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***Nuke for Nuke,
All-out Confrontation for
Head-on Confrontation***

Immutable Will of Workers' Party of Korea

The new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17 travelled up to a maximum altitude of 6 040.9km and flew a distance of 999.2km for 4 135s before accurately landing on the pre-set area in open waters of the East Sea of Korea.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Guides Test Fire of New-type ICBM of DPRK's Strategic Forces





Amid the strict implementation of the top-priority defence-building strategy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government on steadily bolstering up the most powerful and absolute nuclear deterrent the DPRK strategic forces test-fired a new-type ICBM on November 18.

The test fire was conducted under the intolerable condition that the reckless military confrontational moves of the United States and other hostile forces persistently driving the military and political situation on the Korean peninsula to the red line have gone beyond the limit and hypocritical and brigandish sophisms have been justified even in the UN arena to brand the right of a sovereign state to self-defence as provocation in every way.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, guided the test fire on the spot.







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Senior officials of the Party Central Committee watched the test fire in the presence of the General Secretary.

Kim Jong Un was greeted on the spot by leading officials in the defence science research sector and commanding officers of the Red Flag Company.

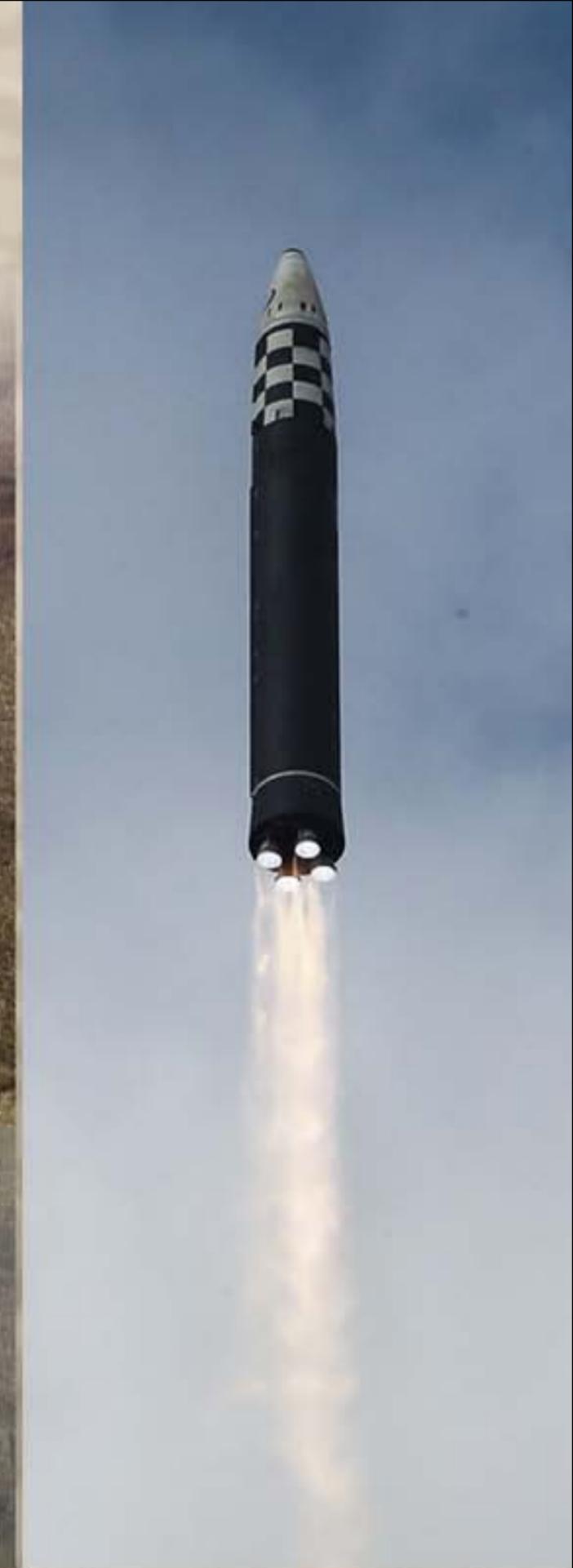
The test fire was aimed at checking the reliability of the weapon system and its operation.

The new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17, launched at Pyongyang International Airport, travelled up to a maximum altitude of 6 040.9km and flew a distance of 999.2km for 4 135s before accurately landing on the pre-set area in open waters of the East Sea of Korea.

The test fire clearly proved the reliability of the new major strategic weapon system to be representative of the DPRK's strategic forces and its powerful combat performance as the strongest strategic

weapon in the world.

Encouraging the successful test fire, Kim Jong Un said he confirmed once again that the nuclear forces of the Republic have





secured another reliable and maximum capacity to contain any nuclear threat.

The recent dangerous situation in which the US and other hostile forces' military threats get ever more undisguised around the DPRK more urgently requires it to substantially accelerate the bolstering of its overwhelming nuclear deterrent, he pointed out.

Stressing the need to show more clear action under the present situation in order to make the US, south Korea and other vassal forces be aware that the military counteractions against the DPRK lead to their self-destruction and they have to reconsider a wise choice to improve their security environment, Kim Jong Un said that our

Party and government should clearly demonstrate their strongest will to retaliate the hysteric aggression war drills by the enemies seeking to destroy peace and stability in the Korean peninsula and the region. Then he stated that the more the US imperialists make a military bluffing in the Korean peninsula and its surrounding area while being engrossed in "strengthened offer of extended deterrent" to their allies and war exercises, the more offensive the DPRK's military counteraction will be.

He solemnly declared that if the enemies continue to pose threats to the DPRK, frequently introducing nuclear strike means, our Party and government will resolutely respond to nukes with nuclear

weapons and to head-on confrontation with all-out confrontation.

Referring once again to our Party's defence-building strategy for steadily bolstering up the nuclear strategic weapons, he urged the defence science research sector to put more vigorous spurs to the development of Juche-based strategic weapons of a Korean style and the ICBM units and all the units for the operation of tactical nukes to intensify their training with high vigilance so as to perfectly discharge their important strategic duty in any situation and at any moment.

All officials and scientists in the sector of the defence science and combatants of the strategic nuclear weapons units vowed to

absolutely worship and remain intensely loyal to Kim Jong Un who came out to the site for the historic major strategic weapon test fire, a crucial milestone in bolstering up the nuclear forces of the DPRK, together with his beloved daughter and wife, to personally guide the whole course of the test fire and warmly encourage them and showed the road of eternal victory, giving greater strength and courage in the dynamic advance for bolstering up the state nuclear strategic forces. And they hardened their determination to accelerate the buildup of the DPRK's powerful strategic forces in the future, too, and seize more tightly the nuclear weapons to defend the Party and the revolution, the country and the people forever.

Photo Session with Contributors to Successful Test Fire of New-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, met with the combatants of the Red Flag Company, the officials, scientists and technicians of the defence science research institute and workers of the munitions factory who made a great contribution to the test fire of Hwasongpho-17 conducted on November 18, and had a photo session of historic significance with them.

When the General Secretary appeared at the photo session venue together with his beloved daughter, all the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!", expressing the highest glory and ardent reverence for him, the outstanding leader of the WPK, state and people who personally blazed a perfect shortcut to the national defence development with his wisest determination and prominent

leadership ability and energetically guided it to reliably defend the brilliant dignity of the Republic with the gigantic event, the completion of the world's strongest strategic weapon.

The General Secretary gave a warm and militant salute of congratulations to the reliable defence soldiers as they proudly launched before the world a gigantic creation made with pure

loyalty, extraordinary mental power and outstanding sci-tech force in the struggle for attaining the grand goal true to the Party's line of building up the national defence and thus convinced the world of daily-growing military supremacy of the DPRK and powerfully demonstrated to the whole world the great might of its nuclear war deterrent.



Saying that he is very grateful to our loyal and patriotic people who have endured all sorts of hardships and rendered absolute support to the cause of the Party whenever its far-reaching great cause of building a powerful army was achieved one by one, he stressed that Hwasongpho-17, an outcome of the people's unconditional support and encouragement, is just a gigantic creation brought by our people with their own efforts, a great entity of strategic strength and the

Korean people's Hwasongpho both in name and reality.

He extended warm thanks to the people who absolutely sympathized with, upheld, encouraged and supported the revolutionary cause of our Party and believed in and prayed for its endless success as ever.

It is the truth taught by history that only when we become the strongest, not the weak, in the present-day world where the strength in

showdown just decides victory, can we defend the present and future of the country and nation, he said, adding that we should consolidate our greatest strength seized firmly with two hands as more absolute and irreversible one, never resting on our laurels, and continue to put spurs to the limitless bolstering of the defence capabilities.

He said with confidence that our self-defence capability would be put on the position of the world's strongest as long as our fighting

goal and determination are clear and there are a large army of defence scientists and technicians intensely loyal to the Party and the courageous munitions workers and the absolute support of our people.

He expressed the expectation and belief that our scientists and technicians in the sector of national defence and the workers in the field of munitions industry, who have always been boundlessly





loyal to their cause, would make a do-or-die struggle in the spirit of unconditional implementation, always mindful of their heavy mission in the advance for achieving the cause of building the state nuclear force in the future, too, and thus expand and bolster up the nuclear war deterrent of the country at an exceptionally rapid speed.

All the participants, who received the great trust and unimaginable

glory of the General Secretary, expressed their deep gratitude to him who repeatedly bestowed on them the privileges envied by the whole country and instilled in them full confidence in the bright future of building the Juche-based national defence. And they hardened their resolve to reliably carry forward the great cause of building the state strategic forces for all ages, burning their hearts with a single mind to repay the privileges and trust shown by him at any cost.





Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un giving guidance at the Amusement Park of Kaeson Youth Park in December 2011

December Recollected with Boundless Yearning

The glorious and ennobling life of Chairman Kim Jong Il was that of a great revolutionary who, upholding the red flag of the revolution, blazed a trail with his iron will and super-human energy, and that of a peerless patriot who devoted his all to his country and people.

Whenever December comes round, the Korean people recollect the career of Chairman Kim Jong Il with boundless yearning for him.

Always placing the people in the first place of his mind and working with devotion for the good of his country and people throughout his life, the Chairman continued his journey for the people in December 2011, the last days of his great life.

On the first Sunday of December he visited the Amusement Park of Kaeson Youth Park at the foot of Moran Hill in Pyongyang.

Though the weather was very freezing, he spent a long time looking round the amusement park and acquainting himself with the operation of the amusement facilities and the restaurants in the park.

Before leaving it, he said earnestly

to the officials there that they should pay close attention not to cause visitors any inconvenience and to perform their mission as the servants of the people.

A few days later the Chairman went on his field guidance trip to South Hamgyong Province.

At that time the doctors repeatedly implored him to be careful of his health until the 25th of the month, and officials, saying





Kim Jong Il looking round a vegetable greenhouse newly built at the Hoesang Area Farm in Hamhung in December 2011

in tears that he was in such a bad condition, tried to dissuade him from going on his trip, but in vain.

On the very day when he arrived at South Hamgyong Province he visited a greenhouse newly built in a farm in Hamhung and then the Hamhung Knitwear Factory.

