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Kim Jong Un pays homage to great leaders on Party founding anniversary



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, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun with members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee on Oct 10, the 74th WPK founding anniversary.

He was accompanied by 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 Pak Pong Ju, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee.

Also accompanying him were Premier Kim Jae Ryong, member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and member of the DPRK State Affairs Commission, and members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

The Supreme Leader entered the hall where the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il stand.

Baskets of flowers were laid at the

statues in the name of the Supreme Leader and the WPK Central Committee.

The Supreme Leader, together with other visitors, made a deep bow to the statues.

At the halls of immortality where the great leaders are preserved in their lifetime appearance the Supreme Leader paid homage to them.

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Supreme Leader enjoys art celebration for WPK anniversary

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, enjoyed an art performance in celebration of the 74th founding

anniversary of the WPK at an annex to the headquarters of the Party Central Committee on Oct 10.

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Affairs Commission and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, and Pak Pong Ju, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission

and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, also saw the performance.

Among the audience were Premier Kim Jae Ryong, member of the

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Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and member of the DPRK State Affairs Commission, and other leading Party and government officials, members of the Party central leadership body in Pyongyang and officials of the Party Central Committee, the State Affairs Commission and armed forces organs.

Also seen there were veteran officials who had worked in important posts of the Party and the government for a long time.

The audience were filled with great excitement and joy to see the significant celebratory performance with the Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea at a historic time when the dignity and prestige of the WPK have been exalted more remarkably than ever before.

The performers sang hymns of the times reflecting boundless reverence and gratitude of the people for President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and the Supreme Leader who have led the revolution and construction along the road of victory and glory with the immortal Juche idea as the guiding ideology, set an example of the times in the building of the



revolutionary party with the people-first principle as the lifeblood and added glory to it.

The performance, which demonstrated the firm faith and will of the Korean people to travel

only one road of socialism with the revolutionary banner of self-reliance in their grasp as the treasured sword under the leadership of the great Party, ended with male chorus *We Will Travel One Road Forever*.

The Supreme Leader warmly waved back to the performers and audience who burst into tumultuous cheers again.

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Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un inspects military unit farm

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, provided field guidance to Farm 1116 under Unit 810 of the Korean People's Army.

He was accompanied by Pak Pong Ju, Pak Thae Dok and Pak Thae Song, vice-chairmen of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Yo Jong, Jo Yong Won, Kim Yong Su, Ri Jong Nam, Hyon Song Wol and other leading officials of the WPK Central Committee, and Army Colonel General Son Chol Ju, deputy director of the KPA General Political Bureau.

After looking round the hall dedicated to education in revolutionary relics, Supreme Leader

Kim Jong Un saw high-yielding crop varieties newly bred by the farm.

He called on all sectors and units to firmly establish the habit of attaching importance to science and technology and maintain the viewpoint and work attitude of carrying out their tasks with their own efforts by dint of science and technology as social customs.

The Party highly appreciates the rapid scientific development recently made in the agricultural field, but it is merely the initial step and fails to reach a high level, he said, adding that nationwide efforts should be directed to bringing about an innovation in overall agriculture while keeping abreast of the global trend in the field.

He referred to the need for the

agricultural research sector to intensify research by focusing on breeding the high-yielding and quality crops, which suit the country's regional, geographical and climatic features and which are highly resistant to unfavourable environment and blight with short growing period, and by employing modern breeding methods including bioengineering in accordance with the Party policy.

He also said the sector should develop the farming methods of increasing crop yields in intermediate, mountainous and low-yielding areas so as to provide a scientific and technological guarantee for achieving the grain production target set by the Party.

He made the rounds of different

places including a newly-built greenhouse and experimental and cultivation plots to get familiar with breeding and rearing.

He was satisfied to see dozens of kinds of excellent vegetable varieties growing in the modern greenhouse equipped with sound material and technical foundations for breeding seeds in all seasons.

Saying that the farm has achieved great success every year by making steady efforts to implement the Party policy of radically improving seed, he pointed to the need to bring about a decisive turn in solving the food problem of the people by developing more good breeds of world standards.

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MESSAGE

DPRK, Chinese leaders exchange greetings on 70th anniversary of bilateral ties

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, sent a message of greeting on Oct 6 to Chinese President Xi Jinping, who is also general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

In the message, Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un described the establishment of bilateral diplomatic ties as an epochal event which signalled the start of a new type of relationship between the two countries, saying that over the past 70 years the two Parties and peoples of the two countries have stood the test of time by sharing weal and woe with each other and adorned a history of great friendship admired by the world people in the course of upholding and exalting the cause of socialism.

Thanks to the valuable tradition provided by the preceding leaders, the seasoned leadership of the WPK and the

CPC and socialism safeguarded by the two peoples at the cost of their blood, he noted, DPRK-China relations have been consolidated to be a special friendship that can be seen nowhere else in the world—rather than a geographically inevitable concept. He said it is the steadfast stand of himself and the Korean Party and government to steadily carry forward the excellent traditional friendship, a valuable asset common to both peoples, and to bring about an overall prosperity of friendly and cooperative relations.

