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Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un inspects hot spring resort project and tourist area

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, gave field guidance at the construction site of the Yangdok County hot spring resort that nears completion.

He was accompanied by leading officials of the WPK Central Committee Jang Kum Chol, Kim Yo Jong, Jo Yong Won, Ri Jong Nam, Yu Jin, Hong Yong Song, Hyon Song Wol and Jang Song Ho, and Ma

Won Chun, a bureau director of the State Affairs Commission.

The Supreme Leader looked round places for medical treatment and multi-functional sports and cultural district including indoor and outdoor spas and ski slopes.

He expressed his great satisfaction with the fact that the resort construction is successfully being completed though it has been just

over 50 days since he inspected the construction site in late August.

Making the rounds of the resort which is taking its majestic shape as a comprehensive spa medical treatment service base and a sports, cultural and recreation ground for improving the people's health, he said that the resort has been constructed to blend in well with the topographical features and natural environment of the area. In

particular, architectural groups have been formed in good harmony and the combination of buildings ensured perfectly, he said, adding it is a giant leap in architecture and he feels pride in our own architecture.

Feasting his eyes on the service facilities in the resort from the observation platform, he said delightedly that they are really distinctive and absolutely perfect, the houses of the

employees of service units also look like deluxe villas, farm villages around the resort have become the model of the construction of farm villages and this is our style, Korean-style construction.

As the project is now going on at the final stage, every element should be completed in high quality by paying attention to every detail to provide visitors to the resort with every convenience in full consideration of the effect of seasonal climatic conditions on its future operation, he noted.

It seems as if it was just a few days ago that a discussion was held over the master plan for the construction of the resort in the quiet mountainous area, but a miracle occurred in less than a year and Yangdok County has been given an overall facelift, he said with deep emotion. And he felt sorry for not showing such a wonderful view of Yangdok to Chairman Kim Jong Il.

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He feels refreshed and relieved after inspecting the resort, he said, adding it presents a striking contrast to the Mt Kumgang tourist area offering an overall and visual illustration of the fundamental difference between the architecture of capitalist businesses that construct buildings roughly only for making profits and socialist architecture embodying the desire and aspiration of the working people.

The Yangdok County hot spring resort is a present of our Party to the people, he said, and asked the officials to make higher demands and build it flawlessly.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un inspected Mt Kumgang tourist area.

He was accompanied by Jang Kum Chol, Kim Yo Jong, Jo Yong Won, Ri Jong Nam, Yu Jin, Hong Yong Song, Hyon Song Wol and Jang Song Ho, officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Choe Son Hui, first deputy foreign minister, and Ma Won Chun, a bureau director of the State Affairs Commission.

He looked round Kosong Port, Hotel Haegumgang and others built by the south side and the areas of Lagoon Samil, Sea Kumgang and Kuryong Pool.

Learning in detail about the service facilities built in the tourist area, he said that the buildings are just a hotchpotch of architectural styles with no national character at all and that they were built like makeshift shelters in a disaster-stricken area or isolation wards. He added they are not only very backward in terms of architecture but also look so shabby as they are not taken proper care of.

He instructed officials to remove all the unpleasant-looking clumsy



facilities of the south side after discussing with its relevant sector and to build new modern service facilities that go well with the natural scenery of Mt Kumgang in our own way.

This is certainly a mistaken idea and a misguided understanding that Mt Kumgang is common property of the north and the south and the symbol and epitome of north-south relations, and that the tour of Mt Kumgang would be impossible without the development of the north-south ties, he said.

He said that there are lots of distinguished scenic spots on our land but Mt Kumgang boasting of myriads of forms of natural scenery is the summa of scenic spots. He set forth detailed tasks for wonderfully developing a modern cultural tourist resort in the Mt Kumgang area so that

the people can rest, fully enjoying the natural scenery of the country.

He instructed officials to build modern hotels, guest houses and panel lodging houses in the Kosong port coastal tourist area, Piro peak mountaineering tourist area, Sea Kumgang coastal park area and sports and cultural area and rebuild golf course on the world level, set up a port passenger station in the Kosong port coastal tourist area and blockade it, construct a tourist airport in the neighbouring county and a new railway line for tourists from the airport to the tourist area and build a ski resort as it snows heavily in winter.

He emphasized the need to remove all the hotels and panel service facilities scattering in disarray in the Mt Kumgang tourist area and construct Korean-style buildings

that combine national character and modern taste so that foreign tourists who come to see the sights of Mt Kumgang can view Korean architecture as well.

He also said that the Mt Kumgang tourist area should be developed well into a cultural tourist area encompassing Mt Kumgang, Wonsan Kalma coastal resort and Masikryong Ski Resort as befits a world-renowned scenic attraction.

South Korean compatriots will always be welcome to Mt Kumgang if they want to visit it that is to be wonderfully rebuilt as a world-class tourist destination, but it is important for our people to have the shared view that it is undesirable to let the south side undertake tourism of Mt Kumgang, our famous mountain, he noted.

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LEAD

Self-reliance DPRK's mode of development

Each country has its own method of development which may alter according to its goal, condition and environment.