At the greenhouse he learned about the production and supply of vegetables and

specified the methods of increasing the yield and thus contributing to the diet of the people. At the Hamhung Knitwear Factory he gave important instructions to increase the production of quality knitwear goods by modernizing its machinery and equipment.

On the following days he continued his field guidance tours to the settling pond at the February 8 Vinalon Complex, the then

Songchongang Export Goods Forwarding Company, Hungnam Leather Shoes Factory and other establishments in the province.

When the Chairman was to leave the province after several days of field guidance, the officials of the province earnestly requested him to take care of his health, but he was solicitous about their health instead.

Despite his accumulated mental and



Kim Jong Il at the Hamhung Knitwear Factory in December 2011



Kim Jong Il looking at knitwear products at the Hamhung Knitwear Factory in December 2011

physical fatigue, he visited the Hana Music Information Centre on Thongil Street of Pyongyang on December 15 in the biting cold.

He laboriously looked round the centre and expressed his satisfaction that it was a comprehensive music information centre conducive to the cultural and leisure activities of the people and gave detailed instructions on the issues related with its operation.

Then his guidance trip continued to the Kwangbok Area Supermarket. Feasting his eyes on the consumer goods filled in the supermarket, he said that he felt so warm though it was cold outside, adding that he was very pleased when he had done something for the people.

The following day, December 16, he got on the train and set out on another trip for field guidance, though officials blocked his way desperately.

On the train he went over a document on supplying fish to Pyongyang citizens on the eve of the New Year and took measures to transport the fish. It was 9:13 pm when he ratified the document.

It was the last night of the great life of the Chairman, who burned his heart with ardent love for the beloved people and dedicated his all to them.

The following morning the Chairman passed away on a moving train.

Suffering the greatest loss, the sudden demise of the benevolent father of the nation, all the Korean people shed tears, unable to suppress the heart-breaking sorrow.

December 2011 reflected the career of Chairman Kim Jong Il, peerless patriot, who devoted his all to the people but left nothing for himself.

In December, the Korean people cherish deeper in their hearts the benevolent image of Chairman Kim Jong Il, and harden their resolve to faithfully support the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and build a thriving socialist country of Juche on this land without fail as the Chairman wished.

Text: Kang Su Jong



Kim Jong Il visiting the Songchongang Export Goods Forwarding Company in December 2011



Kim Jong Il visiting the Hungnam Leather Shoes Factory in December 2011



Kim Jong Il looking round the settling pond at the February 8 Vinalon Complex in December 2011



Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un at the Hana Music Information Centre in December 2011



Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un at the Kwangbok Area Supermarket in December 2011





Kim Jong Il visited the Kwangbok Area Supermarket on December 15, 2011, and instructed that it is the unshakeable will and determination of the Party to give best things to its people, adding that the officials should become true servants of the people who think of people and their living first.



Kim Jong Un clarifying the ways and means for laying out the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun as befits the sacred place of the Sun

It was the unanimous wish of the Korean people to venerate the Chairman down through generations.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a firm determination to flawlessly

lay out the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun associated with the careers of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il as befits the supreme sanctuary of Juche, reflecting the ardent feelings of the people.

In 2012 alone he visited the palace on more than 40 occasions to give important instructions concerning its renovation project.

He paid close attention and made

painstaking efforts to lay out in the most magnificent fashion the hall where the Chairman is preserved in his lifetime appearance and the rooms where the national and foreign orders, medals and

honorary titles conferred on the President and the Chairman are exhibited, and display photos showing their revolutionary careers and leadership traits.

Thanks to his ennobling idea and will

the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun was laid out splendidly as the supreme sanctuary of Juche.

Text: Kang Su Jong



Korean people from all walks of life and foreigners visiting the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun



2022

Great National Events Adorn Victorious Year

The year 2022 adorned with epochal events that will go down in the history of the DPRK is drawing to a close.

This year the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were faced with an important task of switching socialist construction definitely to the comprehensive development by implementing without fail the fighting programme set forth at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

The task was weighty and gigantic, and the challenging trials were the harshest-ever in the Republic's 70 odd-year history.

The hostile forces' manoeuvres to check the advance of the DPRK went to extremes, the state of emergency was created owing

to the inroad of malignant virus, and the heavy rainfalls caused severe damages—this was, indeed, a year full of unheard-of difficulties.

However, the DPRK bravely rose above worst difficulties and achieved consecutive successes to be specially recorded in the national history.

Single-hearted unity of the Party and the people, invincibility of Juche Korea, was further consolidated, the law on the DPRK's policy on the nuclear forces was adopted, the top emergency anti-epidemic war ended in victory, and the military parade unparalleled in history was held in splendour.

The Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm, Songhwa Street and other monumental structures representative of the great Kim Jong Un's

era sprang up, and another architectural group began to take shape in Pyongyang, thereby translating cherished desires of the WPK into reality.

The metal, chemical and other key industrial sectors, the pillars of the self-supporting economy, and several fields that have a direct bearing on the people's livelihood registered valuable successes.

Unified command and management over the overall state affairs have been further intensified, socialist characters are being restored, and medium- and long-term prospective undertakings looking forward to several coming decades are planned and progressed, thus laying solid foundations for developing the national economy and promoting the people's wellbeing.

These successes which inspire the sense of pride in the Korean people and strike the world with wonder, never come of their own accord with the passage of time.

They are just the fruition of unexcelled wisdom, great courage, adroit strategy and patriotic devotion of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who shoulders the destiny of his country and people and braves harsh trials and ordeals in the forefront of safeguarding them.

The Editorial Board of Pictorial Korea carries the events of gigantic creation made in 2022 under his revolutionary leadership.

Text: Choe Kwang Ho



Fresh Landmarks in Developing WPK



Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of WPK

February 26–28, 2022

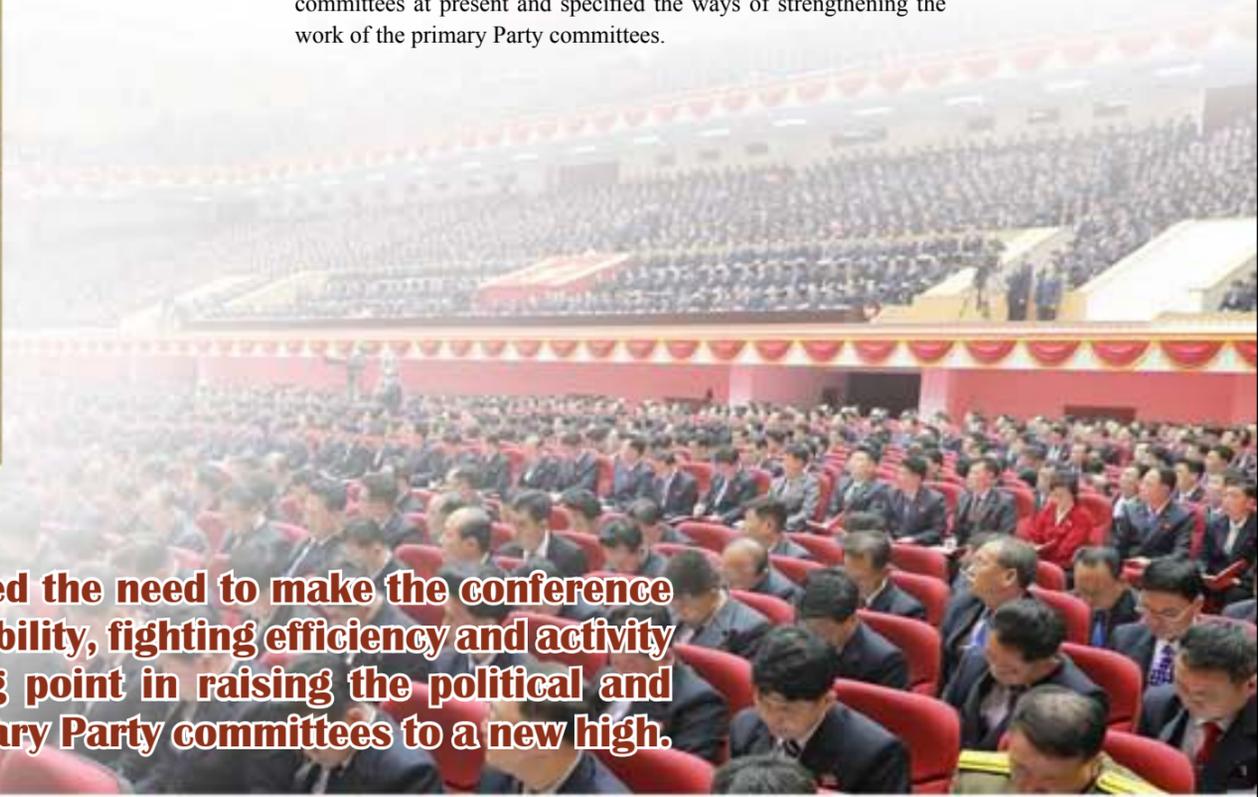
In his opening speech Kim Jong Un underscored the need to make the conference an epochal occasion for boosting the organizing ability, fighting efficiency and activity of every primary Party committee and a turning point in raising the political and practical qualifications of the secretaries of primary Party committees to a new high.

The year 2022 was a significant year that set up epoch-making milestones in accelerating the modelling of the whole Party on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism onto a new higher stage.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, with a clear insight into the demand of the new era which set the work of strengthening the Party as an important affair related with the future of the revolution, energetically guided the work of enhancing the leadership of the Party and the fighting efficiency and activity of the Party organizations.

Kim Jong Un, who attached great importance to the strengthening of primary Party committees, together with the strengthening of Party cells, as one of the two tasks in strengthening the entire Party and directed big efforts into it, convened the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the Workers' Party of Korea, thus providing a turning point in consolidating basic Party organizations.

At the conference he put forward the theory on the role of primary Party organizations, the lower-echelon organizations and main combat units of the Party, and attaching importance to them, declared major tasks facing the chairpersons of primary Party committees at present and specified the ways of strengthening the work of the primary Party committees.





Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of WPK
February 26–28, 2022

Kim Jong Un delivered a concluding speech, entitled *Secretaries of Primary Party Committees Should Become Genuine Political Workers of the Motherly Party*, in which he advanced important tasks facing the secretaries of primary Party committees at present for the successful fulfilment of the sacred mission of the WPK, which exists for the people and serves them, and practical ways for implementing them.



Special Workshop for Officials in Party Life Guidance Sections of Organizational Departments of Party Committees at All Levels of WPK
July 2-6, 2022

In his conclusion that clarified the original idea and theory on the building of Party organizations, Kim Jong Un elucidated the main duty of the officials in the Party life guidance sections and four major principles and six major tasks to be upheld and fulfilled in the Party life organization and guidance.

First Workshop of Officials in Information Field of WPK

March 28-30, 2022

Kim Jong Un sent a letter to those attending the First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the WPK, entitled *On Eliminating Formalism and Bringing About a Fundamental Innovation in the Party's Ideological Work.*

Several grand meetings were organized this year, including the Special Workshop for Officials in the Party Life Guidance Sections of Organizational Departments of Party Committees at All Levels of the WPK and the First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the WPK, which prepared new milestones in innovating the work of guiding units and departments at all level of the Party.

