

## Eighth WPK Central Committee convenes sixth Politburo meeting



**Political Bureau decides to celebrate the birth anniversaries of great leaders with splendour, recognizes the need to make more thorough preparations for long-term confrontation with US imperialism**

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The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea convened its Sixth Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee at the office building of the Party Central Committee on January 19 to discuss and decide immediate work and important policy issues of the Party and the state.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, was present at the meeting.

Attending the meeting were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un presided over the meeting.

The meeting first discussed the issue of celebrating with splendour the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung and the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

To most auspiciously and significantly celebrate the Day of the Sun (birthday of President Kim Il Sung) and the Day of the Shining Star (birthday of Chairman Kim Jong Il) in this significant year is the bounden duty and moral obligation of the descendants of the President and the soldiers and disciples of the Chairman and also the boundless honour and pride of the Korean people who have struggled, remaining faithful to the cause of the President and the Chairman.

No holidays are more significant than the Day of the Sun and the Day of the Shining Star for the WPK and the Korean

people struggling to carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of the President and the Chairman under the uplifted banner of the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism. And the very existence of the dignified Party and state is unthinkable without the immortal exploits performed by the President and the Chairman in the glorious course of the Korean revolution.

The meeting called for making the Day of the Sun and the Day of the Shining Star in this historic year the important political occasions for further cementing the firm faith of the Korean people to carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered and led by the President and the Chairman under the guidance of the Party to the end, and also for demonstrating to the world the high

enthusiasm and revolutionary mettle of all the Party members and other people to glorify the second decade of the second century of the Juche era as the annals of victors bringing about the overall development of Korean-style socialism.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee gave detailed assignments to the organs of the Party and the state to celebrate with splendour the 110th birth anniversary of the President and the 80th birth anniversary of the Chairman as the great festivals of victory and glory that will shine long in the annals of the country.

The meeting adopted a resolution of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee "On celebrating with



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splendour the 110th birth anniversary of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the 80th birth anniversary of the great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il".

The meeting heard a report analyzing the current situation around the Korean peninsula and a series of international issues and discussed the orientation for countermeasures against the US for the future.

Also communicated to the participants were the US recent moves of recklessly faulting for no reason the DPRK's legitimate exercise of sovereignty.

In the last few years alone after the DPRK-US summits the US staged hundreds of joint war drills which it

committed itself to stop and conducted tests of all kinds of strategic weapons, while shipping ultra-modern attack means into south Korea and nuclear strategic weapons into the region around the Korean peninsula, seriously threatening the security of our state.

The US viciously slandered our state and committed the foolish act of taking over 20 independent sanctions measures. Especially the present US administration persists in manoeuvres to deprive the DPRK of its right to self-defence.

All the facts clearly prove once again that the policy of hostility to the DPRK will continue in the future, too, as long as there is the hostile entity of US imperialism.

The meeting of the Political Bureau

Assessing that the policy of hostility and military threat by the US have reached a danger line that cannot be overlooked any longer despite our sincere efforts made for maintaining the general tide for relaxation of tension on the Korean peninsula since the DPRK-US summit in Singapore, the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee unanimously recognized that we should make more thorough preparations for a long-term confrontation with US imperialism. It concluded that a practical action should be taken to more reliably and effectively increase our physical strength for defending the dignity, sovereign rights and interests of our state.

The decision of the meeting is a timely and rightful step for reliably guaranteeing the existence and sovereign rights of our state in view of the urgent requirements of the developing revolution and under the prevailing situation.

## Programme heralds new era of socialist rural development

By Kim Chol Nam PT

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made the historic report *Let Us Open up a New Great Era of Our-style Socialist Rural Development* at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

In the DPRK, the solution of the rural question in socialist construction which has entered a new stage of switching over to overall development presents itself as a very important task in achieving prosperity and development of the country and welfare of the people.

Only the correct solution of the rural question makes it possible to further strengthen the internal force of the revolution, solidify the material and economic foundations of socialist construction and steadily consolidate and develop the socialist rural.

The rural question is the one of farmers and agriculture that should be solved in the whole course of socialist and communist

construction.

The WPK has attached importance to rural question since its founding and energetically pushed forward rural construction in each period and stage of the developing revolution under the banner of the great Theses on the Socialist Rural Question.

In the report, General Secretary Kim Jong Un concretely analyzed the present situation of the countryside and emphasized the need to put the country's agriculture on a definite upward stage and open up a new great era of effecting drastic development of the socialist countryside by pushing forward the rural development under the uplifted slogan of "For the new victory of socialist rural construction!"

The Party's goal for socialist rural construction is to model all the rural communities across the country on the Juche idea and make them materially affluent, and the target to be attained in the DPRK's rural development is to raise the level of ideological awareness of agricultural workers,

make a rapid development of agricultural workforce and bring about a fundamental change in the living environment in the countryside.

The report constitutes a great fighting programme heralding a new era of socialist rural development in the DPRK.

Upholding the new programme for socialist rural construction, a further development of the Theses on the Socialist Rural Question, the Korean people are now out in the vigorous struggle to accelerate the comprehensive rejuvenation of socialism by kindling the fierce flames of the rural revolution.

