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Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un delivers congratulatory speech at war veterans conference



The Sixth National Conference of War Veterans took place at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang on Monday.

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, attended the conference.

War veterans and persons of wartime merit took part in the conference.

Also present there were chairmen of provincial Party committees, officials from ministries, national agencies and military organs, the faculties and students of revolutionary schools, and youth and students in Pyongyang.

Amid the playing of the welcome music, Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un appeared on the platform with war veterans.

All the participants burst into rapturous cheers in great reverence

for and with absolute confidence in Kim Jong Un who represents the might and dignity of Juche Korea and symbolizes invincibility.

The Supreme Leader warmly waved back to war veterans.

Seen on the platform were Choe Yong Rim, Yang Hyong Sop, Thae Jong Su, Ri Myong Su, Ri Yong Mu, O Kuk Ryol, Kim Si Hak and other war veterans who worked as senior officials of Party, government and military organs for a long period.

The platform was also taken by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, and Pak Pong Ju, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the State Affairs

Commission of the DPRK and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee.

Senior Party and government officials, officials of working people's organizations and leading officials of military organs also took the platform.

Kim Jong Un made a congratulatory speech at the conference.

He extended warm congratulations to the war veterans who participated in the conference, all the participants in the great Fatherland Liberation War and persons of wartime merit on the 67th anniversary of the Korean people's victory in the war.

He also paid high tribute to sung and unsung revolutionary martyrs who dedicated their precious lives to the sacred war for the country's reunification and independence and the people's freedom and happiness and to the martyrs and veterans of the Chinese People's Volunteers who

set a genuine example of militant friendship as they assisted the Korean people in their revolutionary war with their blood.

He highly appreciated the heroic life of the victorious wartime generation who performed undying feats and created the noble fighting spirit in the hard-fought war true to the leadership of President Kim Il Sung, and expressed firm belief that the war veterans would steadily hand down the spirit of the 1950s to the rising generations as the lifeblood of faith.

The participants were greatly excited by his congratulatory speech brimming with the deep appreciation and respect and noble comradely love and revolutionary obligation he feels towards the participants in the war.

Kim Sung Un, DPRK Hero and lecturer of the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, made

The exploits of the great victors will remain with us for ever

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un delivered a speech titled **The Exploits of the Great Victors Will Remain with Us for Ever** at the Sixth National Conference of War Veterans on July 27 2020. The following is the full text of his speech:

Esteemed comrade war veterans,
Today is July 27.

July 27 is Victory Day, when all the people born on this land celebrate with surging emotions and by repeatedly crying the word "Victory!" our great, historic triumph in the war.

At this conference held to mark Victory Day, I am once again meeting you, the esteemed war veterans who achieved this great, historic triumph. Such is my happiness that I cannot find the words to express my feelings.

We are honoured that you, our precious teachers, are attending this conference.

In marking the 67th anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War, I, on behalf of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government, extend warm congratulations to the participants in this conference and to the other war veterans and people who performed distinguished wartime service.

I also extend our noble respects to the revolutionary martyrs, both sung and unsung, who sacrificed their precious lives in the sacred war for achieving the reunification and independence of their country and the freedom and happiness of their fellow people.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I also extend my noble respects to the martyrs and veterans of the Chinese People's Volunteers who set such a genuine example of militant friendship by spilling their blood to support our people in their revolutionary war.

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

We cannot conceive of our country today without recalling the sweat and blood shed by the generation who won the war, the great spirit they demonstrated, and our warriors' noble sacrifice.

We will remember them for ever.

It is our Party's mind always to see those who performed immortal exploits that are recorded in our country's history, and to make known and honour their heroism. This conference is an important opportunity for demonstrating at home and abroad the unanimous desire and will of our Party and all our people to more vividly hand down to posterity the exploits of the war veterans and to carry forward the fighting spirit of the 1950s so that our forerunners' noble aspirations are translated without fail into reality.

The distinguished exploits performed by the victorious wartime generation of the 1950s under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the spiritual wealth and assets they have bequeathed to the following generations have, with the passing of the years, become so precious that they are now priceless. The major, profound significance of July 27 Victory Day in modern history goes beyond the fact that a country and nation defended their dignity and sovereignty in



a battle against foreign aggressors and created a military miracle that shines in the annals of warfare.

The great Fatherland Liberation War was a grim war in which we defended our nascent Republic and the destiny and future of the tens of millions of our people; moreover, fought at the start of the Cold War that followed the Second World War, it was also the first all-out war between the forces aspiring after independence and those of domination, and between socialism and capitalism. As such, the confrontation was unprecedented in its severity and significance. Our new-born Republic was no match for the enemy in any respect, whether military hardware or economic strength, population or territory; yet in this war we halted the military offensive of the US imperialists, who had boasted of being the "strongest" in the world, and their vassal forces and, at the cost of our blood, defended our territory and sovereignty. No event of such historic and legendary importance had ever before been recorded in the histories of our nation and the world revolution. July 27 constituted a turning point, when our country and people, which had been reduced to a condition of weakness, took pride of place in history as a heroic state and nation that were admired by the world, and when a violent storm of anti-imperialist independence and socialist and national liberation revolutions was unleashed on the globe.