The General Secretary put forward four major principles and six major tasks to be upheld and fulfilled in the Party life organization and guidance, and ideas that Party information workers should become powerful loudspeakers and hi-fi amplifiers, faithfully supporting the Party Central Committee. They serve as the important guidelines that make epochal turning points in imbuing the whole Party and the entire society with the revolutionary idea of the Party Central Committee and also enhancing the militant function and role of the Party organizations.

Thanks to outstanding ideas and wise leadership of the General Secretary, the Party work has been propelled at a clear moment and with dynamic power and the authority and fighting efficiency of the Party in the revolutionary leadership been drastically raised.



Enlarged Meeting of Fifth Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK

June 8-10, 2022

The Enlarged Meeting of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea took place from June 8 to 10, 2022.

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

The plenary meeting discussed organizational matters as its first agenda item.

It discussed the second agenda item "On the interim review of the implementation of major Party and state policies for 2022 and measures."

The Party Central Committee heard, analysed and appraised the reports.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un made a conclusion on the second agenda item.

He first referred to the successes achieved in the aspects of state political activities and management, national development and response to and management of crisis for the past six months.

Appreciating that the buildup of the absolute confidence of all the people in the Party's leadership and policies is, indeed, a valuable political achievement never to be compared with any material assets, he declared the will of the Party Central Committee to lead all state affairs to success so as to powerfully promote a faster development in all fields.

The General Secretary referred to the importance of providing a new veering point in economic guidance and management with the plenary meeting as an occasion and clarified the tasks for thoroughly implementing the economic policies of the Party and the state in the second half of the year.

He placed a special emphasis on having a proper viewpoint on education at present, and stressed the need to steadily direct great efforts to strengthening the national defence capability.

Finishing the conclusion, the General Secretary called for successfully carrying out the plans for this year of great significance by focusing all efforts on them, mindful that the fulfilment of the national economic plan means loyalty towards the Party and the people and devoted service to them.



Kim Jong Un stressed that the purpose and importance of the meeting was to encourage and enlarge the positive achievements made in the struggle for the first half of the year to implement the policies of the Party and the state for 2022 set forth at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee, remedy shortcomings, provide a timely and scientific guarantee for the fulfilment of the colossal tasks for this year and awaken and inspire the entire Party and all the people once again.



The meeting discussed the third agenda item “On the tasks for controlling the current emergency anti-epidemic situation and building the state anti-epidemic capability”.

The General Secretary made a report clarifying the strategic and tactical plans for finally defusing the malignant epidemic crisis, restoring the stability and vigorously promoting the building of the state anti-epidemic capability and its capacity to cope with crisis.

He said that under the current situation in which the state anti-epidemic work entered a new stage of turning into prevention work based on blockade and eradication of the epidemic from the blockade-based prevention after the unexpected serious crisis, the urgent task facing the Party and state is to immediately remedy the shortcomings and evils in the anti-epidemic work and take decisive steps for building up the country’s anti-epidemic capability.



He said that the first half of the year witnessed the accumulation of weighty experience and lessons in the overall state affairs through the efforts for firmly maintaining the struggle orientation to carry out the tasks set forth at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK and dauntlessly overcoming lots of ordeals and crises.



significantly enhance the state anti-epidemic ability.”
 It discussed the fourth agenda item “On amending and supplementing some parts of the Party Rules and the guide to them.”
 General Secretary Kim Jong Un concluded the meeting.
 Saying that the progressive and innovative plans worked out at the enlarged meeting of the plenary meeting are a demonstration of self-confidence, great courage and firm will of the members of the Party central leadership body who bravely respond to the demands of the Party and the revolution without the slightest hesitation despite the unprecedented national crisis, he extended militant greetings of encouragement to them and, through them, to all Party organizations and members.
 The important tasks facing us at present are a supreme order our people gave to the Party and the government, he said,

expressing his expectations and belief that all the members of the Party central leadership body would stand in the van of advancing ranks, deeply aware of their responsible duty before the Party, the revolution, the country and the people, to win brilliant victory on the two fronts of socialist construction and anti-epidemic war.
 The Enlarged Meeting of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK demonstrated once again the revolutionary appearance and indomitable militant spirit of the WPK courageously ushering in a new era of a prosperous and powerful country, a period of comprehensive development of socialism, by dint of the invincible driving force which has been consolidated in the trials with the revolutionary ideas and unified leadership of the Party Central Committee as the lifeline.



He underlined the need to successfully tide over the urgent anti-epidemic crisis and simultaneously push ahead with the building of the state anti-epidemic capacity.
 The enlarged meeting of the plenary meeting, true to the idea and spirit of the important conclusion and report of the General Secretary, had sectional study and consultations for working out scientific measures for thoroughly implementing the fighting

tasks for 2022 assigned by the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.
 The plenary meeting made the final examination of the suggestions brought together and adopted with unanimous approval a resolution on the second agenda item “On adjusting some of the major Party and state policy-oriented tasks for the year 2022” and a resolution on the third agenda item “On taking a decisive measure to



**Meeting of Secretariat of
Central Committee of WPK**

June 12, 2022

The meeting clarified the important strategic party-building idea of the General Secretary on regarding the building of the Party's discipline as the prior important task and major line in the Party building and activities, more firmly consolidating the Party's foundation, improving the revolutionary and militant efficiency in the Party's political activities and polishing, improving and strengthening the Party's role and traits.

The Secretariat of the WPK Central Committee discussed the major tasks to be fulfilled in the Party's immediate activities and its building.

The meeting discussed the issue of scrupulously conducting the organizational and political work to firmly arm the Party organizations at all levels with the spirit of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK and inspire them to implement the Party decisions and of decisively improving the role of the Party organizations in the overall Party and state affairs this year, and assigned relevant revolutionary tasks.

The Secretariat of the WPK Central Committee discussed as an important matter the issue of establishing the traits of firmly maintaining discipline within the Party and waging a more intensive struggle.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un said that it is necessary to prioritize the work for encouraging and raising the high political awareness, fighting spirit, revolutionary style and communist moral traits within the organizations of the whole Party to thoroughly carry forward the nature, mission and duty of the revolutionary party, namely its original features, and develop the fighting efficiency of

the socialist ruling party. He stressed that, to this end, it is essential to push ahead with, as an indispensable priority task, the work to strictly establish the strong habit of observing the rules and discipline of the Party and the supervision work system and rectification system over the execution of the Party's line and policies and embodiment of sound working style and moral life.

Clarified at the meeting was the important strategic party-building idea of the General Secretary on regarding the building of the Party's discipline as its prior important task and major line in the party building and activities, more firmly consolidating the Party's foundation, improving the revolutionary and militant efficiency in the Party's political activities and enhancing, improving and strengthening the Party's role and traits.

The Secretariat of the WPK Central Committee decided to take institutional measures for thoroughly applying the original idea and theory of the General Secretary on building the Party's discipline to the Party work and activities.

The meeting also discussed other major issues of improving the Party inspection and guidance work and stepping up its internal work.





**Enlarged Meeting of Secretariat of
Central Committee of WPK**
June 27, 2022

An enlarged meeting of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held. The meeting discussed important issues related with the Party work, including the issue of improving and readjusting the work system of Party guiding organs at all levels and strengthening their political activities, the issue of reorganizing the structure of some departments of the Party Central Committee, the issue of establishing a new system to strengthen the guidance and assistance in the work

of the provincial Party committees, the issue of improving the rules of the general affairs of the Party and the system of dealing with confidential documents, the issue of intensifying policy-oriented guidance on the work of state and public security, judiciary and prosecution fields and organizing for the present necessary work within this year, the issue of setting up a new study system to improve the political and practical qualifications and work ability of officials in charge of Party organizational affairs at all levels and the issue of prioritizing and intensifying the work of the working people's organizations across the Party.

General secretary Kim Jong Un made an important conclusion on the duties and immediate tasks of the departments of the Party Central Committee and the major principles to be maintained in the Party-wide political activities and the tasks and ways for doing so.



Kim Jong Un gave a historic commemorative lecture, titled, *On the Orientation of the Building of Our Party in the New Era and the Tasks of the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea*, on October 17, 2022.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un visited the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK, the highest institute for training Party cadres, in October and gave a commemorative lecture, titled, *On the Orientation of the Building of Our Party in the New Era and the Tasks of the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea*, which was of great significance.

At the lecture he reviewed the tangible achievement made in last ten years through the combination of thorough succession and fresh innovativeness, and the combination of the strengthening of Party

work for the fulfilment of the immediate revolutionary tasks and the long-term Party building to guarantee the future development of the revolution and put forward the direction of Party building in the new era that became an important milestone in the development of the Party and revolution.

Thanks to the direction of building of the Party in the new era, the lasting foundations were provided to continue the glorious history of the WPK and the avenue of thoroughly consolidating authority of the Party for realizing leadership over state activities and social life

was opened.

His commemorative lecture has consolidated the organizational and ideological foundation of the Party in every way and opened up a bright prospect for vigorously promoting the struggle to further strengthen the WPK into a powerful political General Staff of the revolution, an elite and iron-willed vanguard rank of the revolution and a genuine motherly party. Herein lies deep and important meanings of his lecture.

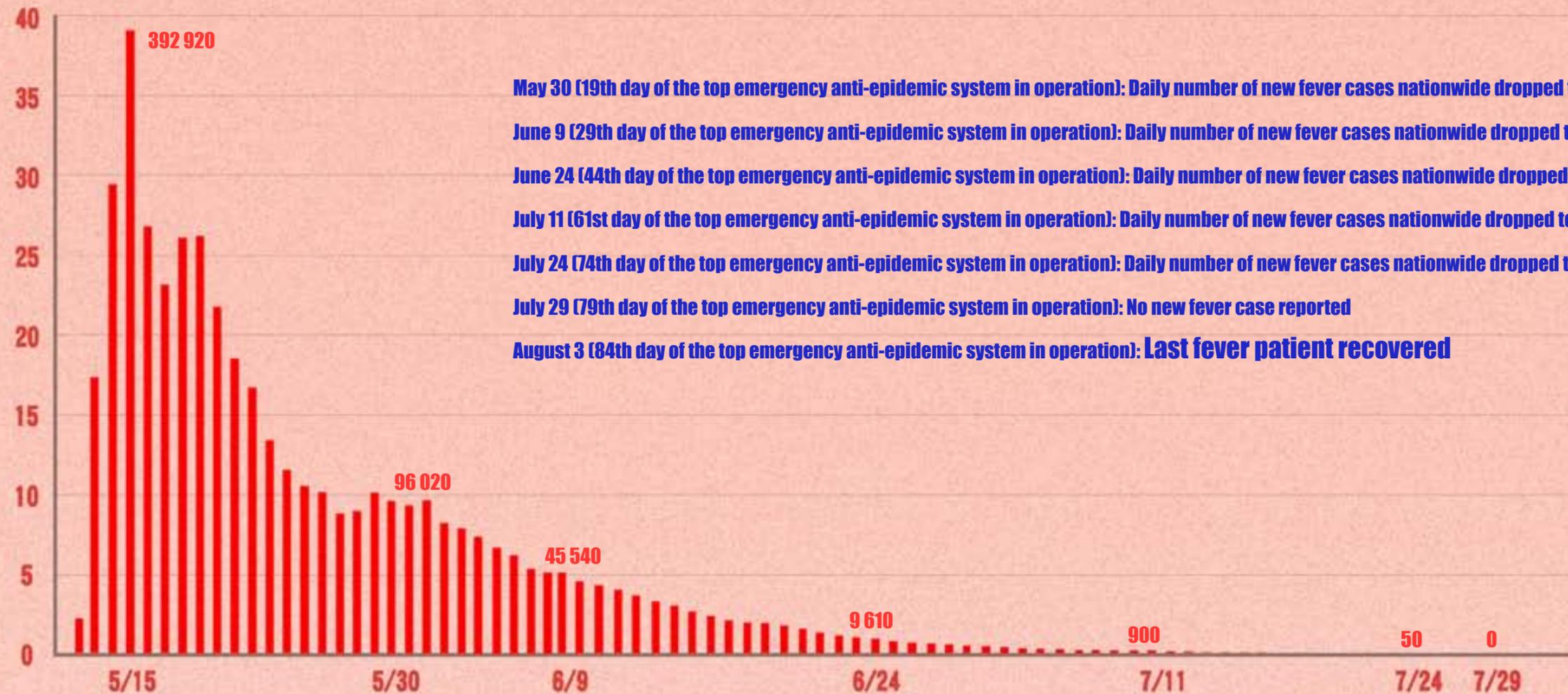
Under the leadership of the General Secretary, the WPK has