So the report comprehensively and concretely clarified guidelines for turning all the farms in the country into socialist paradise wonderful enough to be proud of in the world, including the issues of powerfully expediting the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—in the countryside and increasing agricultural production of the country in a sustained way, policies and plans for increasing the state investment in agriculture and radically consolidating the material and technical foundations of the rural

## Efforts to increase variety of products and raise quality

By Pak Song Min PT

Different sectors of the national economy are striving to increase the sort and variety of products and raise their quality to meet the daily increasing cultural and aesthetic demand of the people.

Amid the competitive technical modernization for producing more various and better goods with locally available raw materials, wonderful production processes were established in many units.

Consistent efforts have been made to raise the quality of goods with the demand and appreciation by the people as a yardstick, thus increasing the production of products that win the title of February 2 Product.

In the course of this, the December 15 Medal of Quality was awarded to 19 items of products from seven units.

Among those products there are bifid yogurt from the O-il general health drink factory, yeast bread, soya milk and Omija makkoli from the Sonhung Foodstuff Factory and the Kalma Foodstuff Factory and nutrition cream from the Pyongyang Cosmetics Factory.

Factories and enterprises across the country are now waging a competitive drive to produce famous products and commodities conducive to the development of the national economy and the improvement of the people's living standards, in order to implement the tasks set forth at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

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## Innovations continue to be promoted in economic sectors

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raising the power output of generators.

Notable achievements have been made in succession in different economic sectors, true to the idea and spirit of the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The Huichon Power Station expands the production results with continuous innovation and advancement without resting on its laurels of having fulfilled its first 10-day plan of the first month of the new year. Amid the vigorous mass technical innovation drive, it works to fix the standard water levels according to power output and increase productivity by rationally adjusting water volume and through high-water level and high-efficiency operation of generators.

The Anju Pump Factory has set an ambitious goal to establish the peak production record this year. To this end, it ensures all production processes, from materials supply to processing of accessories and finishing of products, work in effective coordination, while stepping up the work to consolidate its material and technical innovation plans.

The workers and technicians controlled and operated equipment and machines in line with the requirements of the standard regulations of operation and technical

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regulations to lengthen the working hours of cement kilns and raise productivity and improved the crushing capacity by applying a new technique

to crushers.

The Sunchon Cement Complex conducts a vigorous technical innovation drive by relying on its technical development force, giving impetus to the cement production with a series of new ideas and technical

foundations by relying on its technical development force.

It pays close attention to introducing rational methods to increase productivity while reducing fuel consumption and

improving the quality of castings of all sizes.

And it accelerates the processing speed of spare parts through a collective

innovation drive including the multi-machine tending and the helping of next shifts, while solving scientific and technological problems arising in making products from locally available materials by its own efforts and technology.

It also widely encourages

the development of new

products on the basis

of the achievement and

experience of having

developed several kinds

of high-performance

centrifugal pumps.

The Sunchon Thermal Power Station increases power generation by enhancing the combustion efficiency of boilers and

## Performance given to celebrate anniversary of youth league



A performance is given by the central youth artistic motivational team in the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang.

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confidence of Korean youth who have added brilliance to the laudable history and traditions of the Juche-oriented youth movement.

Each of the items reflected the patriotic zeal of the hot-blooded young people who volunteered to work in the difficult and labour-consuming sectors of socialist construction with the one mind of supporting the intention of the Party.

The performance fully displayed the youth's unshakeable will to resolutely make breakthroughs for new victory in the gigantic struggle for implementing the decisions of the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

Put on the stage were colourful items fully demonstrating the infinite pride and self-

## Tactical guided missiles test-fired for check



A tactical guided missile is test-fired for verification on January 17. That day two tactical guided missiles were launched and accurately hit the set target.

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institutions concerned.

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

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

on a higher scientific and modern level.

At present, different kinds of Koryo medicines from the factory enjoy general popularity for their good remedial effects.

Online education More farmers to be enrolled in online educational system

Entering the new year, enthusiasm for learning through distance education is growing higher among the agricultural workers in the DPRK.

In this regard, various universities across the country are presenting different kinds of literary works and the number of such works totalled well over 100 in the first 10-odd days of this year.

Renovation Traditional medicine School supplies Production of school things stepped up

The Kanggye Koryo Medicine Pharmaceutical Factory has been renovated in Jagang Province.

All its processes from raw material feeding to packaging have become germ- and dust-free, making it possible to put Koryo medicine production

works have amounted to over 200.

factory are working hard to increase production as they positively introduce advanced working methods into production of writing materials, crayons and pencil cases to be supplied to preschool kids across the country.

The Sonamu school things factory is hastening production of different kinds of school things set according to school curricula.

Motivation Art production units engage in motivational activities for increased production

Upholding the idea and spirit of the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, creators of the art sector actively conduct motivational activities for increased production by means of visual aids in the major sites of socialist construction.

While working together with workers, artists put up sketches of innovators and working sites in a mobile way.

Such works have amounted to over 200.

## To develop all rural villages into rich, cultured socialist fairyland

By Yun Kyong Il PT

A blueprint for bringing about great changes in all rural villages of the country was offered at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

It is a task of utmost importance in socialist rural construction to drastically transform the appearance and environment of farms.

For the WPK, which sets it as the supreme principle of its activities to constantly improve the material and cultural living standards of the people, to transform the appearance and environment of farms is not simply an economic and technical matter of destroying old houses or public buildings and reconstructing them, but the people-oriented work wished for and welcomed by all the people and political work for effecting new socialist rural civilization in the era of the Workers' Party and creating a new world where the local areas change.