Without the great July 27, there would not be the socialist Korea of today that is demonstrating its glory as the most dignified, independent and powerful of countries—a people's country—in the modern world; and the high-handed attempts of the imperialists to bring Asia and other parts of the world under their domination, would not have

been stopped. The great significance of July 27 is also that it defined the orientation of the new, great history of the postwar socialist revolution and construction, created the proud traditions and wealth based on which our country and people could achieve lasting victory, transformed the global political landscape, and forcefully propelled the trend of the times towards independence and socialism.

The victory in the Fatherland Liberation War was the victory of the noble patriotism and mass heroism of the service personnel of the Korean People's Army and our people, the victory of justice and progress over injustice and reaction, and the victory of socialism, the future of mankind, over capitalism, the dregs of history.

The Fatherland Liberation War made people clearly aware of, and determined never to forget, the aggressive and brutal nature of US imperialism; everyone on this land lost a parent, a brother or sister, a precious comrade-in-arms or friend, and suffered dreadful misfortune and pain. Yet, thanks to the legendary exploits of the victorious wartime generation, who overcame all the trials and agony, the great spirit of defending the country and revolution was forged, and our people developed unrivalled and uniquely powerful traits of heroism, self-sacrifice and

fortitude.

Our victorious wartime generation is a proud generation that, by devoting their lives and blood, created a new chapter in carrying forward the Korean revolution, and that developed the revolutionary spirit of Paektu into a mass ideology. Thanks to the service personnel who defended every inch of their motherland at the cost of their blood, bolstered by the steely faith that they were sure to emerge victorious as long as they were led by Comrade Kim Il Sung, and to the people on the home front who dedicated their all to victory in the war by displaying the spirit of unity around the leader, the unfailing spirit of fighting the enemy to the death, and the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance with which they made weapons with their bare hands, heroic Korea could display its true mettle. That is why our Party holds in such high esteem and gives such prominence to the victorious wartime generation who triumphed at the cost of their blood amid the flames of war, and honours them as a proud generation who laid the cornerstone on which our revolutionary traditions could be carried forward.

They are the heroes who, true to the Party's call, established a socialist system and laid the foundations of an independent, powerful country in the spirit of Chollima; they are also the great teachers who have implanted the ennobling spirit and soul in the rising generations. In the days when they were playing the key roles in all sectors, our socialist construction witnessed the most eye-opening, rapid advance and upsurge. Tales of their exploits form an excellent textbook for teaching a revolutionary lifestyle and outlook on life that can

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sustain the peacetime generations who have not experienced war.

They are truly outstanding revolutionaries and patriots and a priceless treasure of our revolution who, despite the trials they went through, have devoted their all to the rising generations by invariably and faithfully supporting the Party and the leader, from the grim times of the war through to the years of postwar reconstruction and socialist construction. Our Party regards it as a source of great pride and honour to have such revolutionary forerunners as you with your noble attitude to the rising generations and the revolution, and it raises up the victorious wartime generation as models from whom everyone should learn, for all ages.

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

The 70-year period since the war cannot be called peacetime, since the fierce confrontation with the enemy has continued, and the pressure from the imperialists and their threat to hinder our development and invade and plunder our Republic have been increasing with each passing moment.

Based on the spirit of victory and the will to achieve it inspired by the immortal July 27 and anticipating a bright future for our Republic, we chose the arduous path of making our nation more powerful by our own efforts. In refusing to alter our choice, we have tightened our belts while others vied with one another in the pursuit of instant “prosperity”.

Since we must absolutely be strong enough to prevent and deter war so that we never experience again the pain and suffering of the war in the 1950s, we have, by braving all the pressures and challenges and overcoming unprecedented adversity that would have brought others to their knees a hundred times, advanced along the path of self-development into a nuclear state. As a result, we are now able to reliably defend ourselves against any form of high-intensity pressure and military threat by the imperialist reactionaries and other hostile forces.

War is armed conflict that is invariably unleashed on the weak.

No one can now treat us lightly.

We will not permit others to look down on us and, if they do so, we will make them pay dearly.

Thanks to our reliable and effective self-defensive nuclear deterrent, there will be no more war on this land, and the security and future of our Republic are guaranteed for all time.

Every year, generation after generation, we celebrate July 27, but this year, when our Republic has secured a strategic position the world cannot ignore but must recognize, the day brings us special emotions, and the significance of the victory in the war and the exploits performed by the war veterans have become more valuable and a greater source of pride than ever before.

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a speech addressed to the rising generation.