The DPRK, which set itself the ambitious goal of building a powerful socialist country and has concentrated all its efforts on the construction of a powerful socialist economy in the wake of building a political and military power, maintains self-reliance as its development mode.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, in the report he made at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea last April, pointed to the need to effect a great turning point in socialist construction in which the country makes a great leap forward by its own efforts by making continuous innovations and advance and mounting offensives in succession in

the revolutionary spirit and fighting mode of self-reliance. He also said in his policy speech delivered at the First Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK that building socialism by the country's own efforts according to the revolutionary line of independence is the basic principle it must invariably maintain in state building.

As they have been building an independent socialist power with the Juche idea as their guidelines since the initial period of state building, the Korean people have cherished independence as their lifeblood and independent development became the physiology of Korean socialism.

Great national strength is indispensable to ensuring the independent development of countries in today's world where relations between nations

are affected by their strength and weakness and selfish interests, and high-handedness and arbitrariness of the imperialists and hegemony-seekers are rampant.

National strength can be called your own when you build it by yourself.

Under the banner of establishment of Juche and by its own efforts, the DPRK has achieved political and ideological unity and cohesion of the whole society, built an independent economy in accordance with the line of building a self-reliant national economy and possessed the defence capabilities with which to defend itself.

It has also created culture by its own efforts to provide the people with a cultured and happy life.

The society where the people's happy life is substantially

guaranteed is an advanced society and the mode of social development should be directed and subordinated to ensuring their happy life.

In the DPRK, the things that serve the masses of the people are absolutized, everything is oriented towards promoting their wellbeing, they have become true masters of everything and everything is designed for ensuring their independent and creative life.

The country concentrates all its efforts on economic construction in order to provide them with a more affluent and civilized life.

Today, the Korean people are striving to reach a higher stage of socialism by their own efforts as they, by dint of self-reliance, built a socialist country that is independent, self-sufficient and self-reliant in defence on the debris of war and provided a

springboard to the building of a thriving country during the Arduous March.

The DPRK also fully guarantees the happiness of coming generations with self-reliance.

If you are unconfident of your strength, you are scared of hardships and difficulties and naturally become dependent on others.

The material wealth achieved with the help of others cannot guarantee the happiness of future generations.

That is why the Korean people regard the revolutionary faith that one should live and develop by one's own efforts and creative abilities as their legacy to generations to come that is incomparably more precious than any fabulous material wealth.

The DPRK will advance dynamically in the teeth of foul wind of history by indomitable willpower by maintaining self-reliance as its lifeblood.

Choe Il Sim

MEETING

Communist and workers' parties meet in Turkey

The 21st International Conference of Communist and Workers' Parties took place between October 18 and 20 in Turkey.

The conference, which was held on the theme of the "centenary of Communist International, the struggle for peace and socialism continues", drew delegations and delegates from 74 communist and workers' parties including the delegation of the Workers' Party of Korea.

At the meeting the head of the WPK delegation said that it is of great significance that the International Conference of the Communist and Workers'

Parties is held this year that marks the 100th anniversary of the Comintern and that the WPK could frustrate the acts of aggression of the imperialists and victoriously advance the socialist cause for over seven decades as it held fast to the revolutionary line of independence.

Peace is the intrinsic requirement of socialism and an ardent desire of the Korean people who have lived for decades under the constant nuclear threat by the imperialists, he noted, adding that what is important here is for the US to remove all threats and obstacles that compromise the

security of the DPRK's system and hamper its development and to completely withdraw its policy hostile to the DPRK.

Delegates of political parties in different countries strongly denounced the US pressure and blockade against the DPRK, expressing full support to the Korean people's struggle for socialism.

The meeting adopted an appeal expressing solidarity with the Korean people's struggle against the US blockade, escalated tension, economic and financial sanctions and threat of military attack.

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RELATIONS

DPRK, Russian parliamentary leaders agree to boost ties

Talks were held between Pak Thae Song, chairman of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK who is on a visit to Moscow leading an SPA delegation, and Valentina Ivanovna Matvienko, chairwoman of the Russian Federation Council, at the office building of the Federation Council on Monday.

At the talks both sides exchanged views on the issue of further developing bilateral relations, and other issues of mutual concern.

Present there from the DPRK side were members of the delegation and the interim DPRK ambassador to Russia, and from the opposite side the chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the Russian Federation Council and other officials concerned.

Pak Thae Song also met with Byacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, at the building of the State Duma on Tuesday.

Present there were members

of the delegation and the DPRK's interim ambassador in Moscow, the first deputy speaker of the State Duma and others concerned.

Volodin said that the historic DPRK-Russia summit meeting and talks injected great vitality into the development of the friendly ties between the two countries and expressed his stand to promote exchanges and cooperation with the SPA in the future, too.

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The Japanese delegation presented the DPRK leader with a basket of flowers and gift.

The floral basket and gift were conveyed on Oct 22 to a relevant official by Norikazu Yamazaki, head of the delegation.

The delegation members visited the Korean Revolution Museum on Oct 23. They also toured the President's birthplace at Mangyongdae, the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum and the Korean Stamp Museum.