To transform mountainous, plain and coastal areas in a way that they preserve their local features is the fundamental requirement to be fulfilled in rural construction.

Rural villages are laid out to go well with the surrounding scenery while making the most of natural undulations of the relevant areas and diversify in rural construction.

It is the WPK policy on rural construction to turn all rural villages in the country into rich and cultured ideal

socialist villages at the level similar to those in the City of Samjiyon, Ryanggang Province, in the near future.

Measures have been taken to select the sites of rural villages well so that they would not suffer natural disasters, to build every structure in high quality and to plant good species of trees around farmhouses and villages.

Accordingly, the country plans to change the living conditions and cultural environment in all rural communities in the country by actively promoting and expanding advantageous experiences accumulated in the construction of Samjiyon, while looking ahead to 50-100 years hence, and remodel the thought and consciousness of agricultural workers and step up the construction of civilized society in that course.

It is the intention of the WPK to build all rural villages perfectly to be compared everywhere and even in the distant future, and to be superior in all aspects.

State measures have also been taken to provide major and finishing building materials and local areas are encouraged to create their building materials production bases.

When all the farm houses are wonderfully built to suit the modern aesthetic taste and public buildings spring up in distinctive styles, all the rural villages across the country will take on fresh appearance in the near future.

## Rural community bustles with farming preparations

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

All cooperative farms of the country are busy with preparations for the new year's farming.

Upholding the slogan

"For new victory of socialist rural construction!" agricultural workers in farming villages in South Hwanghae Province, a granary on the west coast, and those in east coast

areas are eager to put the country's agriculture on the ascending stage by pushing ahead with rural rejuvenation and achieve the rapid development of socialist rural community.



Officials discuss how to provide efficient online question and answer service for diffusing farming techniques at the Ministry of Agriculture.

## Q&A service system promotes boost in agricultural output

By Kim Il Jin PT

With the increasing enthusiasm of agricultural workers for large harvests, interest in an online question and answer service system for diffusing farming techniques is growing day after day.

Based on agricultural scientific research findings and experiences in high yields gained in recent years, the Ministry of Agriculture has added to the system the data to help solve the technical problems arising in this year's farming by fields, farming processes and

crops, and run services such as video conferencing, online lectures and real-time Q&A, thus making sure that all farming processes are definitely put on a technical basis.

The periodical online question and answer service for diffusing farming techniques offers data on prediction about growth of crops, gives lectures on technical problems arising in carrying out farming processes, provides Q&A sessions with competent scientists, technicians and university lecturers from the central and local agricultural field

and vividly displays presentations

of high-yield units and farmers' excellent technical experiences along with relevant images and video data.

Especially, many methodological issues to help raise the fertility of soil are discussed and excellent experiences are spread through the service, drawing the attention of agricultural production units and workers.

Through the homepage, the relevant subscribers learn new technologies, and ask questions about technical problems arising in farming and get answers.

The data service is very popular as it quickly provides accurate technical data wanted by the subscribers.

# Agricultural sector out for bumper harvest



New era  
of socialist rural development

RI CHOL JIN / PICTORIAL KOREA

Tractors transport organic fertilizer to fields on the Migok Cooperative Farm in Sariwon, North Hwanghae Province.

"Since receiving the report on the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, we have been filled with ardent wish to repay the Party's love and benevolence by achieving high yield at any cost this year," said Kim Song Hui, Labour Heroine and chairwoman of the management board of the Yakjon Farm in Sukchon County.

Strenuous efforts are made to achieve this year's grain production goals at any cost by producing one ton of more grain per hectare everywhere in disregard of plain area or mountainous area.

All farms are directing main force to developing main fields into high-yielding ones by taking the improvement of soil fertility as a key issue.

On the basis of detailed analysis of natural climatic and soil conditions, farms turn out efficient fertilizers in larger quantities.

Primary attention is being paid to improving soil fertility.

And they spread dozens of tons of manure per hectare of paddy and non-paddy fields, introduce the organic farming method based on snail, properly distribute crops and varieties and introduce advanced farming methods and technologies so as to increase per-hectare yields.



RI TONG GYU / RODONG SINMUN  
Agricultural workers strive to increase per-hectare yields.

## Agricultural province takes vigorous stride in new year

### To ensure stable and sustainable growth in grain production

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

**S**outh Hwanghae Province, the largest agricultural province in the DPRK, has launched a dynamic advance of the new year to bring about a decisive turn in agricultural

production.

As it makes an in-depth analysis of the past experiences and lessons, the province arranges work for achieving stable and sustainable growth in grain production.

What is noteworthy

is that it organizes work scrupulously to bring about practical innovations with science and technology as the main motive power for agricultural development.

It channels primary efforts into selecting right varieties and soils, setting it as one of important ways to reap good harvest in this year's farming.

"We are organizing work to introduce appropriate high-yield varieties of crops by classifying the province's rural areas into flat, intermediary and mountainous areas and also the coastal area which is greatly affected by wind from the sea and which has unfavourable water supply condition," said an official of the provincial rural economy committee.

Masses are encouraged to take part in discussions for establishing a scientific farming system and method that can provide against

disastrous abnormal climate and effective solutions are being worked out in that course.