General Kim Il Sung who liberated the nation and wisely led new Korea was precisely the country and the mainstay of faith for our people and fighters of the Korean People's Army during the days of the war, he said, stressing that they brought about the victorious July 27 by fighting with their hearts burning with the indomitable conviction that they would never be deprived of the land won back by the great leader and the thankful country no matter how often

Comrades,

Many years have passed and much has changed since the guns fell silent, yet the noble spirit displayed by the war martyrs and veterans remains, encouraging our people to renew their struggle.

Seeing in the faces of you, war veterans, the images of all the comrades-in-arms who failed to return from the front in those grim years, as well as those of the unforgettable martyrs who devoted themselves to socialist construction, we are preparing to redouble our efforts to make ourselves proud before them. You wrote a new chapter in the history of building a prosperous country by brilliantly carrying forward the traditions of the anti-Japanese struggle, and the new generations of today, by inheriting your spirit, will without fail achieve the final victory of socialism of our own style.

Our victory in the war teaches us the philosophical principle that a people armed with a great spirit can work great miracles.

Our Party, by ensuring that the spirit of the 1950s is etched in golden letters on the hearts of all our service personnel and people, will ensure that every one of them becomes a fighter who is undaunted in the face of any adversity and lives as the creator of fresh miracles and victories, so that no one feels any sense of shame in front of the martyrs and war veterans.

We have never forgotten your rancour when, owing to a shortage of arms, you had to turn back, weeping bitter tears after burying your fallen comrades-in-arms on the banks of the Raktong near the South Sea of Korea. Always mindful of the truths that only when our sovereignty and right to existence are guaranteed can we achieve and promote happiness, and that in order to defend the destiny of our Republic and people we must be independently strong, we will not permit ourselves even a moment's halt on the path of making our defence capability so strong that no one would dare to challenge us.

Comrades,

What those who fought in the war must have pictured in their minds during the many days and nights of do-or-die battles, must have been a beautiful people's paradise that would be built on our 3 000-ri land. Our Party will strive with redoubled courage to realize without fail our forerunners' dream and ideal of a powerful country, so as to make our people the happiest in the world.

All the people, as they advance victoriously along the path of making their country prosperous, should, by viewing themselves in the light of the victorious wartime generation, add glory to their own lives. The present conditions and situation, though difficult, are nothing when compared to what they were during the war.

Our Party will make sure that all officials, all Party members and all the other working people hold high the slogan “Let us live and struggle in

they might have to fall and with one mind to defeat the enemy no matter how often they might have to die.

Saying that the war veterans take pride in handing down the spirit of defending the country to the rising generation as a legacy, he expressed the absolute conviction that the DPRK would surely win as it is led by Marshal Kim Jong Un, an iron-willed, brilliant commander.

He then requested the rising generation to uphold better the Supreme Leader and trust, support and follow only the WPK in any adversity.

Jo Chun Hyok, student of Kim Il Sung University, and Ji Yong

Min, officer of the Korean People's Army, made speeches on behalf of youth and service personnel.

The speakers extended warm congratulations and militant salute to the war veterans taking part in the conference, reflecting the mind of all young people and service personnel across the country.

They stressed that they would become the youth heroes, who dedicate their lives for the sake of the Party, revolution and country by carrying forward the spirit and soul displayed in the great era of victorious war and invariably and single-heartedly believe in and follow

the spirit of the great defenders of the country!” and achieve proud victories on all fronts of socialist construction.

It will also train all our service personnel into versatile, a-match-for-a-hundred combatants who, as well as being fully versed in our style of warfare, count among their mental qualities the indomitable revolutionary spirit, valiant militant mettle and noble patriotism cherished by the war veterans.

Recorded in the history of our war victory are the exploits of numerous heroes including Ri Su Bok, Jo Kun Sil and Kang Ho Yong, with whom we associate the word *youth*. The Party is bringing up all the young people as hot-blooded loyalists and staunch revolutionaries who put the Party and their country first and are prepared to devote themselves for the sake of society and the collective, just as those heroes did who, in the face of death, gave their lives without hesitation for their country.

In this way, our Party is ensuring that our traditions of ideology and system you defended, and the victory you won, at the cost of your blood are carried forward from one generation to the next.

It is also making sure that the climate of respecting, holding up and according preferential treatment to the war veterans and other forerunners of the revolution is established throughout society, and becomes an unshakable national trait.

Our Party will look after you, war veterans, with all sincerity and will take full responsibility for your health and your living conditions so that you can gain in vigour, despite your advancing years, and continue to add lustre to your glorious lives.

It will make sure that Party organizations, government bodies, working people's organizations at all levels and all the people regard it as their noble obligation and duty to take good care of the war veterans as they would their own parents, and do all they can for them.

Time passes and one generation is replaced by another; yet the heroic fighting spirit and undying exploits of the victorious wartime generation will keep the red blood of our descendants boiling for all eternity, and will for ever accompany the victorious advance of our revolution.

Esteemed comrade veterans,

You, our staunch war veterans, defeated the US imperialists that had boasted of being the “strongest” in the world and their vassals, weathering the storms of those years and every manner of hardship. But as the saying goes, time and tide wait for no man, and many of the veterans have passed away and the hair of you, present here, has turned grey. This fills me with sorrow and causes me to regret the passage of time.