He added that he would firmly hold hands with Xi Jinping to bolster the bilateral ties up to be envied by the world and defend the socialist cause and maintain peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and beyond on the strength of friendship and unity.

On the same day, Xi Jinping sent blessings to Kim Jong Un on the same occasion.

In the message, the Chinese President said that the DPRK was among the first countries to establish diplomatic relations as a momentum.

with new China and that over the past seventy years the traditional Sino-DPRK friendship has maintained steady development despite the complex international situation and challenges of ever-changing times and has further been consolidated and taken root deeper in the peoples' mind with the passage of time, thanks to the concern shown by the successive leaders of the two Parties and the two countries and to the joint efforts of both sides.

He said that it is the consistent and invariable policy of the Chinese Party and government to defend, consolidate and boost the bilateral ties successfully and that he sets great store by the development of bilateral relations and values the mutual trust and rapport with Kim Jong Un.

He added that the Chinese side is ready to work together with the DPRK side to bring more well-being to both countries and peoples by spurring a lasting, sound and stable development of bilateral ties with the anniversary of diplomatic relations as a momentum.

HOUSING

Farmers move into new homes at hot spring resort

Well over a thousand new houses have been built in new farm villages in the hot spring resort in Yangdok County.

Meetings were held to give residence permit on Oct 6 at several ri in the county of South Phyongan Province including Onjong, Samgye and Unha and Sangso-ri in Poptong County of Kangwon Province.

The events were attended by chairmen of relevant provincial Party and people's committees, officials concerned and working people.

Speakers said that the new dwelling houses are the fruition of the noble view on the people of the Workers' Party of Korea and extended the highest honour and heartfelt thanks to Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

After meetings were over, farmers and other people moved into new homes at new villages amid warm congratulations by officials and builders.

Laughter of happiness reverberated through the villages as people sang and danced merrily.

"Our county has undergone

a sea change under the warm care of the Party. Words fail me to express my gratitude to the Supreme Leader who has provided ordinary farmers with new houses that are as beautiful as a picture," said Ryu Yong Sun, farmer at the Samgye Cooperative Farm in Yangdok County.

"I have been overwhelmed with gratitude for the state that provided me free with this excellent house equipped with all living conditions. Such a love shown to the people can be found nowhere else in the world and such a heart-warming scene in the mountain village can be seen only in our country," said O Pyong Gi, chief engineer of the Onjong Cooperative Farm in the county.

"I have become able to enjoy blessings in such a wonderful house. My house is the best in the world. My family members will convey the thankfulness for the benevolence shown by the state generation after generation," said Kim Ryon Su, aged woman in Iram-ri of Yangdok County.

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Locals celebrate move into new homes at a farm village in the hot spring resort area in Yangdok County, South Phyongan Province, the DPRK.

CELEBRATION

WPK anniversary celebrated nationwide

University of Japan.

The Central Committee of the Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front also sent a basket of flowers to the DPRK leader on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of Kim Jong Il's election as general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and the 74th anniversary of the WPK.

Lots of Korean people visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il lie in state, with immense yearning for them.

In the plaza of the palace they

made a bow to the beaming images of the great leaders who founded and built up the WPK.

Service personnel, working people and students also paid their respects to the great leaders at their statues and beaming images across the country including their statues on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang.

Seen in front of the statues on the hill were the basket of flowers sent by Kim Jong Un, supreme leader of the Party, state and armed forces of the DPRK.

Flower baskets were laid there in the name of Party, military and government organs, public

organizations, ministries, national agencies, units of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Internal Security Forces and institutions, enterprises, factories and universities in Pyongyang. Floral tribute was also paid by individuals.

Floral baskets were also

placed there in the name of Jong Il Sim, widow of DPRK Hero An Tong Su, the family of Kim Sun Ok, who is related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, and the Pyongyang Mission of the Anti-imperialist National Democratic Front.

A basket of flowers was sent to the WPK Central Committee by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese embassy to the DPRK.

Agricultural workers and the officials and members of the women's union held a recital meeting and recital and singing meeting to mark the two anniversaries.

Korean stamps were put on display at the Korean Stamp Exhibition House.

Celebratory performances and dance parties were given and sports games were held in Pyongyang and local areas.



An art performance is given on Thursday in Pyongyang to mark the 74th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Young people dance in celebration of the WPK anniversary in front of the Monument to Party Founding in Pyongyang.

By Pang Un Ju PT

RECYCLING

Big efforts made to build a circular economy

A report published by the World Natural Protection Fund a few years ago said that if natural resources were expended like at the time, double the quantity of resources would be needed and warned that the world was faced with a crisis in the fields of resources and environment.

As the world attaches great importance to recycling for the existence of mankind and socio-economic development at present, many countries pay deep attention to recycling waste including garbage.

Therefore, it has become a global trend to conserve natural resources, build a green and circular economy and develop the environmental industry.

The DPRK has laid solid material and technical foundations for developing its economy into a circular one.

The system of procuring used materials like rubber, glass, paper and vinyl was set up a long time ago and the August 3 consumer goods production movement has been conducted steadily to produce various consumer goods by tapping latent reserves.

