipolar world order role. The victory of the economic and completely contain Russia and field was achieved at a high price other countries going against it, the and the population did not suffer ambassador continued:

of highly dangerous sub-variants with Russia in the international in the early period of the pandemic fields and treasuring it. We are very its geopolitical tasks by escalating outbreak and has enforced the grateful for this. strictest emergency anti-epidemic measures, he pointed out:

maintained in all public places.

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Summit held in Hiroshima, Japan,

the Taiwan Strait as well as the

he spokesman for the China-related agenda in a bid to

advancing towards peace, stability peace in the Taiwan Strait, equally

which referred to the situation in and opposition in this regard.

statement issued at the recent G7 its internal affairs.

He commented further as follows: Chinese people.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs tarnish the image of the country,

the complicated global epidemic and make full preparations to ambassador said: situation only as a result of cope with dangerous enemy's ussian Ambassador to the COVID-19. It defines the "global aggression. DPRK Alexandr Matsegora health crisis" as a broader concept. country is keeping an eye on the including the test-fire of newoutbreak of such new infectious type ICBM in mid-April, the reports on his visit to munitions on the emergency anti-epidemic diseases as monkeypox in other ambassador said: measures and steps for bolstering countries. In addition, experts in up defence capabilities taken by the DPRK differ from their foreign ballistic missiles and conducted counterparts in the belief that their tests one after another, because on medium-range and interthe DPRK government, the present future corona sub-variants will be the US is pursuing a hostile policy Korean peninsula situation, the less dangerous than the previous towards the DPRK. north-south relations and other sub-variants. On the contrary, they do not exclude the possibility the DPRK is not hurrying to open diseases of high risk.

Saying that unlike many

The DPRK does not tolerate Noting that the DPRK took a any arbitrary practice of the US, step for complete isolation from pursuing a very independent the outside world at the end of foreign policy. The friends in the invariably pursued for decades that January 2020 to prevent the inroads DPRK are demonstrating solidarity On the other hand, we world.

At present, many restrictions Pyongyang's stand on the situation have been lifted. Schools and of the Korean peninsula. The DPRK has achieved remarkable Korean peninsula situation has mass cultural and sports events are recently been aggravated due to In fact, all series of ballistic and taking place and parks, museums Washington's hostile policy. The cruise missiles were developed DPRK, and the DPRK regards it and libraries were opened. Anyhow, US is deploying strategic attack and dozens of test-fires conducted. as an agreement on the plans for regulations on disinfection and weapons in the southern half of However, the test-fires did not attack on the DPRK, including the body temperature measurement the peninsula while continuing to pose any threat to the Far East and a mask-wearing system are still conduct military drills together region of Russia. The DPRK side with south Korea. The purpose repeatedly made clear that it is Referring to the fact that the of such military moves is clear. strictly abiding by such principle. Russia sincerely hopes that the DPRK has not yet lifted some It is to overthrow the leadership There is no reason that we cannot restrictions, though many countries of the DPRK, occupy its territory trust them. resumed contacts at a considerable and abolish its political system. after the COVID-19 That was why the DPRK had to made strides in the development national unity without any outside pandemic, the ambassador said: take measures for self-defence, of missile programme and interference, the ambassador The DPRK does not regard strengthen its defence potentials strengthening of military force, the added

China denounces G7's interference in

internal affairs and high-handedness

Taiwan is part of China, and

issues of Hong Kong, Xinjiang therefore any issues related to Xinjiang and Tibet pertain to the

and curbing other countries' the forces seeking the "independence infamous tracks in their history and pleased.

G7 is crying aloud for a "world G7, which never fails to talk about the name of "human rights".

by China, G7 insisted on including stability in the Taiwan Strait.

L of China denounced the joint assault it and seriously interfere in and strong capability of the relations and cut-off of supply

and Tibet and picked on China's Taiwan belong to Chinese people's internal affairs of China. China in aiding and abetting economic

and prosperity", but in reality it never utters a single word against the with regard to the issues related to of developed countries interfered

is disturbing the global peace, "independence of Taiwan". This is, Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Tibet, in internal affairs of others and

undermining the regional stability in fact, a tacit consent and support for and reflect seriously on their decided on global issues as they

job and should be addressed by stands firm in its position against blackmail.

On the fact that the DPRK has

Pyongyang has developed new

the border, but gives priority to to overthrow the socio-economic and nuclear programmes.

It should be acknowledged that the munitions industry of the talk successes in the recent decade.

Noting that the DPRK has independently on the principle of

Despite grave concerns voiced will deal a heavy blow to peace and As far as the so-called "economic

No one should underestimate

Chinese people who are committed

China expresses strong discontent to safeguarding the national real "blackmailer" politicizing and

of Taiwan", which, in the long run, human rights records.