Comrade war veterans, I wish you good health.

I earnestly request the respected war veterans across the country to lead a long life in good health, serving as our eternal source of strength and our spiritual mainstay.

Long live the great July 27 Victory Day!

only the Party in any storm and stress. They also vowed to devotedly defend the Party Central Committee headed by Kim Jong Un and take the lead in implementing Party policies, bearing in mind that the steady flow of the history of winning victory in war and the victory of socialism are guaranteed by the spirit of devotedly defending the leader.

Kim Jong Un extended warm greetings to all the war veterans across the country who performed immortal exploits which would go down in the history of the country.

Supreme Leader presents pistols to military officials on occasion of war victory day

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, bestowed "Paektusan" commemorative pistols on leading commanding officers of the armed forces of the DPRK on the occasion of the 67th anniversary of the Korean people's victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

A grand presentation ceremony took place at the office building of the headquarters of the Party Central Committee on Sunday afternoon.

At the ceremony, the Supreme Leader said he was going to present the "Paektusan" pistol, which was newly developed and produced by the workers of the munitions field of the country, to the leading commanding officers of the armed forces of the DPRK in commemoration of the great war victory day, and added that it was an expression of the Party's

great trust in and expectations for the new generation of commanding officers who would carry through the revolutionary cause of Juche by firmly holding the weapons of the revolution.

He personally bestowed the commemorative pistols bearing his name on the leading officers as a token of his trust, with conviction that they would remain infinitely loyal to

the noble missions they assume on behalf of the Party, the revolution, the country and the people and invariably keep to the long and rugged path of the revolution following the Party for the ultimate victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

They made a solemn vow, looking up to the Party flag, to hold close to their hearts the commemorative pistols bestowed on them by the

Supreme Leader until the last moments of their lives, trust and follow him only and fulfil their sacred missions of defence of the leader, the country and the people whatever happens in the world just as those fighters who went through the sea of flames of the great anti-Japanese war and anti-US war by firmly grasping the weapons of the revolution presented by President Kim Il Sung and just as the commanding officers in the Songun era who stood firm guard over the forefront of

the campaign to defend socialism by holding the pistols given by Chairman Kim Jong Il as the mainstay of their faith and will.

The Supreme Leader had a photograph taken with the commanding officers who received the "Paektusan" pistols.

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Tribute paid to war martyrs

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, visited the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery to pay tribute to the fallen fighters of the Korean People's Army on the occasion of the 67th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

He was accompanied by KPA Vice Marshal Pak Jong Chon, chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, and other commanding officers of the KPA.

He laid a flower before the cemetery.

He paid profound respects to the heroes of the great years who defended the country at the cost of their lives and laid foundations of the powerful state of the DPRK.

The brilliant feats performed by the defenders of the country in the 1950s would go down in history, he said, expressing his belief that the heroic fighting spirit of the war martyrs would be carried on as the eternal soul of socialist Korea.



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WPK CC Politburo meets for emergency session, decides on upgrading anti-epidemic system to top level

At the time when a campaign was being waged to completely check the inroads of the worldwide pandemic, an unexpected event happened in Kaesong City in which a man suspected of having been infected with the virulent virus came back on July 19 illegally crossing the Military Demarcation Line, three years after he had smuggled himself into south Korea.

The anti-epidemic authorities said that with several medical tests of the secretion of the intruder's upper airway and blood suggesting possibilities of infection, he was put under strict quarantine as a primary step and all the people in Kaesong City who had contacted him and those who had been to the city over the last five days are being thoroughly checked out, medically examined and quarantined with the help of the relevant sector.

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea convened an emergency enlarged meeting in the office building of the WPK Central Committee on July 25 as regards the dangerous situation in Kaesong City that might cause a deadly and destructive disaster.

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the WPK, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, attended the meeting.

The meeting was also attended by members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK

Central Committee.

Present there as observers were members of the Central Emergency Anti-epidemic Headquarters.

Leading Party and administrative officials of the Cabinet, ministries and national agencies, members of the executive committees of provincial Party committees and senior officials of the provincial-level leading institutions were present in the video conference rooms as observers.

Upon authorization of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, Chairman Kim Jong Un presided over the meeting.

Despite the intense preventive anti-epidemic measures taken in all fields throughout the country and tight closure of all the channels for the last six months, he said, a critical situation occurred in which the vicious virus could have entered the country. He referred to the fact that a preemptive measure was taken on the afternoon of July 24 immediately after receiving the report on it to cut

off Kaesong City and isolate each district and region of it.

To address the present situation, he declared a state of emergency in the relevant area and clarified the determination of the Party Central Committee to raise the level of the state emergency anti-epidemic system to the top and issue the red alert.

He specified tasks for each sector which should immediately be implemented by Party and working people's organizations, power, public security and state security organs and anti-epidemic and public health institutions.