Many scientific research institutes, factories and enterprises

have achieved successes in developing and introducing technologies for environmental protection and recycling.

The Environmental Engineering Institute of the State Academy of Sciences has been successful in the development of techniques of producing foam glass lagging with glass waste, manufacturing heatproof lagging materials with slag from boiler of thermal power plants or blast furnaces and using the silicic dust from the process of ferroalloy production as admixture in cement production.

The State Bacteria Preservation Institute researched and developed highly nutritious feed additives using waste from the fur processing process.

The Academy of Agricultural Science made a highly effective silicon potash fertilizer with the ferrosilicon dust, a pollutant that is hazardous to people's health, thereby greatly contributing to agricultural production.

The faculty of chemistry of Kim Il Sung University developed a new fireproof substance for putting out forest fire with a waste liquid from the process of producing vegetable protein and the waste

from cement factories, while the faculty of heat engineering of Kim Chaek University of Technology succeeded in researching and introducing a technique to produce an inflammable gas for heating, cooking and generating electricity with used substrates for growing mushrooms.

A smeltery solved the problem of retrieving sodium salt, one of raw materials, from waste and a steel works lowered the per-ton cost of molten iron by setting up a process of retrieving a substance that can be used as deoxidizer and desulphurizer from the waste from the carbide production process.

The Hamhung Daesong Rubber Processing Factory that deals with used wheels produces dozens of high-quality articles in over 20 kinds including coloured rubber mats for gyms, coloured rubber blocks for compound pavement and buoys needed in the fishery sector.

The processes of mass-producing various goods with plastic waste have been established everywhere, contributing to the nationwide recycling efforts.

Ri Kye Sun

Power plants turn waste into insulating bricks

Big efforts are being made to recycle industrial waste at thermal power stations across the country.

The power plants need large numbers of insulating bricks for the overhaul and medium-scale repair of boilers.

Therefore, technicians have developed and introduced a technology for extracting white slag from waste from the power stations and producing quality insulating bricks with it.

The Pyongyang Thermal Power Complex is leading

others in the effort.

The complex turns out tens of thousands of insulating bricks every month.

The brick remarkably increases the thermal efficiency of boilers as its infrared reflectivity is over 80 percent and thermal conductivity coefficient is very small.

The application of the bricks to boiler No. 9 resulted in a marked enhancement of its efficiency and a sharp reduction in power and fuel consumption.

The complex not only

produces enough insulating bricks for repair but also sends them to other units.

The employees of the complex are now working in a planned way to build up the production capacity and upgrade the level of modernization in order to keep production going at a higher level at the lagging material production facility.

Other units are drawing on its experience.

The Pukchang Thermal Power Complex rationally established a process for processing white slag. Meanwhile, it speeded up the manufacture of necessary facilities and devices to make insulating bricks in a short time and measure relevant technical indexes in the field conditions. On the basis of this, it is making preparations for mass-producing the bricks.

The Sunchon Thermal Power Station laid a foundation for producing quality lagging materials with waste by manufacturing such facilities as moulding machine and briskly exchanging experience.



The Pyongyang Thermal Power Complex produces insulating bricks by reusing waste materials.

PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Wholesaler makes good use of fabric by-product



RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

The employees of the Pyongyang Municipal Textile Wholesale Store produce quilts by gathering fabric by-product.

The Pyongyang Municipal Textile Wholesale Store recycles cloth waste from knitwear and garment factories in the city to make quality consumer goods favoured by locals.

"We are pushing a project to produce much sought-after products with waste materials discarded from factories," said manager Kwon Won Man.

Now the store turns out over 30 kinds of goods with by-products as the main raw materials, including quilts for different seasons, a variety of pillows, mosquito nets, sportswear for men and women and trainers.

It supplies such goods as quilts, pillows, gloves, canvas shoes and ropes to all parts of the country including major construction sites.

Kim Chol Ung from Pyongyang, who is working for the Samjiyon County construction project, said that

By Yun Kyong Il PT

Plastic waste reused to make awnings

The Sinuiju City Forest Management Station in North Phyongan Province makes awnings from waste plastic.

"Recycling is globally recognized as a way to prevent environmental pollution and make an effective use of resources and that is why we set our sights on waste plastic," said manager Jo Myong Chol.

The kernel of awning production is the extruder for drawing plastic thread.

Technicians, unrestrained by existing formulas, newly designed and manufactured electric heating equipment and thread drawing and coiling machines. In the course of this, they found ideal extruding indexes including temperature and required time. After nearly a year of trials, they could finally draw plastic thread.

"Plastic is the last extract from oil and is used to make different goods using all kinds of additives," said lead

developer Choe Yong Jin. "With the development of society, the lifecycle of plastic goods has shortened and many of them are dumped with their plasticizers still useable. Therefore, when they are collected and recycled in time, we can use them to make quality goods with less additives."

The technicians remodelled a loom that had been kept idle at a textile mill to establish an awning production process based on plastic thread.

The awnings cost six times less than imported ones and also contribute to environmental protection.

Field tests at several units proved their lifespan is twice that of the imported.