The province also ensures that production is reenergized at organic compound fertilizer and compound microbial fertilizer factories and such organic fertilizers as Sinyang 2 fermented manure are produced in a scientific and technological way, while pushing the work to tap all sources of manure.

"There is a saying that rice is produced as much as you manure the fields. Our county organized concentrated transport of manure to the Phanryuk Cooperative Farm which has lots of fields with poor fertility, with the result that dozens of trucks and tractors carried large quantities of manure to fields," said an official in Anak County.

The province also presses on in a methodological way with the introduction of rational cultivation methods which can avoid the influence of calamitous abnormal climate by advancing the period of harvest and the establishment of a well-organized work system for timely disseminating advanced farming methods to farms.



PAK CHOL / RODONG SINMUN  
Officials of the South Hwanghae Provincial Rural Economy Committee get together to discuss how to increase grain production.

## 6 EDUCATION

# 'We will speed up the improvement of quality of education'



as genuine revolutionaries, competent and creative talents and reserves of socialism by developing our education into the most advanced and ideal one to which we can entrust our future.

As the educational work has turned into an important task of Party and government organs and the interest and investment in the matter are increasing day by day in the flames of the revolution in education, all officials of the educational department of the provincial people's committee are redoubling their efforts.

Last year, the province put in great effort to raise the

quality of education and thus achieved a lot of successes.

All schools of the higher and general education fields conducted a dynamic movement to create new teaching methods, thereby creating a lot of unprecedented, new and innovative teaching methods, and they were rapidly generalized amid heated competition of teachers, schools and universities.

The province actively organized presentations of new teaching methods and relevant exhibitions divided into those of national- and provincial-level universities, vocational-technical colleges and factory and farm colleges, decided the rankings of universities, colleges and teachers and made it a rule to generalize the video of a highly appreciated teaching contest.

In the course of this, new teaching methods, which

help students develop their power of thinking and analysis to the maximum so that they can become active searchers and learners and which increase the effectiveness of teaching by introducing modern science and technology including artificial intelligence and image and voice recognition technologies, were created, favourably commented upon by juries and users and widely spread.

Understanding that the disparity between urban and rural areas is in essence that of teachers' qualifications, the department made sure that advanced teaching methods created at universities and middle and primary schools in urban areas were actively passed on to schools in rural and mountainous areas.

Remarkable progress was also made in raising the qualifications of teachers.

The province inquired in detail about teachers' ranks at over 40 colleges and some 640 middle and primary

schools there, and saw to it that teachers attended teachers' in-service training schools and online courses of central universities to further improve their qualifications.

The educational department also attaches importance to reducing the disparity of educational level among urban, rural and mountainous areas.

This year, too, all educators in the province will turn out as one in carrying out the tasks set at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea to improve the quality of teaching and train students into persons of ability wanted by the country.

**Kim In Myong**, deputy director of the educational department of the South Phyongan Provincial People's Committee

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said in his concluding speech at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea that the educational sector should set it as the main objective of the educational revolution in the new century to train all the schoolchildren

## Province radically improves educational conditions and environment



Officials from the educational department of the South Phyongan Provincial People's Committee explore the way to provide better educational conditions.

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Last year, South Phyongan Province built 16 schools and completely renovated 29 schools.

The schools, which were built splendidly on the best spots of the region, have multi-functional classrooms, laboratories, rooms for after-school activities and playgrounds, and all their environments inside and outside are arranged to be helpful to students' study.

A school renovation guidance team formed with senior officials of Party and government organs and officials of the educational field, construction agencies and designing institutes in the province and in each of its cities and counties established a regular system of commanding the relevant projects in a unified way, and organized powerful construction forces.

The province saw to it that cities and counties established a principle of preferentially providing materials and funds for school construction and dynamically pushed ahead with the construction projects without interruption.

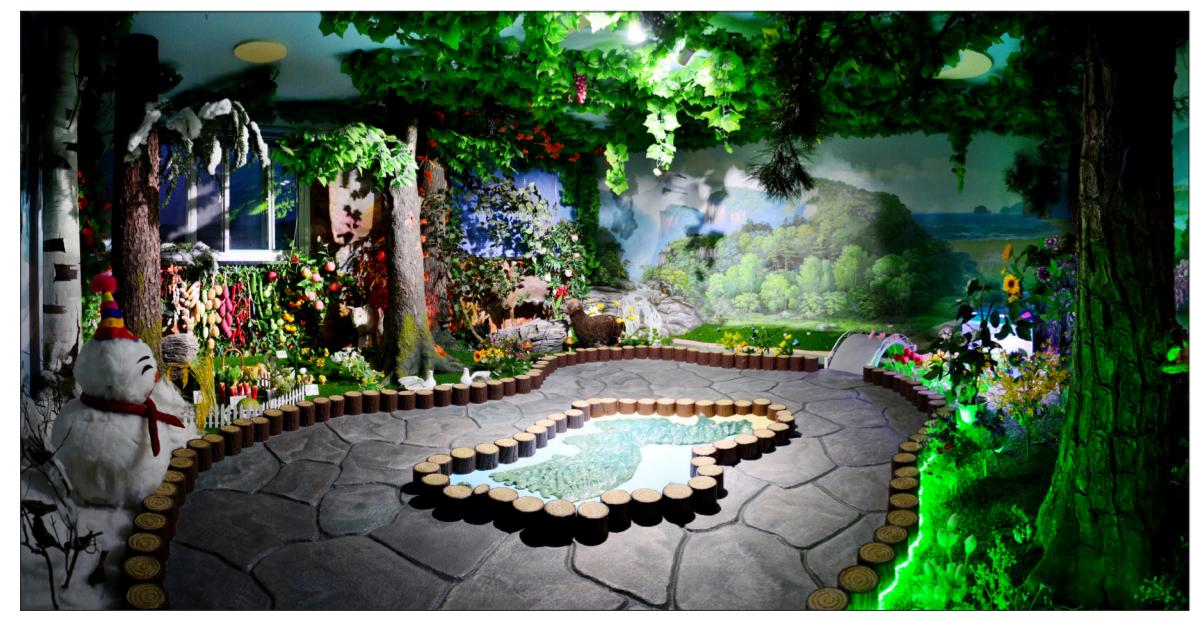
Senior officials of Party and government organs at all levels regarded the construction projects