courageously waged a continued offensive without a slight delay to turn the worst-ever trial period into a golden age of national power buildup and brought about significant changes on this land.

Consolidating the Party's leadership and combat effectiveness with experienced and skilled political abilities and thus opening up a new golden age of strengthening whole Party—these are brilliant revolutionary achievements the General Secretary has made this year.

Text: Pak Ui Chol

Victorious Anti-epidemic War Unprecedented in World Public Health History



The most serious emergency incident occurred: the malignant virus made inroads into the DPRK, which had established top-class emergency epidemic prevention walls and firmly defended them for over two years since the outbreak of worldwide pandemic.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un convened the Eighth Political Bureau meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK and other important meetings of the Party to specify the principles, tasks and ways to cope with the epidemic crisis.

The state epidemic prevention effort was switched to the top emergency anti-epidemic system, and such measures as strict lockdown by regions and isolation by units were enforced so as to ensure a good chance of winning the anti-epidemic campaign, and the work to stabilize the people's living was conducted vigorously.

The General Secretary visited the pharmacies in Pyongyang Municipality late at night and stressed the need to take strong measures for transporting medicines. And he sent reserve medicines prepared by his family with a fervent prayer that peace and laughter would settle again in all families across the country.

His ardent love and affection for the people ensured that the communist virtues and traits prevailed in the whole country and encouraged all the people to give fuller play to the spirit of resistance and joint efforts to tide over the epidemic crisis as soon as possible.

On the special order of the Central Military Commission of the WPK issued in accordance with the measure taken by the General Secretary, combatants in the medical field of the Korean People's Army were dispatched to the pharmacies in the capital city, and the state reserve medicines were released promptly and supplied

immediately to the people across the country.

Everybody in the country displayed an excellent trait of accepting the anti-epidemic measures of the Party and the state and controlling and helping each other in observing the related regulations and disciplines voluntarily.

During the top emergency anti-epidemic campaign, many public health workers across the country devoted their heart and soul, without leaving their posts 24-7, to locate and treat the fever cases through a strict and intensive screening and examination of the entire population while over 2 400 former public health workers volunteered for this effort, so as to end the war against the malignant virus in the shortest possible date.

The anti-epidemic and public health sectors regulated the anti-epidemic measures flexibly to cope with the worldwide pandemic

situation, developed new testing techniques and expanded testing capacities, established treatment plans according to physical constitutions and features of the Korean people, and took thorough measures to ensure the promptness, correctness, safety and efficiency in the supply of medicines, thus contributing to strictly checking the spread of the epidemic and minimizing the loss of lives.

The epidemic crisis in the country, though the daily number of fever cases recorded over 390 000 at the maximum in the early days of the enforcement of the top emergency anti-epidemic system, was finally quelled in a matter of some 80 days, the fatality rate being 0.0016%, a record low in the world public health circles.

Text: Kim Son Gyong



Eighth Meeting of Political Bureau of Eighth Central Committee of WPK

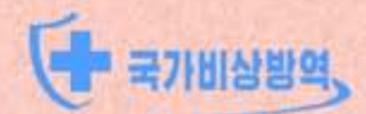
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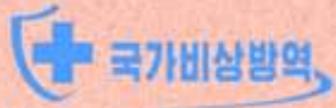
At the meeting attended by General Secretary Kim Jong Un a decision was adopted on switching the state emergency epidemic prevention effort to the top emergency anti-epidemic system to deal with the prevailing crisis.

He set forth the principles to be thoroughly maintained in the emergency anti-epidemic work and tasks to be tackled for it, and called on all the cities and counties of the whole country to thoroughly lock up their areas and organize work and production after closing each working unit, production unit and living unit from each other so as to flawlessly and perfectly block the transmission routes of the virulent virus.

For over 90 days since the outbreak of the most serious state emergency incident in the DPRK, which had prevented the inroads of the malignant virus for two years and three months despite the unprecedented global health crisis, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un clarified principles, tasks and ways to thoroughly cope with the health crisis and visited the sites of the anti-epidemic front to take prompt emergency measures.

During those days he examined 1 772 documents covering 22 956 pages to give guidance to the country's anti-epidemic work.





Visit to State Emergency Epidemic Prevention Headquarters May 12, 2022

At the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters, Kim Jong Un examined the epidemic prevention situation in a day after the state epidemic prevention work was switched over to the top emergency epidemic prevention system and learned about the nationwide spread of COVID-19.

He underlined the need to immediately and thoroughly carry out the articles of the decisions of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee for firmly taking hold of the good chance of winning the anti-epidemic campaign and thus quickly contain the spread of the epidemic.



Coping with the prevailing crisis, the state epidemic prevention work was switched to the top emergency anti-epidemic system, and the public health and epidemic prevention sectors conducted intensive medical checkup and hygienic information activities.



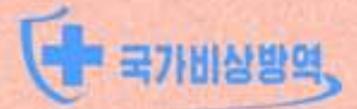


**Consultative Meeting of Political Bureau of Central Committee of WPK
May 14, 2022**

At the consultative meeting General Secretary Kim Jong Un said that virtues and feelings of helping and taking care of one another which prevail in our society in any adversities are the key to and guarantee of great victory in the epidemic prevention campaign, which is more powerful than any latest medical science and technologies, and called upon all the Party organizations to scrupulously conduct the organizational and political work so that our best communist virtues and beautiful traits, which no one on earth can possess or imitate, are given fuller play in the present difficult and rigorous anti-epidemic campaign.

Noting that our Party will bravely discharge its important responsibility and duty and take full responsibility for the security and safety of the country and people by displaying infinite loyalty and devotion, he repeatedly expressed his determination and will to win great victory in the campaign without fail.

He said that he was donating reserve medicines prepared by his family to the Party committee of the headquarters of the WPK Central Committee out of his resolution to always share his destiny with the people and with a fervent prayer that peace and laughter would settle again in all families across the country at an early date and asked the Party committee to send the medicines to a family in difficulty.

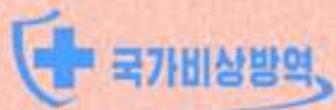


Another Consultative Meeting of Political Bureau of Central Committee of WPK

May 15, 2022

The General Secretary issued a special order of the WPK Central Military Commission for immediately stabilizing the supply of medicines in Pyongyang Municipality by committing the powerful forces of the military medical field of the Korean People's Army.

On the basis of the detailed analysis of the present anti-epidemic situation of the country, he discussed ways for enforcing the anti-epidemic policies more efficiently and indicated the orientation and goal for the immediate struggle.



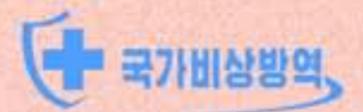
On the special order of the Party Central Committee a strong contingent of medical personnel in the military medical sector of the KPA was urgently committed to the battle for the supply of medicines vital for victory in the anti-epidemic campaign.



Visit to Pharmacies in Pyongyang May 15, 2022

Just after ending the consultative meeting of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, the General Secretary visited pharmacies in Pyongyang Municipality to acquaint himself in detail with what kind of medicines had been supplied to them after the top emergency anti-epidemic system was put into operation, whether medicines had been kept as required by regulations, whether the pharmacies had been turned into a 24-hour service system, whether they held consultations with patients, what kinds of antipyretics and antibiotics they had and what kinds of medicines inhabitants demanded most now and how much they cost.

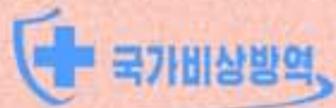
He repeatedly stressed the need to correct the vulnerable points in the medicine supply system and take strong measures for transporting medicines.



Meeting of Presidium of Political Bureau of Central Committee of WPK May 17, 2022

The General Secretary made an important conclusion in regard to the implementation of the Party and state anti-epidemic policy at present, underlining the need to concentrate efforts on the prevention of the spread of the malignant infectious disease and medical treatment for the present under the state emergency anti-epidemic situation and simultaneously push ahead with the material and technological preparations to cope with the future threats and challenges in an all-round way.

Saying that redoubled efforts should be made to stabilize the people's life, he stressed the need to more scrupulously organize the work for providing living conditions and supplying daily necessities and make every effort to meet the inhabitants' demand for medical treatment and ensure the conditions for it as much as possible.

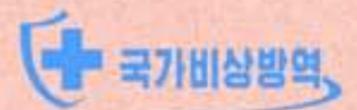




Consultative Meeting of Political Bureau of Central Committee of WPK May 21, 2022

The General Secretary outlined and analysed the results of the anti-epidemic work in the past nine days after the start of the anti-epidemic war, and stressed the important tasks and ways for reliably safeguarding the public health defence line by continuously pushing ahead with the work for containing the spread of the epidemic to the maximum and improving medical treatment of the persons who have fever and are tested positive for the epidemic and by consistently holding fast to the overall anti-epidemic principles and measures taken by the Party.

Saying that the struggle to implement the Party's line for the comprehensive development of socialism should constantly be pushed ahead without interruption together while continuously waging the high-intensity state emergency anti-epidemic campaign, the General Secretary said that the practical guidance teams should be organized with members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee for surveying, according to each region and sector, the execution of the Party and state policies assigned at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

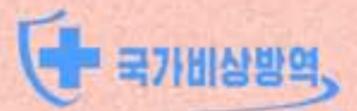




Consultative Meeting of Political Bureau of Central Committee of WPK May 29, 2022

The meeting guided by General Secretary Kim Jong Un made a positive evaluation of the epidemic situation being controlled and improved across the country and discussed the issues of continuously stabilizing and improving the overall anti-epidemic situation while further consolidating the experiences gained in the early period of the anti-epidemic work.