The awning production from waste plastic was appreciated at the 34th national sci-tech festival and the station took many orders.

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

ORPHANAGE

Hobby group activities keep orphans' dreams alive

Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans is leading other schools for orphans in finding out correct aptitudes and individuality of students and training them accordingly.

The school is actively operating music, fine art, football, basketball and other hobby groups.

"It has been two years since I began to learn the *kayagum*, but now I can play a solo," said Jang Son Hui, senior second-year student who is a member of the music hobby group.

"I have loved drawing pictures since my primary school days and when I entered this school, the fine art teacher advised me to learn

calligraphy. So I am now learning calligraphy in the fine art hobby group. I won a prize at the national calligraphy festival in celebration of the Day of the Sun last April," Han Tae Ho, junior second-year student, said proudly.

Class teachers carefully watch for aptitude and hobby of every student during lessons and daily life and pay particular attention to the preparation of lessons and practical training as they are eager to initiate their students into hobby groups as many as possible.

Teachers in charge of hobby groups devote all their energy to training each student according to their characteristics.



KIM RYE YONG / THE PYONGYANG TIMES
Students cultivate artistic skills in the music club at Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans.

SINGER

Worker shines in singing contest

There was a national vocal and instrumental solo contest of officials and members of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea in Pyongyang to mark the Day of Songun (August 25).

The female soprano solo *My Country of Songun* by Choe Hye Yong (pictured), worker at the public service station in Taesong District of Pyongyang, stole the show at the contest.

In the first and second preliminaries she captivated experts and audiences with her rich voice and good sound and won the women's vocal solo category of the popular song division at the final contest by overpowering 30 other competitors.

"Hye Yong is on a par with professional singers in terms of artistic skills and representation. All jury members gave her top marks. It is regrettable that there is no special prize," said Kim Hyon Suk, a jury member.

At the closing ceremony, she was awarded first prize and



January 5 mass-based cultural model prize.

In the performance of winners held after the competition she flawlessly represented prelude *Our National Flag* with her unique character and high virtuosity, impressing the audience deeply.

She started to learn singing at the age of 12.

She acquired scientific vocalism and artistic ability at the vocal music group of then Masan Middle School in Ryongsong District, Pyongyang,

under the guidance of teacher Ri Su Ae.

"Hye Yong had good voice and big breathing capacity like her mother who was a vocalist in her maidenhood. Whenever we visited industrial establishments for practice after school we used to arrange package shows to encourage workers and her vocal solo would get an encore each time," said Ri.

She has polished and developed her skill through mass-based cultural activities since she started to work at the station.

"Hye Yong is good at singing and passionate and strenuous in all work. She also plays the accordion and guitar well. All her skills were honed through the mass-based cultural activities," said Jang Mi Hwa, a fellow worker who has been working with her for a long time.

She now takes charge of mass-based cultural activities and popularization of songs at her station.

"Though I took part in the

RESEARCHER

Man earns doctorate for research on national dog



KIM RYE YONG / THE PYONGYANG TIMES
Ok Jin Yong (centre), head of the animal husbandry institute of the Academy of Agricultural Science, works on the standard features of the national dog of Phungsan.

Teacher Kim Son Dong in charge of the fine art hobby group diversifies teaching methods to help his students develop interest in calligraphy or painting. He puts on display art works of his students on the notice board in the corridor to demonstrate their ever-developing skills.

Kim Kyong Chol who was a footballer at a prestigious sports club a few years ago has an ambitious goal. The PE teacher in charge of the football hobby group wishes to train a football star. He always finds himself on the pitch to teach students basic football skills.

Under the attentive guidance of teachers, the students cherish big dreams and produce good results at competitions and festivals of schools for orphans as well as national events.

By Kim Rye Yong PT

Ok Jin Yong, director of the animal husbandry institute of the Academy of Agricultural Science, is called "Phungsan doctor".

He earned the pet name 19 years ago when he, in his twenties, embarked on research into Phungsan dog which was then little known in the world of animal husbandry. Now the nickname incorporates respect and love for the scientist who provided perfect scientific proofs of the excellence and history of the national dog, a pride of the nation.

One of the national symbols of the DPRK, Phungsan is especially liked by the Koreans as it has the same bent as that of the nation and special qualities, and it is also widely known to neighbouring countries.

Ok decided on the extensive and in-depth research into the dog when Chairman Kim Jong Il gave south Korean president Kim Dae Jung the dogs as a gift at the historic inter-Korean summit in June 2000.

He took it as his duty as a zoologist for the nation to scientifically solve all the problems regarding the national dog such as the origin, development history, standard ecological features and breed preservation.

Moreover, at that time, there were some misleading views as to the lineage of the dog.

As a researcher at the then Sariwon Kye Ung Sang University of Agriculture, he devoted all his energy to the research project.