The meeting unanimously adopted a decision of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee on raising the level of the state emergency anti-epidemic system to the top.

He instructed all the participants to immediately organize work to carry out the decision of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee in their fields and units, and Party organizations at all levels and every

field to ensure and guarantee the most correct implementation of the directions and assignments of the Party Central Committee with a great sense of responsibility, loyalty and devotion.

He underscored the need to thoroughly maintain strict organizational discipline and ensure the unity in action and thinking throughout the Party and society, to keep order by which everyone absolutely obeys the command of the emergency anti-epidemic headquarters and moves as one under it and for Party organizations at all

levels to perform their functions and roles perfectly.

He said that everyone should face up to the reality of emergency gravely, calling on them all to overcome the present epidemic crisis by remaining faithful and consistent to the leadership of the Party Central Committee with responsibility and devotion without losing the focus of thinking and action and by uniting more closely behind it so as to defend the welfare of the people and security of the country without fail.

The meeting sternly pointed out the loose guard performance of the frontline unit in charge of the area through which the runaway had gone to the south, and decided that the Central Military Commission of the WPK would get a report on the results of an intensive investigation of the military unit responsible for the case, administer severe punishment and take necessary measures.

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CELEBRATION

Nation celebrates war victory anniversary

The Korean people celebrated the 67th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

People from all walks of life and service personnel presented baskets of flowers at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in all parts of the country.

Seen at the statues of the President and the Chairman on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang was a flower basket sent by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

Baskets of flowers and bouquets were laid at their statues in the name of Party, government and military organs, social organizations, ministries, national agencies, units of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces and institutions and industrial

establishments at all levels and universities in Pyongyang.

Floral tribute was also paid to the great leaders at their statues and beaming images in different places of the capital city by institutions, enterprises and units of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces.

Working people and service members in other parts of the country paid their noble respects to the President and the Chairman at their statues in local areas.

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea sent a congratulatory message to war veterans throughout the country.

The participants in the Sixth National Conference of War Veterans visited the

Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on July 27 together with Party and government officials, officials of the armed forces' organs, service personnel, students of revolutionary schools and youth and students in Pyongyang.

Wreaths were placed at the cemetery in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the DPRK State Affairs Commission, the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly and the DPRK Cabinet.

That day, wreaths were laid at the statues and cemeteries of martyrs, memorial towers for fallen KPA soldiers and graves of martyrs across the country.

The DPRK Cabinet hosted a reception in honour of the

participants in the conference on Monday.

Invited there were the participants in the conference including the war veterans who had worked at important posts of Party, government and military organs for a long time.

Present there were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, and other senior Party and government officials, chairmen of provincial Party committees and leading officials of the armed forces organs.

Speakers at the reception warmly congratulated the war

veterans participating in the conference.

Meanwhile, all the people extended their warm congratulations to war veterans.

The war veterans across the country received foodstuffs and consumer goods permeated with the warm loving care of the Party.

Officials of ministries and national agencies, those in each province, city and county and other working people visited the families of war veterans and persons of wartime merit with flowers, health foods and tonics.

They listened to the stories of heroic feats and struggle of the victors' generation, sang songs for them and congratulated them who are leading a happy life, full of energy despite their advanced ages, under the loving care of the motherly Party.

Officials and employees of the Pyongyang Glasses Shop visited the lodgings quarters of the participants in the conference to provide them with thousands of pairs of glasses.

Public catering facilities across the country served war veterans, persons of wartime merit and disabled soldiers with various national and other foods.

There was a fireworks display in Pyongyang at 21:00 on July 27 in celebration of war victory day.

By Ri Sung Ik PT



Wreaths are laid at the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on Monday in an event attended by the participants in the Sixth National Conference of War Veterans.



A stunning display of fireworks lights up the sky above the Tower of the Juche Idea in Pyongyang at 21:00 on Monday in celebration of war victory day.

EPIDEMIC CONTROL

National emergency anti-epidemic system put into top gear

With the national emergency anti-epidemic system having been raised to the top level, the anti-epidemic campaign has further been stepped up in the DPRK.

All sectors and units including the emergency anti-epidemic headquarters, Party and working people's organizations, government organs and anti-epidemic and public health institutions at all levels have intensified the political work and information activities in order to raise public awareness of the spirit of the emergency enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and further encourage all the people to take an active part in the anti-epidemic campaign.

Timely measures have been taken to establish a strict order of achieving unity in action and taking concerted actions over the whole society.

Kaesong City, where a grave situation has been created which might lead to deadly

and destructive consequences, has completely been blockaded with its districts and areas being isolated from each other and its people under strict quarantine and medical examination. Materials like testing equipment, hazmat suits, masks and non-contact thermometers, all kinds of medicines, medical supplies and antiseptics are supplied to the city promptly.

The Cabinet, ministries and national agencies have taken substantial steps to provide the people in the blockaded areas with enough foodstuffs, sanitary goods and fuel needed for their everyday life.