Issues related to Hong Kong, trade relations.

the firm determination and will and perpetrates "severance of

sovereignty and territorial integrity. weaponizing the economic and

interference by all outside forces in The spokesman, in conclusion,

G7 should stop picking on China once and for all when a handful

Had there been no everincreasing military, political and forces. Photos of these weapons economic pressure, challenge and interference in its internal affairs, and had there been no direct threat system of the country, there in January 2021, Kim Jong Un, would have been no reason for the general secretary of the WPK, set leadership of the DPRK to map out and implement large-scale missile

The Koreans are not thinking of attacking the US, Japan and south Korea to occupy them and change their political systems. They only a variety of short-range missile want them to be in peace. However, they do not tolerate anything that offends them. That is why it is Washington's hostile line arouses major anxiety and concern. Washington is trying to carry out tension in different parts of the

Leader Kim Jong Un mentioned some aspects of the nuclear weapons programme in the course of various events. Such aspects were industrial establishments. It was reported that nuclear and thermal nuclear warheads to be loaded continental ballistic missiles had already been developed and tested and commissioned for the armed were carried in newspapers, too. Their quantity is unknown and

there exists only speculation.

At the Eighth WPK Congress forth the task for concentrating efforts on the production of tactical nuclear warheads and increasing their quantity in an exponential way. In the last two years, the DPRK has developed and tested carriers capable of carrying tactical payloads. Among them are 600mm super-large multiple rocket launchers, ballistic and cruise missiles to be launched under water and underwater drones. It is difficult to judge the existing productive capacity of the north Korean people, but it is very serious when considering that the leader of the DPRK does not make empty

The result of the south Korean brought a storm of anger to the plan for using nuclear weapons, he

As a neighbour of the DPRK, north and the south of Korea would settle all the existing difficulties

blackmail" is concerned, the US.

which imposes unilateral sanctions

chains" on a large scale, is the

We advise G7 not to engage

underscored that the days are gone

Briefly

President calls for unity

Iranian President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi in a diplomatic meeting on May 27 called for unity of member states of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Accusing Western countries of scheming to foment division and disagreement among OPEC member nations, he said that constructive cooperation is an important factor for the organization to fulfil its duty.

He stressed that Iran would strive to keep developing cooperation with other member states of the organization.

Unity of Africa appealed

On the occasion of the Day of Africa on May 25, Namibian President Hage Geingob called for the unity of the African people to achieve the prosperity of the African continent.

The Day of Africa is an important occasion for them to look back upon the successes made by the Organization of African Unity, the pan-African organization, for the past 60 years, he said.

New state commendation decided

designated the Russia Gagarin Order as a new state The relevant decree of

the Russian President was announced on May 27. According to it, the order is

to be awarded to meritorious persons in the field of space flight, for example, those who have succeeded in manned

It is also awarded to those who have made distinguished achievements in training scientists, technicians and other experts of the field, developing, producing, testing and normally operating rockets and space technical equipment, developing and introducing new technologies and conducting relevant research.

Joint military drill ends

The Sino-Laotian joint military exercise "Friendship Shield-2023" that kicked off at the training ground of a Lao military university on May 11 came to a close on May 26.

At the ceremony, excellent officers and men of the two countries were awarded the certificate of honour and the joint military exercise medal.

State of emergency declared against El Niño

The Peruvian government on May 28 declared a 60-daylong state of emergency in 131 districts of the country as El Niño is imminent.

Accordingly, the national civil defence bureau, Ministry of Public Health and other institutions will take urgent countermeasures to cope with the phenomenon.

NATURE



By **Hwang Jong Ryol** PT

plan goes full steam ahead to list the Mt Packtu Geopark of the DPRK as a UNESCO Global Geopark to satisfy the international aspiration towards preserving the geological heritage of humankind and protecting the ecological environment of the globe.

The Mt Packtu Geopark embraces the mountain 2 750 metres above sea level and the vast Packtu Volcanic Plateau around it. The highest mountain of Korea is also the ancestral mountain of the Korean nation and the sacred mountain of the revolution which is associated with the spirit of the nation and on which the Korean revolution took root.

The Mt Paektu volcano, which erupted violently in the Cenozoic era, has long been the focus of attention of geologists and explorers.

Today, as geo-scientific research gains momentum, the value and significance of study and tourist development of the Mt Paektu volcano and the Paektu lava plateau grow higher and deeper.

Original

The Mt Paektu Geopark is the first of its kind in the DPRK.

Covering an area of 1 326.1km, it is located in the City of Samjiyon of Ryanggang Province in the northern tip of the country. water and the white sands along the shore is surrounded by dense primeval forests stretching far away, presenting spectacular scenery.

The focus of tourism in the Mt Paektu area is the volcanic topography, ecological environment and climatic conditions peculiar to this region.

The geopark zone has rich geological heritage formed by volcanic eruptions.

On top of the Paektusan volcanic body, there is a caldera, which was formed by the collapse of mountain body after the mass pumice eruption during the Millennium Eruption and then filled with water to form Lake

Chon. A high caldera lake in the world, Lake Chon is surrounded by a chain of different high peaks boasting the natural beauty of mountains, presenting unique natural scenery. The highest is Janggun Peak 2 750m above sea level.

Lake Chon and its environs preserve rich geological diversity.