The Political Bureau deliberated on the issue of effectively and promptly coordinating and enforcing the anti-epidemic regulations and guidelines in keeping with the current stable situation as to the epidemic spread.

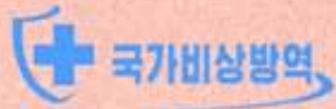


Enlarged Meeting of Fifth Plenary Meeting of Eighth Central Committee of WPK

June 8-10, 2022

The General Secretary made a report clarifying the strategic and tactical plans for finally defusing the malignant epidemic crisis, restoring the stability and vigorously promoting the building of the state anti-epidemic capability and its capacity to cope with crisis.

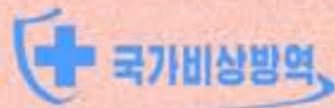
He said that under the current situation in which the state anti-epidemic work entered a new stage of turning into prevention work based on blockade and eradication of the epidemic from the blockade-based prevention after the unexpected serious crisis, the urgent task facing the Party and state is to immediately remedy the shortcomings and evils in the anti-epidemic work and take decisive steps for building up the country's anti-epidemic capability.



Medicines Sent to Haeju City Committee of WPK of South Hwanghae Province

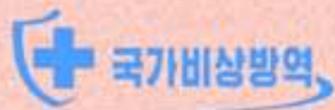
June 15, 2022

Handing the relief medicines prepared by his family over to the Party committee of the headquarters of the WPK Central Committee, General Secretary Kim Jong Un asked it to send them to the Haeju City Party Committee and make sure that the city Party committee concretely grasps the households suffering from the epidemic and hands the medicines over to them as soon as possible to contribute to their treatment even a little.





The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a speech, entitled *Let Us Guarantee More Reliably the Safety of the State and People by Following up the Successes We Have Achieved in the Anti-epidemic War*, at the National Meeting of Reviewing the Emergency Anti-epidemic Work on August 10, 2022.





Invincible Military Power ***Prepared with Confidence in Victory***

Successful Development of New-generation Juche-oriented Weapons



From the beginning of this year, the national defence industry of the DPRK clearly demonstrated its progress through consecutive successes achieved in the development of new-generation Juche-oriented weapons.

Thanks to the successes in the two rounds of test fire of hypersonic missiles last January, the most important strategic task out of the five core tasks included in the five-year plan for increasing national defence capability set forth at the Eighth Party Congress, was carried out.

The test launch of the new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17 was carried out in March.

The emergence of the new strategic weapon made the whole world clearly aware of the power of the DPRK's strategic armed forces once again, and the event served as an occasion for convincing it of the modern feature of the strategic forces of the Republic and further consolidating the foundation of guarantee for and confidence in security of the state based on it.

And last October the test fire of the long-range strategic cruise missile deployed at the units of the Korean People's Army for the operation of tactical nukes proved the correctness, technical advantages and actual war efficiency of the overall weapon system.

The strategic weapons that soared into the space sent stern warnings to the enemy who constantly threatens peace and security in the Korean peninsula and resorts to reckless war games, and demonstrated to the full that WPK's decision is its materialization and the potential of the Juche-oriented defence industry is inexhaustible.

Text: Pak Ui Chol



Test Fire of Hypersonic Missiles
January 5, 2022

GREAT SUCCESS
in the field of hypersonic weapon development which is of most important strategic significance out of the five core tasks that are included in the five-year plan for increasing national defence capability set forth at the Eighth Party Congress



Another Manifestation of Brilliant Exploits of WPK in Leading Juche-oriented Defence Industry

January 11, 2022



Kim Jong Un overseeing the test fire of hypersonic missile

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, inspected the test fire of hypersonic missile conducted by the Academy of Defence Science on January 11.

The test launch was aimed at the final verification of overall technical specifications of the developed hypersonic weapon system.

The hypersonic glide vehicle, after being separated from the missile, made glide jump flight from the 600km area before making a 240km corkscrew manoeuvring from the initial launch azimuth to the target azimuth and hitting the set target in the waters 1 000km off.

The superior manoeuvrability of the hypersonic glide vehicle was more strikingly verified through the final test fire.



Firing Drill for Checking and Judging Actual War Capacity of Mobile Railway Missile Regiment

January 14, 2022

The mobile railway missile regiment of North Phyongan Province struck the set target in the East Sea of Korea with two tactical guided missiles on January 14.

The review highly appreciated the combat posture of the regiment and discussed ways to set up a proper railway-borne missile operating system across the country and further perfect the war tactics with railway-borne missiles.

Tactical Guided Missiles Test-Fired for Check

January 17, 2022

The test fire was aimed at selectively evaluating tactical guided missiles being produced and deployed and verifying the accuracy of the weapon system.

Two tactical guided missiles launched in the western area of the country precisely hit the target island in the East Sea of Korea.

The Academy of Defence Science confirmed the accuracy, safety and operational effectiveness of the weapon system under production.

Academy of Defence Science Conducts Test Fire of Important Weapons

January 25 and 27, 2022

The Academy of Defence Science of the DPRK conducted the test fires of important weapons on January 25 and 27 respectively.

In the test fire for updating the long-range cruise missile system conducted on January 25, two long-range cruise missiles flew for 9 137s along the flight trajectory over the East Sea of Korea to hit the target island 1 800km away from the launch site.

The practical combat performance of the long-range cruise missile system would hold a reliable share in boosting the war deterrent of the country.

The test fire for confirming the power of conventional warhead for the surface-to-surface tactical guided missile was conducted on January 27, and two tactical guided missiles precisely hit the target island, proving that the explosive power of the conventional warhead complies with the design requirements.



Evaluation Test Fire of Hwasong 12 Ground-to-ground Ballistic Missile

January 30, 2022



An evaluation test fire of Hwasong 12 ground-to-ground intermediate- and long-range ballistic missile was conducted on January 30 under a plan of the Academy of Defence Science, the Second Economy Commission and other institutions concerned.

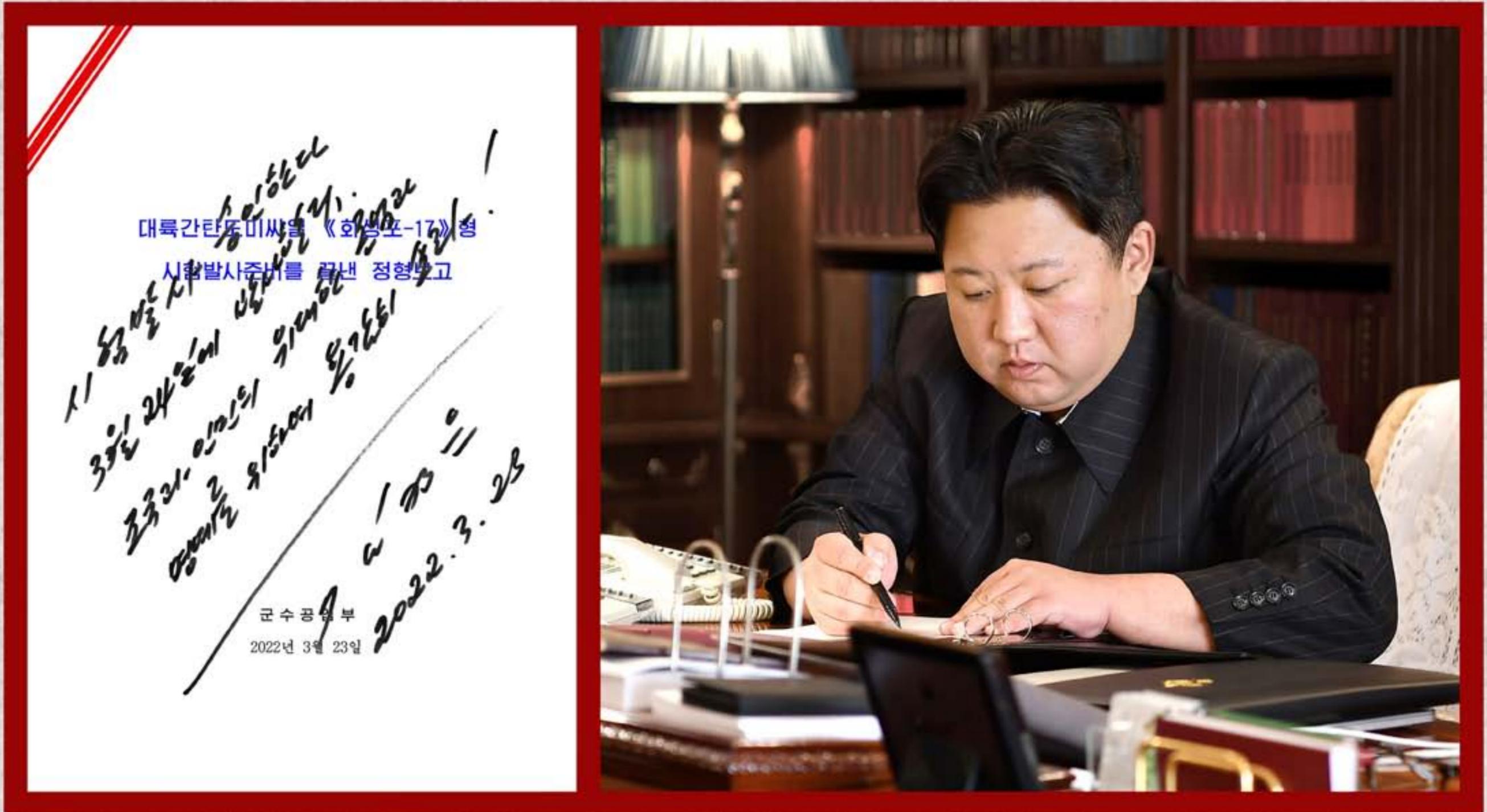
It was aimed at selectively evaluating the missile being produced and deployed and verifying the overall accuracy of the weapon system.

It was conducted by the highest-angle launch system from the northwestern part of the country toward the waters of the East Sea of Korea in consideration of the security of neighbouring countries.

The Academy of Defence Science confirmed the accuracy, safety and operational effectiveness of the Hwasong 12 weapon system under production.



Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of WPK, President of State Affairs of DPRK and Supreme Commander of Armed Forces of DPRK, Issues Order to Conduct Test Launch of New-type ICBM





Kim Jong Un overseeing the test launch of the new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17

The test launch of a new-type intercontinental ballistic missile Hwasongpho-17 of the DPRK strategic forces was conducted on March 24, 2022 under the direct guidance of Kim Jong Un.

The test launch was carried out in a vertical launch mode in consideration of the security of neighbouring countries.

The missile, launched at Pyongyang International Airport, travelled up to a maximum altitude of 6 248.5km and flew a distance of 1 090km for 4 052s before accurately hitting the pre-set area in open waters of the East Sea of Korea.

The test launch clearly proved that all the parameters of the weapon system exactly met the design requirements and that its prompt operation can be guaranteed scientifically, technically and practically under wartime environment and conditions.

**New-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17
Test-launched
March 24, 2022**



Test Fire of New-type Tactical Guided Weapon

April 16, 2022



Kim Jong Un overseeing the test fire of new-type tactical guided weapon

The new-type tactical guided weapon system developed under special attention of the Party Central Committee is of great significance in drastically improving the firepower of the frontline long-range artillery units and enhancing the efficiency in the operation of tactical nukes of the DPRK and diversification of their firepower missions.