The central emergency anti-epidemic headquarters have tightened the isolation and blockade of the borders, areas along the Military Demarcation Line and coastal areas, reinforced the anti-epidemic posts and their personnel at major points and ensured that tests of water quality are responsibly carried out according to seasonal conditions.

Health workers are intensifying medical examinations and tests of employees of institutions and enterprises to prevent any faults from occurring in the anti-epidemic fight and strongly demanding the people wear masks and sterilize hands strictly in accordance with the anti-epidemic regulations.

Anti-epidemic headquarters at all levels ensure that hands are disinfected and temperatures are measured more responsibly at public transport means, service amenities and public places and organize the work more carefully to inspire all the people to fulfil their civic duty in the fight against the epidemic.

All the imports and exports inspection and quarantine stations strictly observe the anti-epidemic rules and regulations in the inspection, quarantine and disinfection of supplied materials as the infectious virus might be transmitted by air and packaging materials.

INSPECTION

Choe Ryong Hae checks epidemic control in Kaesong

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, got familiar with the ongoing anti-epidemic work in Kaesong.

He learned about the anti-epidemic work and the

delivery of materials to the city as he looked round the anti-epidemic points set up in its vicinity to implement the decisions of the emergency enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

He underlined the need to do sterilization and enforce quarantine as required by the anti-epidemic rules.

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Senior official Choe Ryong Hae (second from left) inspects anti-epidemic work in Kaesong.

BYWORDS

Catchwords giving glimpse of present-day DPRK

Among the new terms coined in the DPRK are the “revolutionary spirit of Paektu”, “spirit of self-development first” and “Education is the mother of science”.

The revolutionary spirit of Paektu was created in the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle for defeating the one million Japanese troops, without any state backing or support from a regular army. The spirit is, in essence, a spirit of tenacious offensive through all obstacles and hardships and a spirit of resolutely fighting it out by rising up no matter how often one may fall.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners fought tooth and nail against the Japanese imperialists who were armed to the teeth, as they overcame biting cold and hunger in primitive forests, and finally achieved the historic cause of national liberation.

Cherishing the spirit deep in mind, the Korean people rose up from the ashes of the Korean war in the 1950s, accomplished socialist industrialization by their own efforts in a matter of 14 years and have made continuous innovations and advance to achieve bigger victories in succession.

An endless stream of study

tourists still flows to the revolutionary battle sites in the Mt Paektu area permeated with the blood of the anti-Japanese martyrs.

The Korean people are going on a frontal offensive to surmount trials and difficulties in the way of their advance by keeping up the self-development first spirit.

The spirit of self-development first is a revolutionary spirit of strengthening the internal forces and paving the way ahead by relying on domestic efforts, technology and resources.

The Koreans built monumental structures last year, too, with the steadfast determination to accomplish the cause of building a powerful socialist country with internal efforts, technologies and resources without fail.

Samjiyon turned into a model of cultured mountainous city of socialism encapsulating modern civilization, a large-scale vegetable greenhouse farm and modern tree nursery were built in the Jungphyong area, and the spa area in Yangdok County was transformed into a modern and comprehensive hot spring resort and unique public service centre.

In the face of hostile forces' sanctions that are getting more

vicious, the Korean people are determined to hold higher the banner of self-prosperity and open a broad avenue for the victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

In order to make a giant leap in building a powerful socialist nation, more powerful spurs are being put to bringing about a revolution in education in the new century,

In his historic report delivered at the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un said that if science can be called an engine leading the economic development, education can be called the mother of science.

This reflects his idea of training a greater number of world-class scientific and technological personnel who will contribute to the building of a socialist power by effecting a radical turn in education.

Since the 14th National Conference of Teachers last year, teachers have shown greater enthusiasm in work and the climate of attaching importance to education across society has further been fostered, resulting in remarkable achievements in the education sector.

By Pang Un Ju PT

WELFARE

Hostel for girl workers

The Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill on the banks of the Taedong River has a hostel, the pride of workers at the mill.

The hostel has bedrooms, a mess hall, birthday dining hall, sports and amusement hall and others for affording convenience in the everyday life of women workers.

The cosy rooms covered with light pink and cream coloured wallpapers and the thin summer quilts on the soft beds relieve their fatigue after day's work, while a variety of cosmetics on the mirror stand always make girl hostellers look pretty, according to the hostellers.

The hostel is equipped with a

geothermal heating system.

The inmates sing that the inside of the hostel is always warm like spring even in cold winter and hot summer.

For them, the hostel is not a mere place for sleeping and having a meal.

After work, they spend a good time while reading books, singing songs or doing exercises in the hostel. A noticeable thing is that there is a cooking practice room where the future housewives can acquire cooking skills as they prepare different foods by themselves.

On holidays and Sundays, the dwellers hold a “cooking contest” at the practice room.

Pak Su Jong, a staffer of the

mill, said that the girls have polished up their culinary skills so remarkably that they make various foods in a moment, adding their skills are on a par with professional cooks.