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President Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae, the Okryu Children's Hospital, the Korean Stamp Museum and elsewhere.

A delegation of the Japanese Tokai Liaison Council for the Study of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism visited Pyongyang.

DISABILITY

Disabled persons perform after China tour



A woman with a disability performs in an event at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang after China tour.

A performance was given at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on Oct 18 by an art troupe of persons with disabilities who returned home after a China tour.

During their performances in China they flaunted the skills they cultivated thanks to the benefit of the DPRK government policy on protecting the disabled and they won great acclaim of Chinese audiences.

Working people, youth and students in Pyongyang enjoyed the performance.

The show that began with prelude *Our National Flag* put on stage such numbers as poem recital *My Dream*, female vocal solo *My Home Village*, instrumental ensemble *Pyongyang Is Best* and sign-language dance *We Are the Happiest in the World*.

In such numbers as female solo *Yearning*, *Rays of Affection* and *The Party Is My Mother* the performers impressively represented their deep gratitude for the Workers' Party of Korea that brought them up in its great

embrace to be skilled soloists, dancers and singers.

As they saw the play, the audience keenly realized that the DPRK is the one and only country for the people and their eternal home where everyone leads a dignified and happy life.

Also put on the stage were instrumental music and dance pieces full of national flavour and magic tricks which livened up the atmosphere of the performance.

Finale *My Great Country*, which represents the people's absolute trust in the Workers' Party of Korea that takes warm care of all the people and full responsibility for their destiny and the true looks of the harmonious socialist family marked the climax of the performance.

The persons with disabilities showed off their high artistic skills as they encored and their artistry left a great impression on the audience.

By Kim Rye Yong PT

FM adviser bullish about DPRK-US relations

"I've carefully read about President Trump's repeated remarks in a recent public event that the top leaders of the DPRK and the US respect each other and maintain a good relationship," Kim Kye Gwan, adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK, said on Thursday,

He confirmed that the close ties between Chairman Kim Jong Un and President Trump are firm and their mutual trust is still steady, noting that a few days ago, when he met the Chairman to report to him the pending issues arising in foreign affairs including DPRK-US relations, he said that his relationship with President Trump is special.

"I sincerely hope that with

the momentum of such rapport the two countries could overcome all obstacles ahead and advance bilateral relations in the better direction," Kim said.

"The problem is that contrary to the political vision and intention of President Trump, the political establishment of Washington and the DPRK policy makers of the US administration remain hostile to the DPRK for no reason, preoccupied with the Cold War mentality and ideological prejudice."

Citing a saying where there is a will there is a way, he told that he'd like to see how wisely the US will get over the year end.

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Pak Kwang Ho, vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, meets China's People's Daily delegation on Thursday.

The delegation visited

BEARING

Factory explores all potentials for growth



RYANG KUM CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

The Pyongyang Bearing Factory puts production on track, tapping latent resources.

The Pyongyang Bearing Factory is effecting a greater upsurge in production after exceeding the production target for the third quarter by 8.9 percent.

Ri Kwang Il, an official of the factory, said it has ensured normal production by relying on science and technology and tapping latent reserves and potentials given the shortage of raw and other materials for bearing production.

According to Ri, it conducts sci-tech dissemination on a regular basis every month to raise the technical and practical skills of employees. It built a database with tens of thousands of pieces of latest technological data and saw to it that the employees study them every day, thereby encouraging the introduction of new technologies and

original ideas.

In the course of this, many technical innovation plans for bearing production were conceived and introduced, such as the introduction of coal semi-gasification technology into the cutting-heating furnace and 400-ton heating furnace and a dust-collecting device into the grindstone production process, the renovation of the die body of the 150-ton forging press and the normal operation of the hammer heating furnace relying on the coal semi-gasification. It also makes balls with waste from the stretching process.

As a result, it turned out tens of thousands of bearings in nearly 40 kinds in the third quarter of this year alone.

By Ri Myong Jun PT

EVENT

Clean hands of all, handwashing day's theme

An event took place on Wednesday in Myonggan County, North Hamgyong Province, to mark Global Handwashing Day.

It brought together members from country offices of international organizations including UNICEF in Pyongyang, officials of the Ministry of Urban Management and Grand People's Study House and local residents.

A ceremony was held to inaugurate a newly built gravity-fed water supply system.

After the ceremony was over, a meeting took place at Myonggan Primary School in the county to observe the day.

The theme for this year's Global Handwashing Day was "Clean hands of all of us".

A department director of the Ministry of Urban Management made opening remarks, followed by the

speech of the representative of the Pyongyang-based UNICEF country office.

Referring to the fact that the annual death toll of children under five reaches 1.4 million worldwide, the department director attributed it to diarrhea and pneumonia caused by poor private hygiene and hygienic conditions.

The best way to prevent such diseases is to wash hands with soap, he noted.

He expressed thanks to the UNICEF mission for its active provision of a large quantity of materials including water pipe for the completion of the project.

Participants saw an art performance given by artistic group members of the Schoolchildren's Hall in Myonggan County.

By Om Ryong PT

CABLE

Grass roots innovation helps develop new products

The Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326 is channelling big efforts into the development of new products.