as the most important, regularly got acquainted themselves with them and directly took measures to solve relevant problems.

"It is not easy to construct even a single building, and it is really difficult to build a school, which gives pupils all-round knowledge, as required by the trend of development of modern education. Still, officials made increasingly exact demands in the projects. Though always busy, they never failed to visit the construction sites once every day, even late at night or at dawn, greatly encouraging builders," said Kim Yong Chol, a school commissioner of the educational department of the provincial people's committee.

And all office and industrial workers in the province unsparingly provided materials and equipment for the projects.

"This year, too, the province continues to renovate educational conditions and environment. The designing is under way to make schools more distinctive and modern to meet the regional characteristics, children's psychology and the demand of developing pedagogy. This will provide better educational conditions and environment for students," said Kim Yong Chol.



Part of the interior of Jungdok Primary School in Phyongsong (top). The nature study room of Undok Kindergarten in the city.

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## 7 EDUCATION

# Winners of national competition

By Kim Rye Yong PT

It is merely a few years since Undok Kindergarten in Phyongsong City was opened.

But the high teaching ability of its teachers and its good educational condition help develop all its children into little doctors and prodigies.

Jong Chang Won, a 6-year-old, amazes people with his talent for mathematics.

Chang Won is usually a calm boy but it is said that he is the best in the Rubik Cube and toy robot making.

Jin Kyong Hui, the boy's teacher, said, "Chang Won's forte is speculating about anything and applying a special method in his own way."

The teacher discovered his unusual aptitude, and put in a special effort to develop the application ability and memory of the child.

When explaining about a picture of the textbook, she asked him a question concerning practical life so as to make him speculate

In particular, the jury highly praised him for perfectly



Jong Chang Won



Kim Ryong Song



Ri Yon Ryon

solving on the abacus the problems of addition and subtraction of 15 numbers of three figures and those of seven numbers of six figures displayed at intervals of 0.8 seconds.

Kim Ryong Song, another 6-year-old, has a special talent for making. Once he has colour clay in his hands, it is said, Ryong Song uses it to make what he shaped into animals are struck with admiration, saying they are not inferior to what experts make."

Ryong Song was also highly rated in the sector of making of the 13th national excellent children's talent contest. And on December last year

he presented the collection of his works Interesting Fable to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Ri Yon Ryon, another six-year-old, is called little soloist in the kindergarten.

Yon Ryon, who plays the treble jottae (a kind of Korean flute), can perform well solos of treble jottae for primary schoolchildren.

People find it hard to believe that her performance is a six-year-old's, for her nimble tongue hitting, deep breathing and strong depictive ability.

The kindergarten now keeps producing talented children like Chang Won, Ryong Song and Yon Ryon.

## Child with various talents



KIM KWANG NAM / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Han Jong Ho PT

Kim Yu Ui (pictured) of Kansong Kindergarten in Phyongchon District, Pyongyang, is one of the children whose outstanding talents struck people with admiration.

The child admirably plays the piano with rich depictive ability and amazing technical skill. Furthermore, she easily solves three-digit addition and subtraction problems while playing the piano to people's surprise.

According to her mother Cha Song Ok, Yu Ui started to learn to play the piano at the age of four, and her teacher, too, was struck with

arithmetic without abacus in a short time and then solve addition and subtraction problems while playing the piano.

"In the beginning, these practices failed to interlock properly. She failed to play the piano properly while solving addition and subtraction problems, and her calculations were wrong when she concentrated on playing the piano. But I controlled her psychology to encourage her to pass through the critical stage," the teacher said.

Yu Ui finally became able to display her amazing ability.

While playing the piano, Yu Ui correctly solved one-, two- and even three-digit addition and subtraction problems which were displayed one by one in a second.

As a result, Yu Ui was highly appreciated at a contest of children with outstanding talents held last year.

Now she plays paduk (go) well and writes well with brush under the guidance of the teacher.

She further developed the child's such merits as unusual cleverness and good memory, the teacher worked to develop her intellectual faculties.

She helped her develop the ability to visualize things by dint of abacus teaching, got her to solve four rules of

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Programs are researched and developed to actively introduce them into educational practice in the DPRK.

The geographical study support program, which was jointly developed by the central teaching training centre and Minhung Junior Middle School in Moranbong District, Pyongyang, helps recognize natural and geographical objects including major mountains, rivers and lakes of the country with the feeling of seeing real ones by applying the three-dimensional VR technology.