Yun Sol Gyoung, a silk reeler who has been residing at the hostel since she was employed in the mill, said that she sent photos taken in her hostel room to her grandmother for a boast. “I will have my photo taken after being an innovator and send it to my grandma,” she added.

All the hostellers want to become labour innovators so as to be the pride of the hostel.

By Ri Sung Ik PT

IT

Institute develops high-tech equipment, programs

The advanced technology institute of the Pyongyang Technology Corporation has recently developed information communications equipment and programs.

“Our recent product, the IP environment monitor system, is conducive to monitoring and maintaining large-scale communications systems with the combination of various kinds

of equipment,” said Rim Yong Jin, director of the institute.

The institute has developed an integrated production management system for electronic equipment production processes.

The car checkup app 1.0 enables drivers to easily grasp the engine condition and breakdowns in real time without going to garages or professional manufacturing units. It is the first program in the country that applied OBD-II, an SAE and

AFFORESTATION

Students build forest following older generations



KIM HYOK CHOL

Students at Masan Senior Middle School in Ryongsong District, Pyongyang, fix nest boxes in the pine-nut tree forest.

“The mountains are under 500 metres above sea level on average. Among them, there is Mt Pingjang forming a forest of 40-odd-year-old towering pine-nut trees,” said Pak Hyok Chol, senior technician at the Ryongsong District Forestry Management Station.

According to him, this pine-nut forest has been cultivated by the students of Masan Senior Middle School in Ryongsong District, Pyongyang.

“The students of our school began to plant pine-nut trees several decades ago. Now over 10 000 trees they planted have formed a forest covering dozens of hectares,” said Mun Chang Ho, principal of the school.

The students in those days, who are now grandfathers and grandmothers, share the joy of harvest together with their grandchildren every year as they tell them the story about the planting and growing of the trees at that time like a legend.

“When I wanted to know how this mountain could thickly be wooded with pine-nut trees, my teacher told me that the mountain is suitable for the growth of pine-nut trees that like cool places and that the green forest owes much to the sincerity of the generations of our grandparents and fathers and mothers,” said Jo Hyon A, a third-year student of senior class.

Broad bellflower, lance asiabell, bracken and other edible herbs grow thickly on the mountain along with pine-nut trees. The mountain is also

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

and imagination among children,” said Rim. “Users can write a control program with a graphic language on a tablet PC or smart phone and control the construction toy at their will.”

The institute’s information communications equipment was chosen as one of the top ten IT products in the national exhibition of IT achievements held in 2019.

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

CUBA

Gunshot in Moncada shakes bulwark of dictatorship

The Cuban people were groaning under the oppression by the pro-US Batista regime in the mid-20th century.

Unable to stand the tyranny any longer, they rose up against the dictatorship.

Under the leadership of Fidel Castro, 165 Cuban revolutionaries decided to attack the Moncada military barracks in the suburbs of Santiago de Cuba in Oriente State at dawn of July 26 1953.

The revolt army planned to assault the barracks, arm themselves with enemies'

weapons, attack Santiago de Cuba and seize the broadcasting station to rouse all the people to the resistance.

But they failed due to an unexpected situation, big difference in force and other causes and Fidel Castro and many other fighters were arrested and imprisoned.

On the pretext of the assault on the military barracks, the Batista clique cruelly massacred over 20 000 patriots.

However, the armed uprising of July 26 dealt a heavy blow to

the dictatorship and developed the revolutionary struggle of the Cuban people onto a new higher stage.

It demonstrated their strong will to oppose foreign interference and show no mercy to aggressors, while marking the beginning of the Cuban revolution.

Afterwards, the revolutionary patriotic forces of Cuba rallied behind the "July 26 revolutionary movement" to conduct vigorous activities for the release of the imprisoned revolutionaries.

The Batista clique was

compelled to discharge them under growing public pressure.

The Cuban revolutionaries prepared for a new armed struggle and put up a courageous fight to overthrow the despotism and finally established a socialist state in their country.

Today, the Cuban people are advancing dynamically under the uplifted banner of socialism permeated with the blood of martyrs, as they overcome all challenges.

By Om Ryong PT

Briefly

China

First test flight of large amphibious plane

China carried out the first flight test of homemade AG600 Kunlong large amphibious plane on July 26.

The plane, which can be used for extinguishing forest fire and running sea rescue operations, is fast and wide in search range, guarantees aviation security and has a large carrying capacity.

Russia

Naval parades staged

Naval parades were held in different parts of Russia on the occasion of navy day on July 26.

They were attended by 15 000 service personnel, some 220 warships and submarines and more than 70 aircraft throughout the country.

President Vladimir Putin in his address at the parade held in St Petersburg said that Russia could exalt the honour of a naval power thanks to the loyalty, fortitude and talent of the seamen of preceding generations.

He noted that some 40 latest warships and other vessels of different classes will be delivered to the navy this year.