"The factory committee for deliberating on products examines and evaluates new inventions of employees and technicians every month and makes sure that prize products are introduced into production," said chief engineer Kim Song Un.

Lectures on advanced science and technology and an undertaking for raising the technical knowledge and skills of employees are given every day at the sci-tech learning space which is furnished with over a hundred modern computers and the result on the deliberation of new technical findings and the experience gained through production activities are publicized.

Recently, well over a hundred employees received online lectures of Kim Il Sung University and Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering and dozens of workers finished their online courses with honours.

Scores of new technical findings are presented at the factory every month.

"We will secure the data needed for the sci-tech learning space more than twice to

contribute to improving the technical knowledge and skills of employees," said Jo Song Uk, a section chief.

Such activities prove effective in practice.

The factory produces electric cables using plastic filling materials to save production costs as much as possible as compared to before, and developed a new heavy oil-free kindling cable for the process of kindling a fire in the furnaces of thermal power stations in a short time.

It also contrived and made dozens of kinds of flexible lines linking different electronic appliances, especially USB charging and signal bus, computer power line and high-

quality digital image and audio signal bus.

In particular, it kept warm the compressor electric heating devices of all equipment and machines with glass wool and asbestos to reduce the time of using blower, which is often used in production processes, thereby saving much electricity, shortening the production time and ensuring the stability of products.

Besides, it developed various products including mobile electric cable for home use and provided ordered and sale services to meet with public approval.

By Kim Il Jin PT



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Various sizes of cables are produced at the drawing workshop of the Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326.

FOOTWEAR

Biannual exhibition showcases booming shoemaking industry

The 2019 Autumn National Footwear Exhibition ran between Oct 18 and 24 at the Pyongyang Yokjon Department Store.

The show took place on the theme of diversification of shoes in terms of kind, shape and colour, lightening of products, domestic production of materials and recycling.

More than 182 500 products of over 1 300 kinds were exhibited by at least 50 units and scores of

research findings were presented as well.

The event was held in the forms of product show and sci-tech presentation.

In the product show, shoes and materials were put on display to be assessed by the public through sales.

"At present footwear producers are getting more eager to conceive and design novel, convenient and distinctive products to meet



Visitors show keen interest in homemade leather shoes at the 2019 Autumn National Footwear Exhibition held in Pyongyang on Oct 18-24.

the changing tastes and growing demands of consumers and to constantly upgrade production processes. Their enthusiasm is fully reflected on the current exhibition," said an official of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea that sponsored the show.

According to him, the event drew more new goods than the spring show, including new styles of trainers for volleyball, football and table tennis.

"Our factory put on show at least 10 000 products in 150 kinds, 80 of which are new developments," said Paek Myong Son, staffer of the Wonsan Leather Shoes Factory.

The outer rims of many exhibits were designed conveniently, which improved the appearance of goods and enhanced the stability in wearing, thereby gaining public favour.

At the sci-tech presentation participants presented achievements made in the domestic production of raw and other materials and equipment for shoemaking, the remodelling of shoemaking equipment and processes into labour- and power-saving ones and the use of recycled materials in production.

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

CONTEST

Orphans compete in art contest to draw admiration

A national art contest of students of orphans' schools took place at Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans on Oct 16, turning the school into a venue of inspiration and admiration.

Students of orphans' schools across the country flaunted their artistic skills in the contest.

"It is amazing that their skills can be compared to those of students majoring in music. What is more impressive is their true-to-life representation of their pure and lively minds," said juror Choe Hyon Sim.

In the contest which was divided into vocal and instrumental music groups, contestants from each province performed one vocal music piece and one instrumental music piece according to the

rule of the competition.

Students of Hyesan Middle School for Orphans in Ryanggang Province staged song and tale *Love Shown through Generations*, which sings of the favour Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un grants them continuously as he ensured that a wonderful school was newly built for them with the same affection as shown by President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who visited their school decades ago to see how they studied and lived. Those from Haeju Middle School for Orphans in South Hwanghae Province performed song and tale *Father*, which tells about the love for younger generations shown by the Supreme Leader who makes

sure that various foodstuffs are supplied for them with parental devotion.

Contestants from other schools also showed the bright and cheerful looks of students, who study to their heart's content and grow healthy and strong, in *jango* quintet, song and tale, instrumental solo and piano solo.

Especially, Kang Chol Mu, senior second-year student of Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans, admirably performed flute, drums and xylophone solos to draw the attention of participants and six-year-old Yom Wi Song from Haeju Orphanage in South Hwanghae Province struck all the viewers with admiration as he splendidly rendered a music piece arranged in a very fast rhythm even professionals find hard to play.

"I didn't know that students of local schools were at such a high level. I have inwardly been proud of being at the Pyongyang school, but I've keenly realized I should redouble my efforts," said a Pyongyang contestant. "We have many talents at our school, so only one piece of music under the contest rule is insufficient. I look forward to a competition embracing not only vocal and instrumental music but also band music and dance," said a teacher.

By Kim Rye Yong PT



A scene from the national art contest of students of orphans' schools.