Ballistic Missile Launching Drill Takes Place at Silo under Reservoir

September 25, 2022



Kim Jong Un guiding the launching drill

A ballistic missile launching drill in the simulation of loading tactical nuclear warheads took place at a silo under a reservoir in the northwestern part of the DPRK at dawn of September 25.

The tactical ballistic missile flew to the air above the set target on the East Sea of Korea along the appointed orbit, and the reliability of warhead exploding was clearly proved at the set altitude.



Kim Jong Un inspecting the launch of a new-type ground-to-ground intermediate- and long-range ballistic missile

New-type Ground-to-ground Intermediate- and Long-range Ballistic Missile Launched

October 4, 2022

The Central Military Commission of the WPK adopted a decision to send a more powerful and clear warning to the enemies in order to cope with the unstable situation on the Korean peninsula, and took a measure to hit the set water area in the Pacific 4 500 kilometres away across the Japanese archipelago with a new-type ground-to-ground intermediate- and long-range ballistic missile on October 4.







Kim Jong Un guiding the test fire of long-range strategic cruise missiles

Test Fire of Long-range Strategic Cruise Missiles

October 12, 2022

Two long-range strategic cruise missiles flew for 10 234s along oval and pattern-8 flight orbits in the sky above the West Sea of Korea and clearly hit the target 2 000km away.

The successful test fire clearly proved the correctness, technical advantages and actual war efficiency of the overall weapon system.





Kim Jong Un guiding the test fire of a new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17

New-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17 Test-fired

November 18, 2022

Greatest Power of Juche Korea Demonstrated

- **Military Parade Displays Overall National Power**
- **Adoption of Law on State Nuclear Forces Policy Consolidates Absolute Position of DPRK**
- **Day of Sun and Day of Shining Star Celebrated as Greatest National Holidays**
- **69th Anniversary of Great War Victory Celebrated with Infinite Dignity of Heroic Korea and Heroic People**
- **74th Founding Anniversary of DPRK Celebrated in Splendour**
- **Integral Whole Formed with Feelings of Kinship**



Military Parade

Displays Overall National Power





Kim Jong Un acknowledging the military paraders in April 2022

A grand military parade to be specially recorded in the history of the DPRK was held at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on April 25, marking the 90th founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

The military parade began with a magnificent demonstration of skills by the paratroopers who landed on the square, fluttering a large national flag. And the ceremonial entrance of the combined military band revved up the celebration atmosphere.

Parade columns that proudly entered the square to the tune of the grand parade orchestral music for victory were filled with

the pride in defending the security of the country and the people.

Columns of cutting-edge military hardware on standby along the avenues to the square showed well the appearance of the armed forces of the DPRK that have dramatically developed from the first armed group of Koreans who declared death-defying resistance against aggressors with only 100-odd rifles on the day 90 years ago.

As the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un took the tribune of the square amid the playing of the welcome music, the whole square rocked with thunderous cheers of paraders and spectators.





The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a celebration speech.

Hearing his touching speech, all the participants burst into stormy cheers with high national pride in having the peerlessly brilliant commander and the high glory of having the revolutionary armed forces, feeling very proud of the mightiness of the Republic and being fully convinced of its eternal prosperity.

After preparations for the parade were reviewed, the columns of the armed forces of the DPRK began marching, chanting "Hurrah!" for the iron-willed commander, who ushers in a great golden age of bolstering military muscle of the country.



Then the flight parade of the KPA Air Force began.

Air squadrons in formations depicting the five-pointed star and laurels flew past the sky above the square while letting off fireworks to brighten the sky.

The spectators raised cheers, feasting their eyes on them making minimum-altitude flights and displaying such aeronautics as zooming.

Amid the endless expression of trust in the heroic KPA, the columns of mechanized units began their advance.

Iron-clad ranks that have developed into invincible, matchless groups under the care of the gifted military strategist and peerlessly illustrious commander appeared at the square.

The spectators raised enthusiastic cheers, admiring the absolute weaponry that vividly reflects the appearance of the Republic as an advanced, modern, heroic and brave country.

The moment the giant ICBM Hwasongpho-17 which soared into the sky in March to demonstrate the absolute power of Juche Korea and the strategic position of the DPRK to the world appeared in the square, the whole venue turned into a scene of excitement and delight.

The most powerful weapons in the world that represent the great strength eternally guaranteeing the future of the country and the nation rolling past the square fully demonstrated the unshakable faith and will of the WPK and people to more dynamically and more vigorously accelerate the continued development of the capabilities for self-defence and war deterrent.

The military parade for celebrating the 90th anniversary of the KPRA served as an event of great significance that demonstrated once again the invincibility, mightiness and radical development of the armed forces of the DPRK and marked a historic occasion for greatly encouraging the Korean people in their heroic struggle for adding glory to the great era of Kim Jong Un and a new era of building a prosperous and powerful nation.

Text: Ri Jin Bom

Combat pilots leaving the trails over the square with minimum-altitude flights and zooming





Kim Jong Un acknowledging the mechanized columns in April 2022



The absolute weaponry vividly representing the appearance of the DPRK as an advanced, modern, heroic and brave country





ICBM Hwasongpho-17 which soared into the sky on March 24, 2022 to demonstrate the absolute power of Juche Korea and the strategic position of the DPRK to the world entering Kim Il Sung Square



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Adoption of Law on State Nuclear Forces Policy Consolidates Absolute Position of DPRK





Kim Jong Un delivering a policy speech at the Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK in September 2022

On September 8 the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK confirmed that it is a lawful demand of the current situation and development of the nuclear forces of the Republic to make the nuclear forces, the mainstay of the state defence capability, fulfil their important mission in a responsible way by legalizing the state policy on the nuclear forces. And it adopted with unanimous approval the Law of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK "On the DPRK's Policy on Nuclear Forces," that is of great significance for the existence and development of the Republic by reflecting the unanimous will of all the people of the country.

That the nuclear forces of the Republic would responsibly perform their important mission to contain grave political and military provocations against the state by the hostile forces and to put their prospective threats under control is clarified in the law of the state.

From the early days of its founding, the DPRK had been under the nuclear threat by the United States, the first country to use nuclear weapons and the largest nuclear power in the world. However, the Republic, as a citadel of the anti-imperialist struggle and a fortress of socialism, resolutely promoted the construction of a self-reliant national defence capability according to its own timetable in the face of intervention and pressures by the hostile force of all hues.

By doing so, it put an end to the era when the US imperialists unilaterally imposed nuclear threat.

The adoption of the law on the policy of the nuclear forces achieved another important historic cause of establishing a political and institutional mechanism for definitely guaranteeing the eternal

security of the Republic and its people as well as the distant future.

The government of the DPRK has drawn the line of no retreat so that the hostile forces can no longer bargain over its nuke.

It has also made its peace-loving stand and its policy of the state nuclear forces more transparent and justifiable.

The current law on the policy of the Republic's nuclear forces clearly stipulates detailed provisions, such as the mission and composition of the nuclear forces, control and command over them, principles and conditions for their use, and their safe maintenance and protection.

It shows that the Republic's nuclear forces exist and will come into use to defend its territory, people and self-respect and global peace and security, and not to pursue intervention in the internal affairs of other nations or hegemony. Accordingly, they in no way pose any threat to those nations and peoples that are friendly to it and desirous of peace.

With the adoption of the law, the position of the DPRK as a responsible nuclear power, a dignified independent and powerful country, has become irreversible.

The promulgation of the law clearly demonstrated the independent determination of the DPRK government to firmly safeguard the fundamental interests of the revolution and security of its people and its steadfast will to defend the sovereignty and interests of the state, and it was also a significant event that provided a reliable legal weapon in ensuring peace and prosperity on the Korean peninsula, in the region and of the world.

Text: Ri Jin Bom



Law of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK "On the DPRK's Policy on Nuclear Forces" adopted with unanimous approval



Day of Sun and Day of Shining Star Celebrated as Greatest National Holidays



Kim Jong Un attending the national meeting and public procession of Pyongyang citizens held to mark the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung in April 2022

April 15

110th Birth Anniversary of President Kim Il Sung Celebrated in Splendour

This year marked the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung and 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il, eternal leaders of the Korean people and the incarnation of socialist Korea and the Sun of Juche.

The Korean people celebrated with great delight and excitement the Day of the Sun and the Day of the Shining Star, birth anniversaries of the great leaders, as the most auspicious holidays.

The whole country was pervaded with boundless reverence for the President and the Chairman, who regarded “The people are my God” as their motto, devoted their whole life to the people and led the socialist cause along an ever-victorious road.

Marking the auspicious national holidays, an endless stream of visitors flowed to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme sanctuary of Juche, where the President and the Chairman are preserved in their lifetime appearances.

The visitors recollected with deep emotion sacred revolutionary careers and immortal achievements of the great leaders who exalted to the world the dignity and might of the country and nation by holding aloft the red flag of revolution.







Grand art performance “Song of Eternal Sun” and grand gala evening of youth and students took place in celebration of the Day of the Sun

February 16

80th Birth Anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il Celebrated Grandly

Working people, service personnel and youth and students visited their bronze statues and beaming portraits on Mansu Hill and in other parts of the country to pay highest tribute to them.

Colourful events took place in celebration of the holidays.

The artistic performances held in the capital city of Pyongyang and every province fully demonstrated the single mind of the Korean people to closely rally behind the great Party Central Committee and advance forward full of confidence, singing more loudly the songs of reverence and praise for the great leaders.

And youth and students and other working people across the country held dancing parties and evening galas, reflecting their ardent yearning for the President and the Chairman.

The Day of the Sun and the Day of the Shining Star served as important occasions for displaying the Korean people's high enthusiasm to carry forward to completion the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered and led by Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Text: Kim Son Gyong



Kim Jong Un attending the national meeting to commemorate the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il held in Samjiyon, the holy land of revolution, in February 2022





Fireworks display in celebration of the Day of the Shining Star was held in Samjiyon.

The extravagant fireworks display in the sacred place of revolution, where Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp is situated, added the festive mood to the greatest national holiday.

Grand performance “Shine, Jong Il Peak” in celebration of the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il was staged, winning great acclaim of Pyongyang citizens.

The performance that portrayed the revolutionary career of the Chairman impressively in an ideological and artistic way added more significance to the holiday.