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RUSSIA

Huge efforts channelled into developing Far East

Russia is making a big effort to develop the Far Eastern region.

Especially, nationwide attention and effort are directed to improving the living standards of the residents so as to prevent an outflow of the local population and improving the economic growth rate so that the region can outdo others.

Recently, President Putin signed a directive on taking a measure for improving the livelihood of the Far Eastern people and increasing the development rate of the region.

Accordingly, the Russian government mapped out a plan for making the average life expectancy of the Far Eastern population higher than the national average, increasing the

area of dwelling construction 1.6 times more than the present figure and encouraging investment in the region to build many new enterprises around the free port of Vladivostok by 2024. By doing so, it is going to remarkably boost the people's living standards and economic growth rate in the region by 2035.

Russia is trying to transport marine products of the Far Eastern region through the Arctic sea route to the European part of the country on a regular basis. Icebreakers are needed for the normal operation of the sea route since it crosses the Arctic Ocean along the northern coast of the country. Therefore, the government is planning to halve the passage money of

icebreakers by subsidizing their operation.

It is also planning to set up a single aviation company of the Far Eastern region.

According to a plan worked out by the federal traffic bureau and the Ministry of Development of the Far East and Arctic of Russia, the new company will include several national and local airlines.

Meanwhile, much attention is paid to developing the railway infrastructure and increasing the volume of freight traffic.

This year, the Far Eastern railway bureau is pushing ahead with the construction and reconstruction of stations, division points and bridges, with an eye on completing 68 objects.

Russia has worked out a project for regenerating the region by developing a convenient tourist route to the Far East, which might involve leading local travel companies.

It also intends to increase state investment in the oil and gas chemical industry, agriculture, wood processing industry, fishing industry, fish farming and education and public health sectors, enhance the competitive edge of the already developed areas and intensify the training of talented personnel, and thus promote the socioeconomic development of the region.

By Choe Yong Nam PT

RELIC

Large tomb in Ryonggang

In Ryonggang County of Nampho, there is a Koguryo tomb with murals from the 5th century.

The large tomb in Ryonggang, whose chamber is arranged on the ground, was built with flat rubble stones, with its ceiling covered with a plain rock and its walls and ceiling plastered with lime.

The chamber consists of an inner passage, front compartment, corridor, two niches and an inner compartment.

There are two niches on both sides of the corridor leading from the front compartment to the inner compartment, and the walls and ceiling of the chamber had been full of murals whose most parts faded away. Pillars, headspaces and beams are painted on the four walls of the front and inner compartments to decorate them like rooms and, especially, beam and propping timber are also drawn above the headspace on the walls of the front compartment to make them look more lifelike.

The tomb offers a lot of information for studying the social relationship, castle, architecture and painting of Koguryo.

wall of the front compartment are a portrait and castle map.

There are three gate lofts on the castle map and the centre loft is a big two-storey high building with curving roof tiles, while the other two lofts at its both sides are low and small ones in the same kind as compared to that in the middle.

There are pavilions at each corner of the castle and ornaments on the roof ridge of the lofts and pavilions.

Walls are also roofed with curving tiles and the road to the inside of the castle is paved.

There are a picture of phoenix on the western wall of the inner compartment, and those of birds and patterns of cloud, lotus flower and fireworks on the ceiling.

The tomb was inscribed on the World Cultural Heritage list.

By Kwon Hyo Song PT



Samgyethang, young hen boiled with insam.

HEALTH FOOD

Traditional dishes in midsummer

The hottest period of summer, when the sun beats down and the temperature rises, has negative effect on human health to some extent. In this season, people easily develop such symptoms as anorexia, vertigo and decline of energy.

In this case, it is good to keep diet.

Nowadays, the Sinhung, Chilsong and other restaurants in Pyongyang serve *samgyethang*, peppery beef soup, mung-bean soup and other dishes good for health in the hottest period.

There is a Korean proverb that "Remedy heat with heat", which means like cures like. In other words, hot dishes are better for health than cold ones in midsummer days when people sweat heavily and become weak.

Hot *samgyethang* is a kind of

broth in which such materials for tonics as insam (ginseng), jujube and glutinous rice are put into young hens before boiling them together. It is rated first in invigorating people, curing diseases and promoting health.

The Korean people have long cooked hot-peppered soup with beef, calling it peppery beef soup or spicy beef soup.

Generally, no or a little amount of red pepper is used to

cook beef dishes, but the spicy beef soup makes diners' mouth water and sweat at a mere sight of it as it is cooked by putting much powdered red pepper.

The Koreans liked to have this hot dish in hot summer even while fanning themselves to cool down their body, and it is good for invigorating energy.

The mung-bean soup has good effects on lowering body temperature and getting rid of heat.

Moreover, the addition of Japanese honeysuckle, lotus flower petals and other febrifugal and antitodal plants to the soup when it is boiled helps increase its heat-relieving effect further and treat prickly heat or boil.

By Min Chol PT

Still remaining on the southern