In brief

The Farm Machine Institute of the Ministry of Agriculture has developed a highly-efficient small rice harvester and corn thresher.

"The small rice harvester can raise the speed and quality of work as compared to the previous one," said Pak Kwang Il, staffer in charge of technology at the Kangson Cooperative Farm in Chollima District, Nampho.

In particular, it is very convenient as it is designed to use the power of motor carts that are readily available in rural communities.

The power transmission device of rice-sheaf feeder has been converted from the chain type to a belt one to prevent rice straw from being entangled and increased the efficiency of work.

And the harvester transfers cut rice plants to one direction and put them on the ground evenly in a row so as to ensure prompt and precise harvest.

The corn thresher also wins favour with users as it ensures a high speed of work and high

degree of selectivity.

Researchers of the institute changed the structure of the thresher on the basis of a comprehensive analysis of the defect of previous threshers.

The machine can thresh four to five tons of corn per hour while reducing power consumption.

The Taesong Economic Cooperation Company established a spirulina mass culture process.

Spirulina, a highly viable photosynthetic microorganism, is called the "future food of mankind", "most ideal health food of mankind" and "space food" as it contains all nutrients for the human body including protein, fat, sugars, minerals and vitamins.

"In our country the culture of spirulina was regarded as impossible due to difficulties in solving various problems including water temperature, luminous intensity and reagent," said Kang Yun Hui, technical staff member of the company.

The technical staff of the company built a culture ground

of certain size at the place with a source of high quality water and without environmental pollution and launched into pilot culture.

The most difficult thing was to culture high quality product.

They found the solution in the quality of water and marine life fossils that serve as a source of nutrition for culture fluid. The fossils are germ-free and contain various essential microelements.

They finally succeeded in culturing high quality spirulina by using locally abundant marine life fossils and quality spring water. The product contains 68.7 percent of protein which is far higher than imported ones in quality indexes.

By drawing on the experience, technicians established processes of culturing spirulina and gathering it in an industrial way.

Using the cultured microorganism, the company produces a variety of goods according to their quality such as health foods, ordinary foods, cosmetics, feeds and fertilizers.

At present it turns out over 20 kinds of goods including nutritious pills, washing powder and toilet soap.

By Kil Chung Il PT

CINEMA

Virtual reality offers unusual thrills to moviegoers



RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

People enjoy virtual reality thrills at the Rungna 4D Simulation Cinema in Pyongyang.

Imagine you fall down from a towering cliff. Imagine you destroy enemy warships as a pilot. And imagine you fight with sharks under the sea.

You can have such exhilarating experience at the Rungna 4D Simulation Cinema of the Rungna People's Recreation Ground in Pyongyang.

"You can enjoy the taste of different circumstances in the sky and on land and sea at the Rungna 4D Simulation Cinema. We are now screening such new films as *The End of Dinosaurian Era*, *At the Masikryong Ski Resort*, *Fliers in the Sky* and *Mad Mouse* to draw more visitors," said attendant Ri Su Hyang.

According to her, the films are on the themes of joy and optimism, bravery and boldness, and horror and thrill, and many viewers prefer such rare horror films showing the end of the dinosaurian era.

Visitors can choose films from the billboard at the entrance leading to each of five screening halls.

They "experience" in horror and with tension the ecological environment and fights of animals in the dinosaurian era that existed on earth 150 million years ago and tingle with excitement as they

By Kil Chung Il PT



Lay jurors appreciate exhibits at the tasting of apples and pears held at the Food Festival House on Ryomyong Street in Pyongyang on Tuesday. Presented to the event were five species of apples and eight kinds of pears produced by fruit farms in Kwail and Pukchong counties, the Kosan and Taedonggang combined fruit farms and more than 30 other fruit producers in the DPRK.

HEALTHCARE

People-oriented health system brings benefits to all

In the DPRK, the state takes a responsible care of the people's health.

The universal free medical care system takes a particularly important position in the health system of the country.

All the people have equal rights to receive free medical service, irrespective of sex, age, residence and occupation, and the state bestows special favour for the health of children, pregnant women and those with nursing babies.

Persons with disabilities and the aged people with no caretakers also receive the benefits of free medical care.

Such rights are legally guaranteed by the Socialist Constitution and the public health law.

The free medical care system fully satisfies the people's demands for medical care, with its scope and content being widened and diversified as the days go by.

The state or institutions, enterprises and cooperative bodies bear the expenses for

the treatment of outpatients and inpatients, sick call, functional diagnosis and test, surgery and even round-trip for sanatoriums.

There is no charge for medical check-up, vaccination and child delivery, as well as corrective equipment provision and medical care for the disabled.

With the budget for public health increasing systemically, the material and technical conditions are improved and updated to provide the people with full medical service.

Modern general and specialized hospitals are on the increase, like the Ryugyong General Ophthalmic Hospital, Ryugyong Dental Hospital and Okryu Children's Hospital and there are medical service bases from central organs to the smallest administrative unit.

And there are independent pharmaceutical and medical appliances production bases and health worker training institutions in all parts of the country, which offer a material and technical guarantee for

the universal free medical care system.