Colourful events held to celebrate Day of Shining Star



2022

Greatest Power of Juche Korea



69th Anniversary of Great War Victory Celebrated with Infinite Dignity of Heroic Korea and Heroic People





Kim Jong Un enjoying the artistic performance to celebrate the 69th anniversary of great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War in July 2022



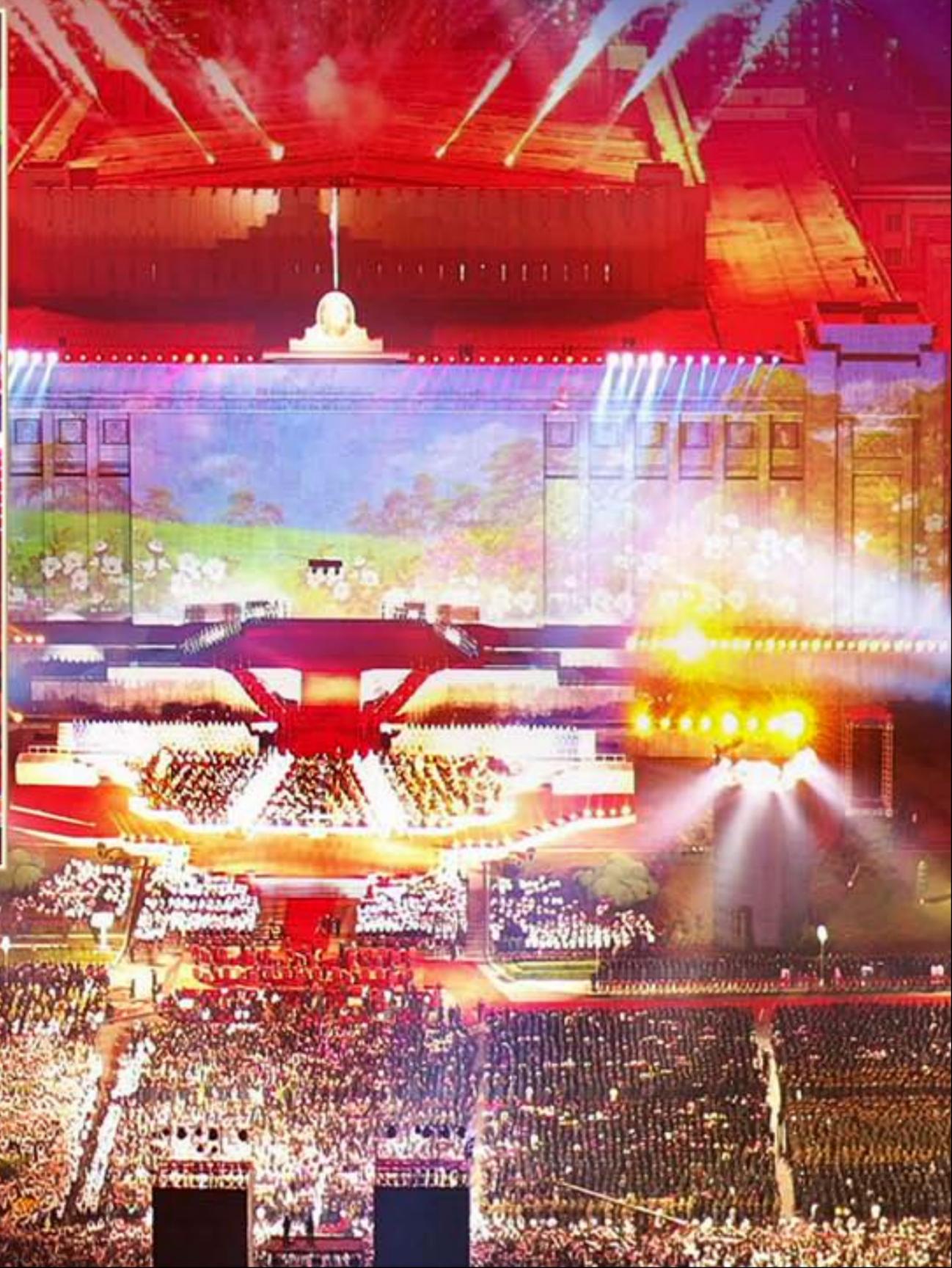


Kim Jong Un congratulating the war veterans participating in the commemorative event in July 2022

74th Founding Anniversary of DPRK Celebrated in Splendour



Kim Jong Un attending the celebrations of the 74th anniversary of the DPRK in September 2022





Kim Jong Un enjoying the grand performance in the celebrations of the 74th DPRK anniversary in September 2022





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Integral Whole Formed with Feelings of Kinship



The year 2022 witnessed numerous events demonstrating the great integral whole formed between the leader and his people in which the former takes warm care of the latter and the latter, attracted by people-oriented leadership qualities of the former, place absolute trust in and follow him.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un attended the groundbreaking ceremony of the project for building 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area of Pyongyang on February 12 and made a significant speech on glorifying the golden age of the capital city construction. Several days later he went to South Hamgyong Province to attend the groundbreaking ceremony of the construction of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm.

There he delivered a speech full of love for and trust in the people, shovelled the first spadeful of earth, and warmly waved back to the soldier-builders who shouted cheers and followed him.

The venues of the inauguration ceremonies of Songhwa Street and the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District were pervaded with boundless pride and infinite happiness of all the Korean people having the peerlessly great person and benevolent father as their great leader.

Everybody who saw the General Secretary looking round the dwelling houses in the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District together with their owners, felt that his was just the image of the mother who visited new houses of her children.

In the warm embrace of the General Secretary, who values the people most and believes in them as in heaven, and lavishes all happiness and glory on them, the touching stories about the genuine feature of the integral whole of the leader and people will be continuously told.

Text: Choe Kwang Ho



Kim Jong Un warmly waving back to the enthusiastically cheering crowds in April 2022



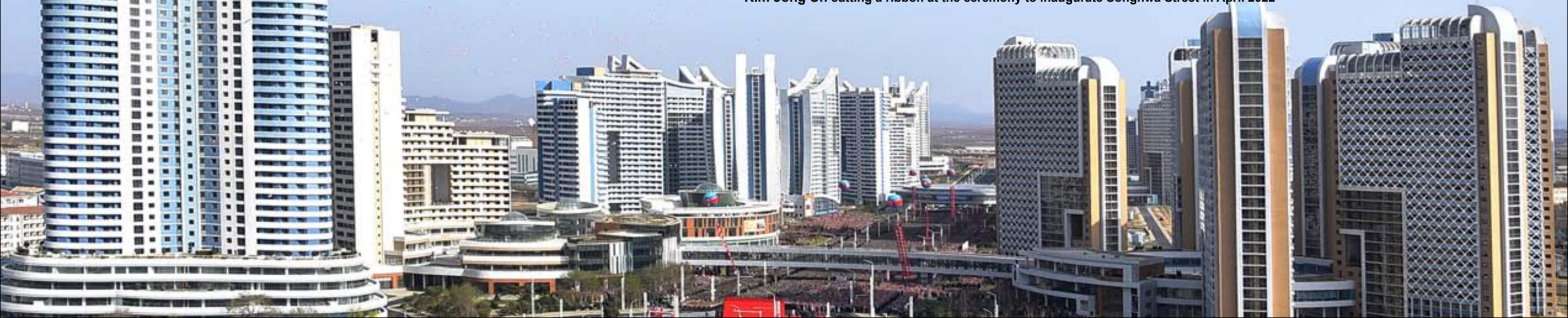
Innovative Entities Created by Devotion to People



Songhwa Street, monument to love for people marking a new turning point in promotion of socialist civilization of Korean style



Kim Jong Un cutting a ribbon at the ceremony to inaugurate Songhwa Street in April 2022



Songhwa Street, the first product of the construction project for 50 000 flats in Pyongyang advanced at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, was built in the East Pyongyang area this year.

The new street was erected as a symbol of prosperity and civilization in the era of the Workers' Party, thanks to the strong faith and energetic leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un that the things desired and anticipated by the people must be done without fail in any situation.

He paid close attention to the gigantic plans, designs, formation of construction forces, building work, supply of raw materials and even the living conditions of the builders, and attended the groundbreaking ceremony to instil strength and courage into builders.

When he visited the construction site again last March and pictured in his mind the people who would soon move into new houses, the people across the country felt once again that he was their benevolent father.

Soldier-builders, the main force of the construction, took the lead in creating new myth and miracle of construction, fluttering high the flag of the headquarters for the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang the General Secretary handed down to them.

Not only the builders but all other people made active contributions to the construction project.



Last April Songhwa Street with 160 odd buildings, including skyscrapers, high-rise apartment buildings and public buildings, in a total building area of over a hundred thousand square metres was inaugurated, and modern houses were given to the working people free of charge.

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Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District, new landscape in Pyongyang encapsulating radical development of Juche-oriented architecture



Kim Jong Un warmly acknowledging enthusiastic cheers of the crowd at the inauguration ceremony of the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District in April 2022



The Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District was built splendidly on a historic place downtown Pyongyang.

The district with harmonious layout of terraced, multi- and low-storeyed houses and welfare service facilities, in which formative art, practicability and convenience are ensured at the highest level, was created as a new model of the residential district construction.

Last April exemplary labour innovators, meritorious persons, scientists, educationists, literary persons and other working people in Pyongyang moved into luxuriously furnished houses in Kyongru-dong, Central District.

The architectural spectacle is another materialization of the consistent policy of the WPK to make the people supporting the Party and the state with their painstaking efforts enjoy the best civilization before anybody else, considering that their dedication of sweat and conscience to the sake of the country is more valuable than a thousand pieces of gold.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the inauguration ceremony and congratulated the owners of new houses, saying that President Kim Il Sung would have been satisfied to see the cosy dwellings built for the patriots and persons of merit in the place where his residence had once been located, feeling as if he had warmly embraced his people whom he had loved so much all his life.

Looking up at his benevolent image all the people in the country felt more keenly that he is identical with President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

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Text: Kim Son Gyeong*



Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm, gift of love for people by WPK

The Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm was inaugurated marking October 10, founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Built as a leading greenhouse farm in the world according to the decision of the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party, it is a highly automated, modern farm and a base for the creation of Korean-style civilization in the countryside. It is the WPK's gift of love for the people and treasure for prosperity and a new innovative entity for socialist rural prosperity.

Always being considerate of the supply of vegetables to the people in Hamhung, major industrial and science city of the country, and South Hamgyong Province, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un unfolded a grand plan to turn an air force base on the eastern part of the country into a large-scale greenhouse farm and energetically led the construction.

The KPA officers and men heartily responded to the Party Central Committee's noble intention and worked a miracle of building in just over 230 days the extensive greenhouse farm envisaged by the people only as an ideal.

Over 850 blocks of modern, intensive and industrialized hydroponic and soil greenhouses covering 280 hectares form remarkable harmony with over 1 000 dwelling houses, schools, a hall of culture and complex service facilities that retain local characteristics, presenting a spectacular view of the vast farm area with high-level civilization in the new era.

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Kim Jong Un cutting a ribbon at the inauguration ceremony of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm in October 2022



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The farm has a production area of **100 hectares**, with one-hectare and 1000- and 500-square-metre greenhouses.





The farm village erected along the east coast is a new innovative entity for socialist rural prosperity. It is designed to retain the local features and has 113 blocks of single- and low-storey houses for over 1 000 families in 99 different styles, educational and public health institutions, and comprehensive service amenities.



State Benefits for Children and Students



Though the worst-ever national crisis continued this year, the WPK's policy of love for the rising generation and the future created new legendary stories.



New school uniforms, bags, shoes and school things were supplied at state expense to the students entering primary and middle schools and universities across the country.



The law of the DPRK on childcare was adopted last February, thereby legalizing the supply of milk products for children across the country at state expense.