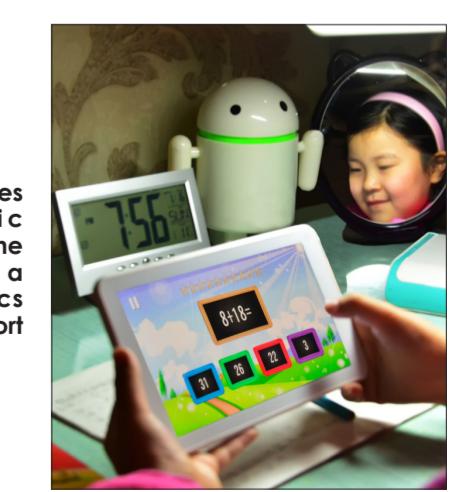
With the help of the program, students can see photos and videos about necessary objects like mountains, rivers, lakes and roads in relevant areas and observe them three-dimensionally while zooming them in and out.

Kim Chung Gun, student of the aforementioned school, said that geography lessons have become interesting after the introduction of the geographical study support program.

The Kwangmyong IT Institute of the Central Information Agency for Science and Technology developed math education support apps for smart phones and tablet PCs, drawing public interest.

An arithmetic study support program for children, with which preschoolers can solve problems as they make an exploration together with the kids in the amusement game, is not only interesting, but helpful to developing independent study abilities so that children can study arithmetic by themselves, without the assistance of an instructor or parents.

In addition, a math formula browsing program, known as a mathematic formula treasure trove, is popular among students and users since it enables them to rapidly and correctly browse lots of math formulas and edit numerical formulas by themselves to get results.



A child studies arithmetic with the help of a mathematics study support program.

PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



# Japan poisons Korean emperor to realize colonial domination

By Song Jong Ho PT

**O**n January 22 1919, Emperor Kojong, the sovereign of the feudal Joson dynasty, was poisoned by the Japanese imperialists.

The poisoning of the Korean emperor is a heinous crime committed by the Japanese imperialists to further impose colonial rule over Korea after militarily occupying the country.

Expressing his extreme antipathy to Japan's moves of aggression for reducing Korea to their colony that were getting undisguised day by day, the Korean sovereign endeavoured to check the Japanese manoeuvres at any cost.

When the Japanese

imperialists forced the feudal Joson dynasty to conclude the Ulsan five-point treaty in order to establish colonial domination over Korea, Emperor Kojong refused to recognize it from the beginning and finally did not sign and put the seal of the state in spite of Japan's tenacious threats and blackmail. After the treaty was fabricated, he made positive efforts to inform the international community that it was null and void.

He dispatched three emissaries to the Second International Peace Conference, which was held in The Hague, the Netherlands, in 1907 to disclose its illegality and invalidity to the world.

Afterwards when the Japanese imperialists forced the conclusion of the Jongmi seven-point treaty, he refused to give a prior consent, signature and the seal of the state.

His struggle to defend sovereign rights was a great obstacle for Japan trying to realize the complete colonial

Moves are afoot in Japan from the outset of this year to buckle down to the study and development of an electromagnetic gun, a new-type weapon.

Not long ago, the Defence Ministry made public to the press that it would develop the one and only electromagnetic gun which is capable of destroying targets on the ground, in the sea and air.

Actually, the Japanese government included ¥6.5 billion (about US\$ 57 million) in its budget for the 2022 fiscal year as the cost for developing the new-type weapon. It has also set it as its target to deploy this weapon for action after 2028 by speeding up the study of securing energy efficiency and high-speed running fire technologies on the initiative of the Defence Ministry from this year.

The problem is that Japan is justifying itself linking the development of such ultra-modern weapon to hypersonic missiles being developed by our country, China and Russia, saying that the former is to counter the latter.

There is a proverb saying that "Who lives ill, fear attends him."

Japan is making a fuss about "threat" from its neighbouring countries without any reason. This is nothing but a mere show to cover up its hostile acts and wild ambition for reinvision as it is a dangerous move of the Japanese reactionaries to become a military power without fail by accelerating the development of the ultra-modern weapon under the pretext of the "unprecedented deteriorated security situation of its neighbours".

By upholding the slogan "For the new victory of socialist rural construction!" advanced by the WPK, the agricultural sector has launched a dynamic drive to push forward with rural development and key industries and other economic sectors are making tangible improvement in production from the beginning of the year.

2022, which marks the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung and the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il, is a particularly important and significant year for the WPK and the Korean people.

Only when all fields and all units perform the crucial tasks for this year, can they glorify this year as a year of great victory.

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## For comprehensive development of socialist construction



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**T**oday, Korean-style socialist construction has entered a new age of vigorous advance and dynamism.

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea declared the start of an all-people grand march to glorify 2022 as a watershed in the developing revolution and advanced strategic policies that will dynamically propel the overall development of Korean-style socialist construction.

It is the unshakable will of the WPK to build a powerful socialist country which prospers on the strength of self-sustenance and self-dependence in the near future by accelerating the comprehensive development of socialism.

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## BYWORD

### Overall development of socialist construction

In the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un ardently called upon the entire Party and all the people to vigorously accelerate the overall development of socialist construction by putting spurs to the spirit of courageous advance, and thus make 2022 a year of great revolutionary event to be significantly recorded in

the history of the country and another watershed in the great struggle advancing toward the bright future.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK set forth the idea of achieving the overall development of socialism to meet the requirements of an era of building a powerful country.