Preventive medicine is the basic mission of the public health service in the DPRK.

The public health sector puts primary efforts into improving the hygienic environment by stepping up the hygienic and anti-epidemic work and into preventing diseases detrimental to the life and health of working people.

In addition, it has converted hygienic information activity into one involving the whole society and the advantageous section doctor system is in force.

As doctors take good care of residents in their charge in a responsible manner, everybody enjoys good health with the help of them.

The viability of the Korean public health system is fully demonstrated thanks to the noble traits of medical workers who unsparingly dedicate their blood and flesh to the people.

Chae Mi Gyong

Miner's son brought back to life

A 13-year-old boy living in a mine village of Unsan County, South Phyongan Province, was brought to the department of abdominal surgery of the Okryu Children's Hospital in Pyongyang as an emergency case last June.

The patient was in a pressing danger due to the stricture of the esophagus, corrosive rupture of paries posterior gastricus, complication, serious denutrition, toxic shock and other conditions.

A consultative meeting of department doctors was held immediately to treat Kim Sin Gwang who was in a coma due to an accident caused by his carelessness.

"It was the first time for us

to encounter such a serious case as Sin Gwang after the inauguration of the hospital. So we thought that there would be little hope of recovery. I was also at a loss, though I had rich experience in clinical treatment in the field of abdominal surgery as I worked for over 30 years. The looks of Sin Gwang's mother Ri Ryon Hwa, who appealed to me to save the life of her only son in tears, went home to my heart," recalled department chief Kim Mun Ho.

Surgeons drew up a detailed treatment plan with a resolve to not only bring him back to his life but also recover his voice without fail.

Kim Mun Ho and Kim Won

Guk, doctor in charge of the patient, performed a surgical operation.

The surgery took more than two hours.

According to the doctor in charge, the operation was very difficult as the intestines of the patient were discoloured due to corrosive gastritis.

Sin Gwang's life was saved through a successful operation, which made him regain his consciousness in two days.

It was more important to take good care of his health after operation as he had taken no nutrients for over a month.

The surgeons in the department, especially the doctor in charge, worked hard to bring the patient back to health and dosed him lots of medicines and blood for his recuperation.

"My strained mind was a little relaxed when I saw him walking in 25 days after the start of recovery healing. I felt tears welling up in my eyes unconsciously with the thought that we finally restored his health," said Won Guk.

As she had witnessed every day and every moment the devotion of medical workers and other hospital staff who showed fraternal affection for her son, Ri Ryon Hwa expressed her gratitude in her letter:

"Thanks to the deep sincerity



Surgeons of the Okryu Children's Hospital read one of the letters of thanks from their former patients.

Disfigured worker owes much to free medical care



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Ophthalmologists of the Kim Man Yu Hospital work to improve the eyesight of Won Tong Hyok from the Sangwon Cement Complex.

An ambulance rushed into the Kim Man Yu Hospital in Pyongyang as it rang the bell in late September.

A patient was carried down from the ambulance, his face bandaged all over.

Medical workers of the emergency department were surprised to see his face after undoing the bandage.

The face was terribly torn and crushed by a working tool through his carelessness.

He was Won Tong Hyok, a 29-year-old worker at the Sangwon Cement Complex.

An emergency consultative meeting was held right away.

"The patient had deep wounds on the forehead, eye and nose, so we decided to arrange a joint medical operation involving departments of neurosurgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology and craniology," said Kim Hon Jong, director of the hospital.

The heavy bleeding caused by the rupture of the artery and left eyeball led to a drastic drop in the blood pressure and pulse.

After fixing the indices for maintaining his life, proficient medical workers performed an

operation for three hours.

The worst was over, but no one could predict the result of the operation due to the injured brain.

The director and other doctors called on him every day to see how he was.

They gave the patient treatment for over 20 days to restore the cerebral metabolism and remove inflammation at the eye socket and maxillary sinus.

As they did their best for the treatment, they provided him with tonics and health foods to improve his nutritive condition that got bad due to severe bleeding.

"I felt brotherly affection from doctors as I saw them rejoicing at my fast recovery and encouraging me. And I am fully experiencing the benefits of the socialist free medical care," said Won.

According to Kim Myong Su, deputy chief of the ophthalmic department who took part in the operation, the patient will be able to leave the hospital in a few days after an artificial eye is fixed in the left eye socket.

By Jong Tang Song PT



A household doctor pays a sick call on 104-year-old Hwang Chang Bong (third left) living in Moranbong District, Pyongyang.

of doctors, an ordinary miner's son who was in the jaws of death could regain his life without paying even a penny at the well-furnished Okryu

Children's Hospital that we'd seen only on TV. Thank you very much."

By Pang Un Ju PT

STATEMENTS

Japan slammed for discriminative measure against Korean children

A spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry in a statement on October 24 criticized the Japanese government for finally excluding the infant classes of Korean schools from the “free infant education and child upbringing” system.

He denounced the complete denial of support to the upbringing of Korean children in infant classes after the exclusion of the children of Koreans in Japan from the high school support system as an undisguised hostility to the DPRK and an unpardonable inhuman outrage.