Inauguration of Power Stations in Tiers in the Orang River Area

The Orangchon Power Station was built splendidly as a leading power generation base in the northern part of Korea, demonstrating the high spirit of the Korean people who are advancing vigorously toward the comprehensive development in socialist construction true to the grand blueprint unfolded at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The project was a huge undertaking, involving the building of dams for power station units 3 and 4 along the rugged ravine by the Orang River, and the construction of power station units 1, 2 and 5 in tiers by erecting the Phalhyang Dam and digging waterways downstream. It was therefore such a great challenge that required the millions of cubic metres of concrete tamping and the construction of waterway tunnels spanning nearly 40km in total.

Under the wise leadership of the Party Central Committee the construction project of the Orangchon Power Station was pushed forward dynamically with the Party-wide and nationwide efforts since the latter half of 2018, resulting in the completion of the Phalhyang Dam, the grandest project in terms of the scale and workload as well as working conditions, in 2019 and the inauguration of Power Station Unit 4 the following year.

And with the inauguration of the Power Station Unit 3 last August the construction project of the grand hydropower station was successfully completed.

With the completion of the Orangchon Power Station comprised of the Phalhyang, Changpho, and Kwangdok dams and large-capacity power stations built in tiers in the secluded mountainous area along the Orangchon River, new foundations were laid out for easing the country's power shortage and achieving the progress in the economic development in North Hamgyong Province and improvement of its people's living standards.

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5 500 Farm Machines Sent by Kim Jong Un to Agricultural Workers in South Hwanghae Province





This year witnessed remarkable successes achieved in the efforts for rural development to implement the rural revolution programme in the new era set forth by General Secretary Kim Jong Un at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Buzzing of new farm machines resounded in the fields of South Hwanghae Province.

The General Secretary set the workers in the munitions industry sector a task of manufacturing farm machines urgently needed in the present farm work within the shortest period possible, and sent the new farm machines to South Hwanghae Province, the country's leading granary, on a preferential basis.

Agricultural workers in the province, who received 5 500 farm machines, finished the rice harvesting a week earlier and increased the threshing by 1.5 times as compared to last year.



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First-stage Goal of the Kumsong Tractor Factory Remodelling Project Completed



The first-stage goal of the Kumsong Tractor Factory remodelling project was attained under the plan of the Party Central Committee to dynamically propel the rural revolution in the new era by turning the factory into an all-purpose one

producing various kinds of efficient farm machines including high-horsepower tractors and a treasured factory which leads the development of the country's agricultural machine industry.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un

paid close attention to turning it into a core factory that surely guarantees the overall mechanization of the rural economy and wisely led the work.

The factory workers and soldier-builders pushed forward with the

remodelling project with an ardent desire, patriotic zeal and indomitable effort to implement the noble intention of the Party Central Committee without fail.

The completion of the production

building housing modern equipment and advanced production processes, as well as the completion of construction and modernization of ten odd objects including foundry, cast steel shop, sheet metal shop and forging shop laid a

reliable foundation for mass-producing high-performance tractors and farm machines.

Photo: Ra Phyoung Ryol
Text: Kim Son Gyong





Chollima-1104 Tractor

Nominal traction capacity: 20KN

Chassis: frameless

Max. speed: 37.84km/h

Gross weight: 4 700kg

Max. output: 80.8kW (110hp)





Happy House-moving Across Country

Thanks to the ennobling intention of the WPK to turn all rural villages across the country in the near future into rich and cultured socialist ideal villages at the level similar to those in Samjiyon, the socialist countryside is undergoing

continuous changes in its appearance.

It is the requirement of the Party in the rural construction to modernize mountainous, plain and coastal areas in accordance with their own characteristics.

Under the plans of rural construction worked out in accordance with the regional and local characteristics, vigorous efforts were directed toward the construction of single- and low-storeyed and terraced dwelling houses, with the

result that new rural villages mushroomed and merry house-moving took place in various parts of the country.

Photo: Hwang Jong Hyok
Text: Kim Son Gyong





Sodium Carbonate Production Process Established at Namhung Youth Chemical Complex

A large-scale sodium carbonate production process was set up at the Namhung Youth Chemical Complex in August last.

True to the intention of the Workers' Party of Korea to turn the structure of chemical industry into Juche-oriented industry relying on raw materials rich in the country, the workers of the complex implemented in a short time the huge tasks such as removing the whole of the existing production process, manufacturing and assembling a number of

equipment, and building the infrastructure network and duct line system.

Scientists and technicians provided a firm technical guarantee for the operation of production process and put the quality of products and economic profitability on a high level.

As a result, the Party's plan of perfecting the glauberite-based sodium carbonate industry was successfully carried out, and a breakthrough was made in increasing the proportion of self-sufficiency of basic

chemical products and making sure that the economy and the people's livelihood benefit from the chemical industry.

During the project of making the sodium carbonate production Juche-based, all officials, technicians and workers came to have a firm conviction and courage that they can develop their chemical industry into the modern one with their own efforts and technology.

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Factories in Kimhwa County, Kangwon Province, Set up as Models in Modernization of Local Industry

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un unfolded a far-reaching plan to turn all the areas of the country into developed ones preserving their unique characteristics by improving the local economy and led Kimhwa County to develop the standard for that.

He instructed at several meetings of the Party and the state that the modernization project of the locally-run factories in Kimhwa County should be accelerated and, based on its experience, the technical reconstruction of similar factories in all cities and counties across the country be completed as early as possible and high-quality consumer goods be produced. Though he was busy with his revolutionary leadership, he kept up to date with the construction project to take necessary measures.

As a result, various factories were inaugurated in the county seat in such a short period of only ten months after the groundbreaking as a model and standard of local industry.

A variety of goods produced by them are winning great popularity in not only the county itself but also other cities.

Locally-run factories in Kimhwa County built as models for the modernization of the local industry thanks to the far-reaching plan and wise leadership of the General Secretary fully demonstrated the validity and vitality of the WPK's idea of giving priority to cities and counties and its line of strengthening them.

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Text: Pak Pyong Hun





Taesongsan Ice Cream Factory Inaugurated

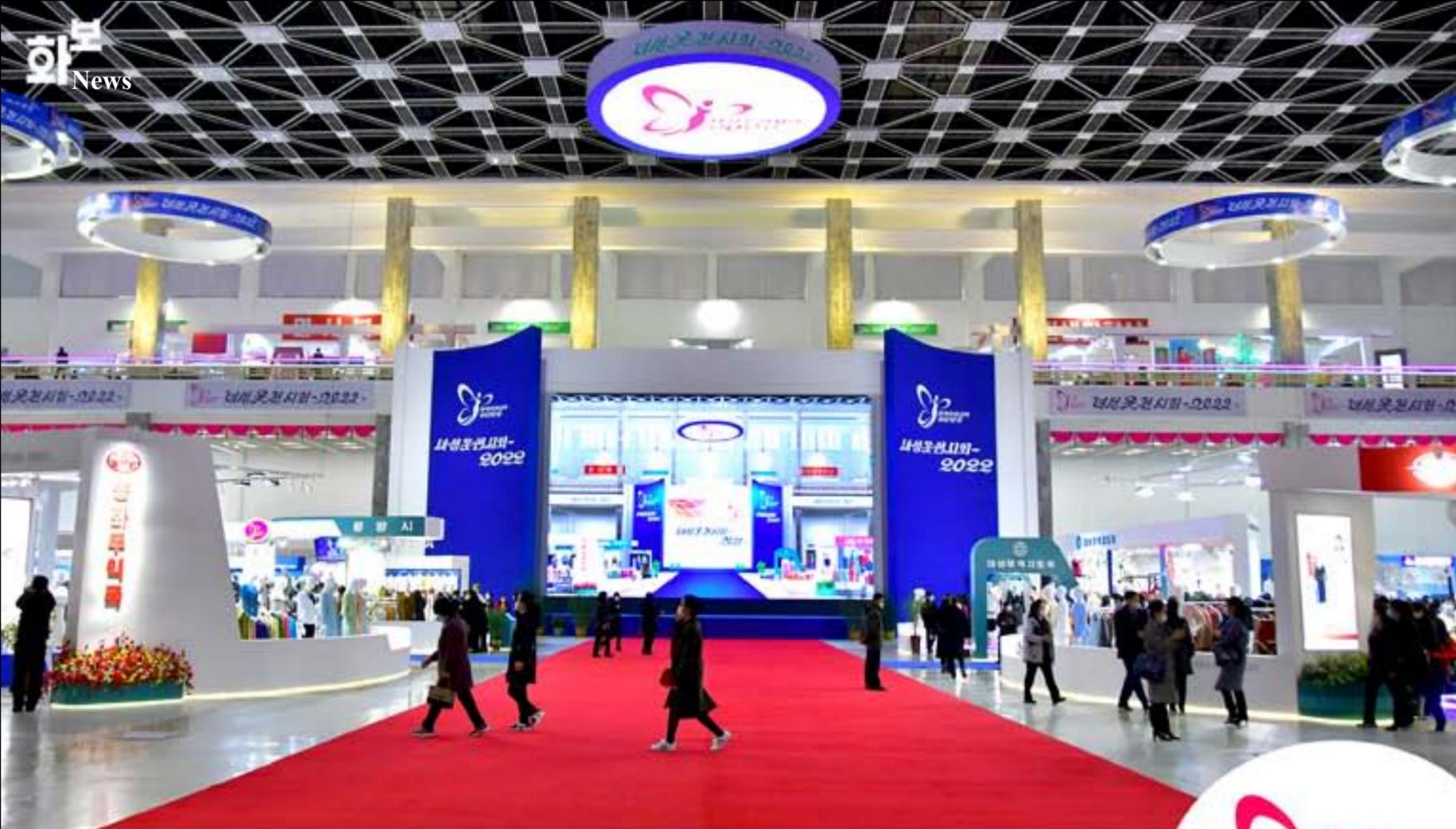


A modern ice cream factory was built at the foot of Mt Taesong in Pyongyang as a model in the foodstuff industry sector. The construction of the factory was conducted as a priority project of the state according to the firm will of the Party Central Committee that the work for the

promotion of the people's wellbeing cannot be delayed even a moment and the structure for the people should be built in whatever the situation. The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un personally initiated the construction of the factory and chose its site, took special

measures to dynamically carry out the project in spite of the protracted emergency anti-epidemic campaign and paid close attention to the supply of production equipment and the management of the factory. The factory comprised of new and cosy buildings with modern production lines

arranged in a practical way is just a factory in a park, as it has planted many trees in the compound and landscaped the surroundings. The factory turns out ice creams, juices, carbonated drinks and teas. Photo: Ri Chol Jin Text: Kim Son Gyong



women's dress in conformity with the trend of its development and modern aesthetic sense, and also sharing and exchanging advanced designs and processing techniques so as to develop the garment industry of the country.

Highly appreciated exhibits were new styles of clothes made by the Ponghwa garment research and dissemination centre under the Ponghwa Trading Bureau, the Knitting Industry Management Bureau of the Ministry of Light Industry, and North Phyongan Province. They won praise for nicely enhancing women's personality and elegance with the help of advanced designs and processing techniques.

Diplomas were awarded to excellent units at the show.

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