The idea of overall development of socialism is that all domains and regions of the country should achieve the simultaneous and balanced development of all economic sectors.

It reflects the firm will of the WPK to accelerate the victorious advance of the revolution by hastening the prosperity of the state and well-being of the people.

## OPINION

### What is development of ultra-modern weapons aimed at?

Ra Guk Chol

**M**oves are afoot in Japan from the outset of this year to buckle down to the study and development of an electromagnetic gun, a new-type weapon.

Not long ago, the Defence Ministry made public to the press that it would develop the one and only electromagnetic gun which is capable of destroying targets on the ground, in the sea and air.

Actually, the Japanese government included ¥6.5 billion (about US\$ 57 million) in its budget for the 2022 fiscal year as the cost for developing the new-type weapon. It has also set it as its target to deploy this weapon for action after 2028 by speeding up the study of securing energy efficiency and high-speed running fire technologies on the initiative of the Defence Ministry from this year.

The problem is that Japan is justifying itself linking the development of such ultra-modern weapon to hypersonic missiles being developed by our country, China and Russia, saying that the former is to counter the latter.

There is a proverb saying that "Who lives ill, fear attends him."

Japan is making a fuss about "threat" from its neighbouring countries without any reason. This is nothing but a mere show to cover up its hostile acts and wild ambition for reinvision as it is a dangerous move of the Japanese reactionaries to become a military power without fail by accelerating the development of the ultra-modern weapon under the pretext of the "unprecedented deteriorated security situation of its neighbours".

By upholding the slogan "For the new victory of socialist rural construction!" advanced by the WPK, the agricultural sector has launched a dynamic drive to push forward with rural development and key industries and other economic sectors are making tangible improvement in production from the beginning of the year.

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## WORLD

### Briefly

#### Palestine

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas issued a statement on January 17 to censure Israel's moves to seize territory.

The Israeli authorities are trying to forcibly dislodge the Palestinian residents of East al-Quds, and the statement branded and condemned the attempt as a blatant violation of international law and humanitarian laws.

It asserted that such moves of Israel as to forcibly dislodge the Palestinians and approve the construction plan for thousands of blocks of Jewish dwelling houses would exacerbate regional tension.

#### Cuba

An astronomical observatory was built at the geophysics and astronomy institute of Cuba on January 15.

Remote-controlled by a computer, the observatory is equipped with a wide-width telescope. With the help of the telescope, people will observe celestial sphere and monitor outer space.

It is reported that Cuba can collect meteorological observation data by itself, exchange relevant information and train specialists from now on.

#### Weather

Global mean air temperature rises

Last year was the fifth highest year in global mean air temperature in the history of observation.

According to a weather information institution of the EU, the temperature of last year was 1.1-1.2°C higher than the period between 1850 and 1900 and, as a result, such abnormal weather phenomena as heat waves, forest fires and flood-causing torrential rain occurred in succession in the world.

Meteorologists said that the atmospheric density of carbon dioxide and methane, the causes of global warming, keeps increasing, asserting that it shows no sign of moderation in the future.

#### Tonga

Massive volcanic eruption

A large-scale submarine volcano recently erupted in Tonga.

The volcanic eruption that lasted for over 12 hours on January 14 is said to be about seven times more violent than that on December 20 last year.

The ensuing tidal waves submerged surrounding islands, destroyed buildings, disrupted communications and beached ships.

#### COVID-19

Pandemic infects over 334 million people, killing at least 5.57 million

According to foreign news reports, 334 661 579 contracted COVID-19 and 5 572 291 died of the disease while 58 501 435 were undergoing medical treatment as of 24:00 on January 18.

Over 2.76 to 3.63 million people were infected with it that day.

# Cuban party increases leading role to defend revolution

By Choe Yong Nam PT

**C**uba makes strenuous efforts to strengthen the leading role of the Communist Party of Cuba and defend the gains of the revolution.

The government directs a great deal of energies to achieving unity of the Party Central Committee, revising the party rules and others to strengthen the leading role of the party and defend the gains of the Cuban revolution.

The President called on all the patriotic people to maintain firm unity to cope with the enemy's ceaseless attempts to obliterate the national identity and undermine political stability of Cuba.

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problems that have accumulated in the socio-economic fields of the country as soon as possible.

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Referring to the experiences and lessons the country learned last year, he said that Cuba would overcome difficulties this year and that it is the most important to solve

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In the letter, the Foreign Minister asserted that Bangladesh is taking strong measures to prevent terrorism and transnational drug trafficking and that its armed police as a law enforcement agency are playing a very important role in this fight. He therefore refuted the American allegations about forced disappearances and illegal killings by the Bangladeshi armed police, describing them as

publicized as "illegal killing."

The Law and Justice Minister and Information Minister of Bangladesh affirmed that RAB officials are doing their best to protect people's human rights and have not been involved in any sort of human rights violation. Highlighting the dismal human rights situation in the United States, they stated that it is a highly regrettable and prejudiced act that the US imposed sanctions on the RAB officials.

Human rights violations committed by the American police are in fact too despicable to talk about.

The American police criminals regard Afro-Americans as mere quarellies and 99% of them are freely walking the streets with impunity, as

exercising their authority as police officers.