There are hornitos and hot springs inside the caldera and the geological section of laccolith (mushroomshaped rock) in Janggun Peak. The "stem" of laccolith is 5-7 metres wide, its "top" 50-55 metres wide and the laccolith is 34 metres high at the maximum. In addition, you can see carbonized trees and volcanic bombs, which are of great significance in volcanic geology, in different parts of the geopark.

And there are singular rock valleys and rare and fantastic rocks presenting all shapes of articles. The Mt Paektu area has many national natural monuments including Rimyongsu Falls where underground water gushes out all the year round and which do not freeze in winter. Lake Samii consists of three lakes lying side by side and it was formed as a flowing river was blocked by the lava from volcanic eruptions on Mt Paektu. It catches the attention of people for its naturally beautiful ecological environments. The lake with clear water and the white sands along primeval forests stretching far away, presenting spectacular scenery.

Chairman Kim Jong II's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp and Jong II Peak with his name engraved on large rocks are found in Sobaeksu Valley in the Mt Paektu area.

The peak is 1 798 metres above sea level.

The Mt Paektu volcano, consisting of various volcanic bodies, has unique features. It went through the stages of shield volcano and stratified volcano. And it has

passed several stages of magmatic eruption of different chemical composition, from alkali to acid, with two cycles of magmatic alternation. This is a feature of the volcano which is distinctive from several other volcanoes of the world. In the strength of volcanic eruption, it has also been demonstrated that the Mt Paektu area passed the Millennium Eruption, which is one of the strongest volcanic eruptions, like Tambora in Indonesia.

The Mt Paektu Geopark has also unique natural landscape in view of fauna and flora and biodiversity.

Dozens of kinds of indigenous plants and medical plants and hundreds of species of alpine plants grow there, including Betula microphylla Bge and Betula paishanensis Nakai which grow only on Mt Paektu, and a sea of forests stretches far and wide. Hundreds of species of animals also live there. Recently, a freshwater tortoise with yellow ear was discovered on the shore of Lake Chon and rare birds their over the lake.

fly in over the lake. Singular natural phenomena can also be seen there including natural snow ice cave and "inverse waterfall" phenomenon. The sunrise on Mt Paektu, majestic appearance of the peaks on Mt Paektu, blizzards of Paektu, thrilling yet graceful scene of Lake Chon, rhododendron blooming in snow and other phenomena enable you to experience happenings of all four seasons in one place and this can be claimed to be the appeal of the natural landscape peculiar to the mountain.

For these features, Mt Paektu was registered in UNESCO as a world biosphere reserve.

Historical relics and remains are preserved in and around the mountain.

The Monument to the Dragon God of Heavenly Lake (about 1 metre high, 10 centimetres thick and 44-68 centimetres wide and meaning a monument to Dragon God defending Lake Chon on Mt Paektu) built in the early 20th century and other relics show how deeply the Korean nation worshipped Mt Paektu as their ancestral mountain.

The Mt Paektu Geopark attracts a large number of visitors from home and abroad.

International cooperation, joint research

The DPRK and Chinese experts carried out a joint research project to determine the correct age of the Millennium Eruption by dating the rocks and carbonized trees of the Mt Paektu volcano from June to August 2016 and published a research result on the eruption stages of the Mt Paektu volcano in November that year.

Volcanic geologists from the DPRK, China, the UK and other countries undertook research on the Mt Paektu volcano from 2013. A meeting held in London, the UK, on July 12-13 2017 proposed a new plan for joint research on the Mt Paektu volcano. Besides, volcanic geologists in many countries conduct studies on the Mt Paektu volcano and they are considered to be of great significance in enhancing the common knowledge about volcano and improving the education in volcanic geology. In June 2018 a UNESCO delegation visited the DPRK to acquaint itself with the ecological and geological value of the Mt Paektu area and held a technical discussion to register it as a global geopark.

The DPRK applied to UNESCO for registering the Mt Packtu Geopark as global geopark in December 2019.

Sustainable development and prospect

The Mt Paektu Geopark is a matter of great concern of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

The Mt Packtu Nature Reserve was established in the geopark

area by the decision of the DPRK Cabinet and promoted to a special reserve according to a state measure, and a special enterprise was organized for the protection of natural environment in the Mt Paektu area.

All spots of the geopark are strictly protected by different laws including those on the protection of environment, scenic spots and natural monuments.

A series of research projects have been undertaken on geology, geography, ecology, climate and hydrometeorology along with those on history, culture and traditions in the geopark area including Lake Chon.

The geopark management works to promote geological and ecological tourism in combination with the sustainable development of the area, while encouraging local organizations and residents to take an active part in such programmes.

Infrastructures like railways, roads, power supplies and communications are being renovated and facilities for nature conservation and development of tourism, sports and local economy built in a modern style to spur regional development.

The City of Samjiyon has been built as a model modern mountainous city, which serves as an important occasion in developing the Mt Paektu area into a global geopark.

The Mt Paektu Geopark Management Committee and National Tourism Administration conduct vigorous activities to preserve and manage the geopark and develop and operate tourism in cooperation with scientific, educational, cultural and other related institutions and organizations under the supervision of the DPRK National Geopark Committee.

Their work will contribute to attaining the UN 2030 agenda