He visited innumerable institutions and libraries to trace back the national dog's origin

contest at the recommendation of the employees of the station, I never dreamed to be a winner. I'm lucky to sing on a splendid stage and take the first place, and I'm very happy that everybody loves and puts me forward as the pride of the station. I'll conduct the mass-based cultural and artistic

in documents and travelled over 6 000 kilometres across the country to meet those who kept Phungsan. Especially, he visited every ri and village in Ryanggang Province's Kim Hyong Gwon County, a northern area of Korea which is known as the native place of the dog, and found over 100 Phungsan keepers.

In the course of this, he confirmed that Phungsan is an indigenous breed peculiar to Korea and discovered its standard ecological properties, disposition, character, growth and resistance to diseases.

He authored such books as *Phungsan Dog of Korea*, *Pet Dog Stories*, *Common Sense in Dog Keeping and Distribution Chart of Dogs Native to Korea* on the basis of hundreds of pages of survey data, test analyses and photos he collected with so much effort. He published thesis "Study into the history of origination of Phungsan breed and its biological features", which earned him a doctorate in biology in 2011.

He also obtained an MSc in history after publishing a paper on the history of Phungsan which had been part of the Koreans' life as a beloved pet for thousands of years for outstanding cleverness, tenacity, agility, composure, bravery and teamwork.

"It is the desire and sacred duty of not only me but all the Phungsan lovers of Korea to perfect the breed and make it a pride of the nation before the world," said Ok, adding he would direct all his wisdom and energy to this end.

By Jong Tang Song PT

activities more briskly to help all the employees proficiently sing songs and play musical instruments so as to always enliven our workplace and make our employees participate in the contest all together," said Choe Hye Yong.

By Kim Kum Myong PT

TOURISM

Diverse tourism products draws many

Amid the rapid growth of the tourism industry in the DPRK, *The Pyongyang Times* reporter Kim Rye Yong has interviewed Kim Chun Hui, department director of the National Tourism Administration.

The fact that scenic spots and pleasure grounds are always crowded with foreign tourists is an expression of boom in tourism, I think.

Sure. The number of foreign tourists has sharply increased this year.

In particular, they visit our country in succession irrespective of season. Previously, those from a neighbouring country took a large proportion, but now a lot of tourists come from Southeast Asia and Europe.

Most of the tourists say that they wanted to see with their own eyes the reality of the DPRK which makes big efforts to defend justice and national sovereignty and ensure regional peace.

As they say, the demand for tourism in our country, whose international status has been growing day by day and which is well-known as a land as beautiful as a golden tapestry, will grow more in the future, I think.

Would you mind telling me about tourist articles?

Foreign tourists are most curious about the reality of our country which is demonstrating its might as a politico-ideological power.

That is why the tour of the capital city of Pyongyang

is included in almost all itineraries.

The sightseeing tours of the world-famous mountains of Kumgang and Myohyang are very popular with tourists.

Other tourist articles include the tours for the Korean orthodox martial art of Taekwon-Do, surfing, trolley bus, tramcar and steam engine, marathon, Korean language, sports enthusiasts and aircraft fans, and the variety of tourism is on the rise.

The quality of tourist services keeps improving. Especially, tourism procedures have been simplified, service facilities upgraded and popular articles continue to be added to tourist programmes.

What about the development prospect of tourism in the future?

With the state concern for and investment in the tourism industry growing, the construction of Samjiyon County, Wonsan-Kalma coastal resort and hot spring resort in Yangdok County is being pushed dynamically and activities for developing beauty tourist spots that meet the characters of relevant areas are under way in each province.

In order to train more competent tourism experts, Pyongyang Tourism College, tourism faculties in universities of education in each province and online college courses organize work scrupulously to improve the quality of education, while giving refresher training to in-service officials.

Some of major tourist attractions in the DPRK

Gala performance

The grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance "The Land of the People" is a must for tourists. It is being performed by a lot of youth and students, working people and artistes after the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance "Arirang", the Kim Il Sung Prize laureate which was registered on the Guinness World Records as a World Cultural Heritage element in August 2007. Tourists will regret if they miss the chance of enjoying it.

Consisting of ten acts including the welcoming act, a ceremony of hoisting the national flag, prelude and finale, the extravaganza shows the reality of socialist Korea, which was built by the people and in which everything serves them, in a fascinating and impressive epical way.

It draws the admiration of spectators all the time for the collectivism by which tens of thousands of performers move like one, refined artistic ability of all performers, implication of seventy-odd-year history of the DPRK and vivid expression, perfect combination of modernity with national character, and distinctive Korean style running through the art work.

Mts Paektu and Myohyang

The DPRK, in which mountains account for over 80 percent of its territory, has many



Foreigners travel around Pyongyang by bicycle.

celebrated mountains.

As the highest mountain in Korea, Mt Paektu is called the ancestral mountain and the sacred mountain of the nation.

Since the Great Paektu Mountains stretch down from the mountain, the north and the south are linked in a terrestrial vein and the magnificent view of Paektu, white snow remaining all the year round and clear water of Lake Chon reflect the spirit and soul of the Korean nation.

Mt Myohyang which has been called one of the superb scenic beauties among famous mountains in the DPRK is called thus as the geographical features of the mountain are singular and the mountain is filled with fragrance.

It is very beautiful, irrespective of seasons, especially in autumn when spectacular falls cascade in many places and the whole mountain is tinged with red. It is a sight to behold.