Such an unprecedented atrocity is a manifestation of their vicious attempt to throw all Korean residents in Japan into a crucible of national chauvinism and obliterate their nationality by all possible means.

The Abe regime should be well aware that as long as it continues to do only evil things that run counter to the trend of the times and pursue the policy of hostility to the DPRK, it can never cross the threshold of the DPRK,

though it repeatedly argues for “unconditional dialogue” and should behave itself, it warned.

The spokesman for the DPRK-Japan Friendship Association published a statement on Oct 22 to censure the Japanese authorities for their outrage against Korean children in Japan.

It is the legitimate right of the Korean students to learn their mother tongue and history and culture of the Korean nation, the statement said. However, the Japanese authorities have cracked down on Korean schools since they appeared on the Japanese land, saying that the education they are giving does not conform to the education content of Japanese schools and that Korean schools are not genuine educational institutions and there is a suspicion that they might be “ideology-oriented ones and organizations for operations against Japan” to back up the DPRK system, it noted.

This situation vividly shows once again that the policy of the Japanese

reactionaries hostile toward the DPRK and the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan and their malicious discrimination and prejudice against Koreans in Japan will never change, it said. It demanded the Japanese authorities sincerely fulfil their inescapable legal and moral duty to give preferential treatment to and protect Koreans in Japan and their children.

The world’s progressive human rights organizations unanimously demand that Korean schools in Japan be given equal treatment with Japanese ones and similar voices are being heard strongly among the conscientious and reasonable Japanese people, it said.

The Committee for Aiding Overseas Compatriots of the DPRK also released a statement on Oct 21 to criticize the Japanese authorities for their base and impudent chauvinistic behaviour against Korean children in Japan.

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STANDOFF

Russia readies itself against NATO's eastward expansion

NATO's growing military moves are posing an increasing threat to Russia.

It is a well-known fact that the military bloc has been pursuing a policy of expansion toward the east in a bid to form an encirclement ring around Russia.

The US is constantly building and enlarging military bases in East European countries. Multinational tactical groups have been deployed in the Baltic States, each group being the size of a reinforced battalion with some 1 000 troops.

Last June, a large-scale military drill took place in a Lithuanian area near the Russian border, involving about 4 000 troops and over 1 000 pieces of technical equipment of 11 NATO member states.

Russian Defence Minister Sergey Shoigu said at the ministry's council meeting last August that the increased military presence of NATO in Eastern Europe and the deployment of US missile defence systems in Poland and Romania created a tense situation in the western

strategic direction.

Russia ascribes the menace to the US' bid to expand influence in Asia Pacific.

International media comment that the US is strengthening military alliance in the region and constantly increasing the capacity for attacking Russia and China with an eye to diminishing their influence over the region.

Russia is taking countermeasures against the escalating threat from the West.

A Russo-Sino naval joint drill was held from late April to early May this year and an attack-and-defence tactical drill of the landing forces of the Baltic fleet and a mechanized infantry regiment took place at a shooting range in Kaliningrad in early October.

Recently, the Russian defence minister mentioned about elaborate preparations going on for an attack-and-defence command post drill in the operational directions of Sakhalin and Maritime Territory.

Russia also continues with modernization of strategic weapons.

Last year, the Russian President, in a public speech, announced that a new type of nuclear-powered missile that can break through almost all the existing missile defence systems was successfully launched. The strategic cruise missile is reportedly able to freely select its trajectory so as to carry out a mobile attack from an unimaginable spot and direction by taking advantage of the enemy's weak point.

Besides, it is going to field the latest high-altitude, long-range air defence missile system S-500 in the near future. The greatest merit of the system is said to be the direct interception of targets in outer space. According to the tactical and technical specifications provided by the Russian military, its radar has a target tracking and detecting distance of 600km and it can intercept 10 ballistic missiles at the same time.

Experts are of the opinion that the Russo-NATO military tension will further be exacerbated in future.

By Om Ryong PT

ARMS MARKET

Cutthroat world of arms sales

Shortly ago, the Russian Foreign Ministry disclosed that the US threatened to apply sanctions to African countries, while forcing them to stop the purchase of Russia-made weapons.

The director of the Russian military technique cooperation bureau also told journalists at the international aerospace exhibition that the US has caused disorder demanding other countries suspend the purchase of the Russian weapons. He added such a case was never seen even in the period of worst crisis.

Russia is now trying to further shore up the munitions industry with potentials that was developed in the period of the former Soviet Union and expand the arms market by relying on it.

Some Russia-made weapons are drawing the interest of many countries as they are cheaper and more effective and have better performance than the US-made ones.

At present, it has become a fashion to buy Russian weapons in the Southeast Asian region.

Vietnam and some other countries agreed to cooperate with Russia in the military field.

According to information available, the Southeast Asian market accounted for 12.2 percent in the total exports of the Russian weapons between 2013 and 2017. Russia is emerging as a major arms dealer while getting the US out of the region.

Turkey, a NATO member

By Choe Yong Nam PT

EURASIA

Eurasian economic council meets

Recently a Eurasian supreme economic council meeting took place in Armenia's Yerevan.