The George Floyd case in particular, where this Afro-American was savagely strangled to death by a white policeman in Minnesota in May 2020, shocked the whole world as it was a shuddering atrocity of human slaughter only to be seen in the US, a country beset with racism and hate.

# WEIGHTLIFTING ACE BAGS 11 GOLD MEDALS



By Ri Sang Il PT

**T**here was a farewell match of meritorious weightlifters in the Weightlifting Gymnasium on Chongchun Street in Pyongyang on December 14 last year.

Among them was Choe Hyo Sim, winner of Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize and Merited Athlete.

"It is an honour to be here with world-class weightlifters like People's Athlete Rim Jong Sim, winner of Kim Jong Il Prize and DPRK Labour Hero. I wish weightlifters of the young generation would succeed to the victorious tradition continuously," she said when a journalist asked about her impression.

Choe Hyo Sim is a weightlifter who bagged 32 medals including 11 golds in 14 international competitions such as the Olympic Games and the World Weightlifting Championships.

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Particularly in 2019, she left an indelible impression on people.

She lifted 100kg in the first try of women's 59 kg category snatch at the IWF World Weightlifting Championships held that year.

After lifting 104kg in the second try, she offered to lift 107kg for the third try.

"In fact, I was very tense at that time. Because a new world record, a wall which all weightlifters looked for, was a step ahead of me. But I took my step without hesitation," said Choe Hyo Sim.

As soon as she lifted 107kg in the third try, applause rose, and she became a new world record holder.

She fully demonstrated her ability at the 6th Qatar Cup held in 2019.

In the game attended by crack sportspersons, Hyo Sim jerked 130kg in the event of 64kg category to take the first place and won the event in total to obtain two gold medals.

Without resting on her laurels,

she bagged another gold medal and a silver medal in 59kg category snatch and jerk respectively at the IWF World Cup held in 2019 and won two gold medals in total ranking.

For these successes she was selected as one of top ten players of the DPRK in 2019.

Afterwards she continued to make strenuous efforts for gold medal and the number of her golds increased.

In 2021 alone, she gained good results in different national games including the Mangyongdae Prize Games in celebration of the Day of the Sun and the national championships.

Therefore, Choe Hyo Sim was selected again as one of the top ten players of the country in 2021.

"Her tireless devotion for victory and her fair play are examples which we should follow. We will not forget her for a long time," said Ji Su Yong, weightlifter of the Waudo Sports Club.



PANG UN SIM / PICTORIAL KOREA

Hunminjongum (left) and Hunmongjaho.

## Korean alphabet *Hunminjongum*

By Jong Chol PT

**H**unminjongum is a unique national alphabet created by the Korean ancestors in the 15th century.

The name *Hunminjongum* literally means "correct sounds to educate the people" and denotes that it is an excellent alphabet for right letters for teaching ordinary people.

It was also called *Jongum* or *Onmun*.

*Jongum* was a name related to the intrinsic nature of the Korean letters, and *Onmun* was the one given to signify the letters used by commoners.

The Korean alphabet is a very advanced one that can express words of any foreign languages. It was invented collectively by Jong Rin Ji, Choe Hang, Pak Phaeng Nyon, Sin Suk Ju, Song Sam Mun, Kang Hui An, Ri Kac and Ri Hyon Ro, renowned scholars of

*Jiphyonjon* (a national agency for authoring important books during the feudal Joson dynasty), under the personal supervision of King Sejong.

*Hunminjongum* was made by improving *Sinji* characters used by ancient Koreans. Originally, it consisted of 28 basic letters.

Besides, it was supplemented by combining basic letters or adding certain marks to the basic letters.

It is easy to learn and use as the letters were made on the principle of imitating the shapes of speech organs.

The scholars of *Jiphyonjon* who created *Hunminjongum* published a book under the namesake title to explain the meanings of letters and present several new linguistic and orthographic theories for the first time in the world.

*Hunminjongum* has been handed down as part of the valuable cultural heritage of the nation.

By To Kyong Chol PT

**T**he Rimyongsu Falls are situated in the City of Samjiyon, Ryanggang Province.

There is Rimyongsu Valley formed by the erosion of the basalt which was spewed out from Mt Paektu during volcanic eruptions a million years ago.

Underground water spouts out of crevices to form the rare Rimyongsu Falls. Their nine main streams empty into the artificial lake of the Rimyongsu Barrage.

The pavilion on top of the falls and black rocks exposed between the streams go well with the crystal-clear water of the lake beneath and surrounding forests. On fine days, a fascinating rainbow forms as sprays of droplets reflect sunlight.

The waterfall unfolds distinctive scenes as azalea blossoms in spring, green woods in summer and scarletting leaves in autumn

blend in well with streams and lake.

The scenery of the falls is mysteriously beautiful as endless streams send up thick clouds of spray, hoarfrost stretches around like an artwork elaborately embroidered with silver threads, the inside of the valley looks like the celestial raiment of an angel when viewed from a long distance and innumerable silver beads are so dazzling in the sunlight when viewed from a short distance.

The water temperature of the falls does not go down below 4°C even in winter.

Every viewer is struck with admiration as they feast their eyes on the unique scene where water streams down between ices despite the intense cold in Mt Paektu.

The spectacular landscape emanates an aura of mystery of nature.

The Rimyongsu Falls were registered as a national natural monument in January 1980.