It is alluring tourists not only for the enchanting view of the nature but also for the International Friendship Exhibition House, a treasurehouse in praise of the great men, and innumerable relics and remains showing the wisdom and time-honoured history of the nation.

Panmunjom

Panmunjom, which is in the spotlight of the world as the venue of the historic inter-Korean and DPRK-US summit meetings and talks, is one of the tourist destinations of foreigners.

Foreign tourists want to experience the thrill of that day when Panmunjom, which had been known as a symbol of division, sufferings, confrontation and hostility for 66 years since the Armistice Agreement in 1953, was turned into a historic place for ushering in a new era of reconciliation and reunification.

They also look back upon the day when such an amazing event of the top leaders of the DPRK and the US exchanging historic handshakes at Panmunjom.

Witnessing the stark reality in which the one and only Military Demarcation Line exists in the world in actuality, however, they keenly realize the urgency of Korea's reunification, as well as that of ensuring peace on the Korean peninsula and in the region.

By Kim Rye Yong PT



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Foreign tourists are told about the 1953 armistice agreement at Panmunjom.

Young Carl Frederic, a 51-year-old Canadian who participated in the tour of charter flights to the Mt Paektu area last August, expressed great admiration for the spectacular scenery of the mountain and the crystal-clear and fresh water of Lake Chon.

Saying that Mt Paektu is of great significance for the Korean people and is well-known throughout the world, he noted that he was greatly struck by the natural scenery of the mountain. All the waterfalls in the mountain are majestic and charming, he said, adding he could have a better understanding of part of the Korean history through the visit to various revolutionary battle sites in the mountain.

A Turkish tourist who

visited the DPRK in September this year was excited to see the reality of the DPRK, which was quite contrary to the West's black propaganda about the country. He expressed admiration for the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance "The Land of the People", saying he saw many performances in the US and France, but the performance he enjoyed in Pyongyang was excellent. Though the performance was not given by professionals, it was so perfect that he could hardly believe his eyes, he exclaimed.

During his three-day trip of Pyongyang, he visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, Victorious Fatherland Liberation War

Idea and Munsu Water Park via Mirae Scientists Street. It was very impressive to see the pedestrians who waved their

hands to us with a smiling countenance," he said.

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EDITORIAL

DPRK-Russia ties make steady development

Today marks the 71st anniversary of the diplomatic relationship between the DPRK and Russia.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations, the two countries have forged the bond of friendship for decades while cooperating closely in politics, the economy, culture and other fields on the principle of independence, equality and mutual benefit.

Entering the 2000s, in particular, the bilateral ties were bolstered up onto a new height.

Chairman Kim Jong Il made a historic meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin who visited the DPRK.

He paid a visit to the Russian Federation on several occasions, further developing the bilateral ties of friendship and cooperation.

It is the steadfast will of the DPRK government to promote the traditional friendship between the two countries in line with the aspirations and interests of the peoples

of the two countries and as required by the development of international relations in the 21st century.

Treasuring the friendship, Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un shows great concern to developing the bilateral relationship.

He met with the Russian foreign minister and chairwoman of the Russian Federation Council who visited Pyongyang last year to add vitality to developing the bilateral ties.

A variety of events were held in a friendly and cooperative atmosphere on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the bilateral agreement on economic and cultural cooperation in February and March this year to stoke up the atmosphere for the development of relations.

In particular, last April marked an important occasion in the development of the ties.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visited Russia for the first time to meet Russian President

Putin. The top leaders of the two countries agreed to further strengthen mutual understanding and bonds and promote strategic collaboration for ensuring regional peace and security in the future. Their summit meeting and talks served as a particularly important occasion in reaffirming the invariable trend of the history of the DPRK-Russia relationship and further developing the friendly ties in a more solid and progressive way.

The Korean people sincerely hope that the Russian people will reap good fruits in their efforts to build a powerful Russia.

To constantly strengthen the bilateral ties of friendship and cooperation is of great significance in ensuring peace and security in Northeast Asia and the rest of the world and achieving common prosperity.

The DPRK will, in the future, too, value and steadily develop the friendly and cooperative ties with Russia.

ISRAEL

Territorial expansion aggravates regional situation

The regional situation is getting tenser due to Israel's ambition for territorial expansion.

Israel is trying to stretch out its tentacles of aggression to Lebanon.

It invaded Lebanon in 2006.

At the time, it launched military attack on Lebanon, claiming that two of its soldiers were kidnapped by Hezbollah, an organization of Lebanese patriotic forces, and thus reduced cities and villages to ruins and killed lots of innocent civilians.

Hezbollah mounted a series of powerful counterattacks on Israeli invaders, and the international community strongly censured Israel's reckless and brutal slaughter.

The war between the two countries ended in 30-odd days.

Israel's frequent acts of military provocation in recent days vividly show that its greed for territorial expansion remains unchanged.

Last May, the Israeli troops indiscriminately fired smoke shells at a village in the southern part of Lebanon under unreasonable pretexts, and installed new surveillance equipment near the border. In June, they waged a large-scale military drill in a place not far away from the borderlines of Lebanon and Syria.