The meeting was attended by leaders of Eurasian Economic Union member nations, namely Russian, Belorussian, Kazakh and Kyrgyz presidents and Armenian Prime Minister.

Present there at invitation were the Moldovan President as observer and the Iranian President and the Singaporean Prime Minister as guests of honour.

The meeting discussed pending issues, the orientation of external activities of the union in 2020, decision on the convention on the forming of the common financial market of the union and promotion of cooperation in key economic fields.

Russian President Putin referred to the need for the union to build solidarity with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and

nation, purchases Russia-made weapon systems.

The Americans are of the opinion that the growing purchase of Russian weapons encroaches on their strategic and influential domains.

That is why they stick to backbiting, finding fault with Russia whenever the opportunity arises.

A typical example is an accident that occurred during the trial run of a liquid-propellant motor in a shooting range of Arkhangelsk, Russia, last August.

Foreign media commented that at that time the Americans took advantage of the accident as an occasion for advertising the superiority of their weapons over the Russians'.

A Russian deputy prime minister, in a meeting, emphasized the need for Russia to maintain its position in the global arms market. Saying that the country has relevant documents on potential arms dealing worth a colossal sum, he referred to a stable income from arms exports.

It is a consumer's choice to buy any coffee in the market, but it is inappropriate for a seller or producer to slander and censure other business rivals and threaten buyers for the reason that they do not like to purchase his goods.

The best way to raise the purchasing power of commodities is to improve their quality.

By Choe Yong Nam PT

ASEAN, and talks on the building of a free trade area with India.

The participants had a serious discussion on the establishment of the common financial market.

They also candidly discussed different measures to overcome a series of shortcomings of the union and the ways to further strengthen relations with other countries.

Representatives of different countries who were present at the meeting as observers expressed their willingness to bolster up solidarity with the union.

During the meeting an agreement on free trade area was signed by heads of the member nations and the Singaporean Prime Minister.

The meeting decided to hold the next council meeting in Russia's St Petersburg in December.

By Min Chol PT

CHAMPIONSHIPS

DPRK weightlifters renew world and Asian records

DPRK weightlifters have bagged gold medals in succession at the 2019 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships which opened in Pyongyang on Oct 20.

On Oct 21, Pak Yong, Paek Hye Jong and Pak Myong Jin placed first in jerk, snatch and totals in the girls' 40kg and 45kg events and boys' 49kg category, winning three golds respectively.

Meanwhile, Pak Chung Guk came first in snatch and totals in the men's 55kg youth division.

On Oct 22, Kim Chung Guk claimed the men's 61kg youth title in snatch, jerk and total standings. In particular, he renewed both world and Asian records by lifting 159kg in jerk.

Won Hyon Sim and Ri Ryong Hyon won gold medals in snatch, jerk and totals respectively in the women's 49kg junior and men's 67kg youth categories, while Han Jong Sim came first in jerk and totals in the women's 49kg youth event.

DPRK weightlifters reset records one after another on Oct 23 and won 12 gold medals.

Kim Il Gyong snatched 99kg in the women's 59kg junior and youth categories to establish world and Asian records.

She also set new world and

Asian junior and youth records in jerk and totals to secure six gold medals.

Pak Jin Hae snatched 87kg

and jerked 110kg in the girl's 55kg category to renew the world and Asian girl's records with the total of 197kg.

Kim Ji Hyang reset the world and Asian youth records in the women's 55kg jerk and broke the Asian youth record in totals,

thereby obtaining three gold medals.

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DISCOVERY

Old tomb unearthed sheds new light on medieval kingdom's initial history

The mausoleum of Hyejong, second king of Koryo dynasty (918-1392), has been discovered in Kaesong, the DPRK.

The research and excavation team consisted of researchers

of the Korean National Heritage Preservation Agency and the Archaeology Institute of the Academy of Social Sciences and lecturers and students of Songdo University of Education.

The research group carried

out an extensive survey of the mountain ridge at the northern shore of the Songdo Reservoir in the city, unearthed the tomb of King Hyejong and identified it scientifically.

The mausoleum is divided

into three sections. The upper section consists of the mound which is 13 metres in diameter and 3 metres high, protective facilities and a monument. The middle section is devoted to two sculptures of civil

officials and there is the site of a memorial service hall in the lower section.

It is the biggest of Koryo royal tombs unearthed so far with its chamber measuring 4 metres long, 3.4 metres wide and 2.2 metres high.

Findings include a tombstone inscribed with letters "Koryo royal tomb" in Chinese characters and fragments of celadon cup holder with inlay, antefix tile with the design of flower petals and dragon-shaped sculptural ornament at both ends of the ridge.

The DPRK Archaeology Society confirmed that it is the tomb of King Hyejong on the basis of detailed deliberation and analysis of its style, location, relics and historical records.

The unearthing of his tomb in the wake of the discovery of Onhye's tomb of royal mausoleum class from the early days of Koryo Kingdom is of weighty significance in clarifying the cultural succession of Koguryo (BC 277-AD 668) by Koryo.



The site of the tomb of Hyejong, second king of Koryo dynasty, and relics unearthed in Kaesong, the DPRK.

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