Lebanon assumes an

unyielding attitude towards the rash military acts of Zionists. On Aug 25, it shot down Israel's drone which violated its airspace. The Lebanese President announced his stand to safeguard the country's territory, sovereignty and independence with its retaliatory actions as he decried Israel's ceaseless offensives.

Israel gets more undisguised in its moves to seize the Palestinian territory.

It is making frantic efforts to expand Jewish settlements in a bid to judaize the occupied Palestinian territory and grab it forever and mercilessly cracking down upon the Palestinians who are opposed to it.

Recently, a senior official of the Israeli government emphasized the need to change the position of a temple in East Quds to hold Judaic rituals.

Israel is getting also hell-bent on confrontational moves against Iran and Syria.

With regard to Israel's attempt to join the US' bid for building the combined maritime forces, Iran branded the military presence by the Zionist regime in the Gulf waters as illegal and warned that Israel would totally be held accountable for the consequences to be entailed.

According to the Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA), its army detected a secret arsenal of terrorists, in which Western

and Israeli communications and military equipment was concealed, in the southern area of the country on Sep 25.

All facts clearly show that Israel is the principal aggravating the regional situation.

By Choe Yong Nam PT

DISPUTE

US-Turkey relations hijacked by arms deal

The US is increasing the threat of sanctions against Turkey with the latter's purchase of Russia-made weapons as a momentum.

After announcing that it would nullify the preferential trade relationship with Turkey and not sell F-35 fighter jets, the US formally cancelled the tender related to the sale of PAC interceptor missile system.

Originally, Turkey had planned to purchase the interceptor missile system from the US and join the European Union, but its plan failed to be realized due to the strong opposition of the US and some NATO member nations. Such a cold treatment compelled the country to opt for improving the relationship with Russia and purchase S-400 anti-aircraft rocket system.

The delivery of the rocket

JAPAN

Don't mess up international sports event

Japan insists on using the "flag of rising sun shedding rays" during the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2020.

The Japanese imperialist aggressors used the flag in the past wars of aggression, as they killed many innocent people in Asian countries during the Second World War as they flew the flag. Therefore, the Korean and other Asian peoples regard it as a symbol of evil.

But Japan is trying to hang out the flag in streets, other public places and stadiums during the international games.

This is an intolerable insult to the Asian peoples who were subjected to misfortune and sufferings due to Japan's aggression and a mockery of the ideal of the Olympics aspiring after peace and friendship.

What the Japanese reactionaries seek in hoisting the flag is to abuse the sacred international games as a lever for the revival of militarism.

The charter of the Olympics forbids the display of all forms of propaganda articles related to politics, religion and racism in the venues of the games.

FIFA has long banned the use of the Rising Sun flag during the World Cup finals and Germany has prohibited the use of the Nazi swastika since the end of WWII.

Nobody can bear to see the flag appearing in the venues of the international sports games and other public places. If it appears there, this would be a revelation of Japan's intention to repeat the past of bloody aggression before the eyes of the world and would be

Kim Mi Suk

tantamount to its declaration of war.

At present, the international community is strongly opposed to the use of the flag. The International Olympic Committee also announced that it would give careful consideration to the matter.

Japan's chief cabinet secretary Suga, however, claimed that the putting up of the flag is not political propaganda, adding that the Tokyo Olympic Games organizing committee does not consider it as a contraband.

On the occasion of the Tokyo Olympics, Japan posted on the Internet a map marking Tok Islets as belonging to its territory and the East Sea of Korea as Sea of Japan. Most recently, a Japanese dietman made the wild remark that they would occupy the islets by means of war to evoke public criticism, but the Japanese parliament and government looked on the occurrence with indifference. This makes everybody know that the government is deeply involved in the use of the controversial flag.

Japan is an extremely dangerous war criminal state that committed innumerable crimes in the past and that persists in the glorification of them and the distortion of history, far from making soul-searching, an apology and reparations for them, even over seven decades have passed since its defeat in the war.

If Japan is to host proper Olympic Games, it should not shun the public opinion of the world as well as Asia.

that his country would continue to import Iran's oil and natural gas in the face of the US' threat of sanctions. Turkey is not afraid of any potential economic sanctions of the US and it will maintain bilateral relations with Iran, he noted. Meanwhile, the Turkish foreign minister, in a TV interview on the purchase of the anti-aircraft rocket system, said that if the US showed hostility towards them, they would take retaliatory measures as they had announced and it is not a threat or bluster, he asserted.

Analysts commented that the US was in a dilemma between the promotion of NATO's dissolution and the increase of Russia's influence due to the problem of Turkey.

By Min Chol PT

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Basketball event held as part of national championships



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A scene from the men's basketball match between Kigwancha and Pyongyang University of Foreign Studies.

Various sports games for the national championships, which opened on Oct 1, are running on in different stadiums and gymnasiums in Pyongyang and local areas.

Not only coaches and players but also experts, fans and rooters show great interest in the ongoing event as it is the last

winners of each group play diagonal and straight matches to decide final rankings.

Those which would advance to the semifinals have nearly been decided at this point of time when each club has only one more league match to play.

In the men's division, April

game of this year and takes an important position in deciding the annual rankings of each club and player.

More than 6 700 players from over 120 sports clubs are competing in over 440 events of 37 sports including football, basketball, volleyball and table tennis.

A special draw is the basketball competition which is going on at the Basketball Gymnasium on Chongchun Street in Pyongyang.

Divided into two groups, 13 men's and 8 women's clubs have group league matches before two

25 and Amnokgang are taking the lead with no loss, followed by Pyongyang and Kigwancha with four wins and one loss.

With the attention of most spectators being focused on odds-on favourite April 25 and Amnokgang, the estimate of which team would win the tournament arouses their interest.

"This year the two clubs had clashed 12 times. April 25 won eight times and Amnokgang four times. What is interesting is that the score margin of each game was no more than five points. The final match is expected to be very fierce," said expert Kim Yong Gwon.

Meanwhile, other clubs showed exciting scenes in their matches.

In the match between Kigwancha and Pyongyang University of Foreign Studies on Oct 7, players showed awesome scoring scenes by employing diverse tactics including close-up shooting based on swift two-to-three-men passes, sudden fast break and long-range shooting.

Amid the seesaw battle, Kigwancha beat its opponent 86-62.

By Jong Tang Song PT

to the plan.

The first items of their daily routine are health-promoting Taekwon-Do and mass rhythmic exercise that are done to the tune of light and powerful music.

Dozens of employees perform the movements like one, which shows that they are in accord with one another and united closely.

Sporting activities hot up as they hone their skills on different sports fields in the compound during break and lunchtime.

Annual sports games played between workteams as well as the ones played in the workshop according to its plan are a sight to behold as even family members turn out for enthusiastic rooting.

The workshop chalked up the twelfth straight win in volleyball by winning the event in the inter-branch bureau sports competition in celebration of the Day of the Sun in April this year. Shortly ago, it topped the total rankings in the sports competition held on the occasion of the anniversary of the DPRK (September 9).

"After coming off my shift, I take part in sports games without fail and it has become my fixed routine. Through such games, everyone becomes solicitous

of Education in the DPRK, has been registered in the Guinness Book of World Records.

She memorized 302 random words in 15 minutes, the largest number, at the 27th World Memory Championships held in Hong Kong of China in December last year.

In the championships, she bagged two gold medals by winning the events of memorizing faces and names, and random words in 15 minutes, and the International Grand Master of Memory, the top prize of the championships.

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RECORD

Student's feat endorsed by Guinness World Records



Ri Song Mi, sophomore at the Life Science Faculty of Kim Hyong Jik University

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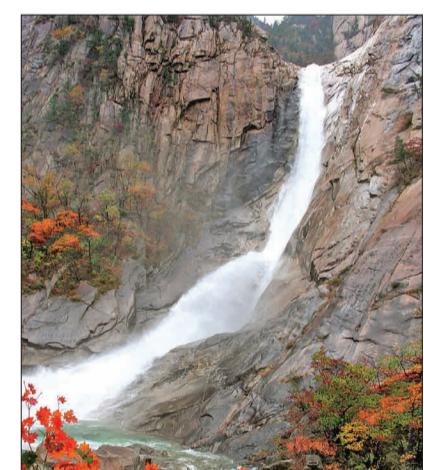
Falls famed as one of troika in Korea

Kuryong Falls.

A legend has it that eight fairies were so fascinated by the beautiful scenery and clear water that they came down from the heaven and had a bath there.

Kuryong Falls were listed as a living monument in January 1980.

By Kil Chung Il PT



KONG YU IL / PICTORIAL KOREA

Kuryong Falls, one of the four waterfalls in Mt Kumgang.

SPORTING ACTIVITY

Locomotive corps enlivened by sports activities

The Taegon workshop of the Pyongyang Locomotive Corps is widely known as a model unit as it has overfulfilled its transport plan by over 50 percent every month.

"The secret of success is the united strength of the employees and this strength was summoned and built up through mass-based

sporting activities," said Sok Song Guk, 48-year-old manager of the workshop.

All the employees are enthusiastic about sports.

The notice about monthly sports competition plan is put up in the first week every month and matches are played between workteams and shifts according



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Employees of the Taegon workshop under the Pyongyang Locomotive Corps play tug-of-war as part of regular sporting activities.

of the collective and such unity propels increased transport," said Jon Phyong Ryol, a 39-year-old engineer.

The sports verve brings about innovations in devising novel plans, building up their supply-service bases and establishing a cultured way of life.

As a result, they came up with dozens of technical innovation plans including the methods of making efficient locomotive voltage regulator and locomotive storage battery and charger and the introduction

of cold deposition technique, built animal sheds and planted large numbers of trees in the compound.

"Zeal for sports has injected vigour and optimism into the workshop and raised a high competitive spirit between shifts. And everyone's devotion to the collective has led to a high sense of responsibility in work and increased transport," said Kim Yong Jun, a 58-year-old train dispatcher.

By Ri Myong Jun PT

