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Seventh National Conference of War Veterans held with General Secretary Kim Jong Un in attendance



On the occasion of the 68th anniversary of the great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, all the people and service personnel of the Korean People's Army are paying high tribute and extending militant greetings to the admired war victor generation who performed distinguished service that would remain long in history.

The Seventh National Conference of War Veterans was splendidly held on Tuesday in front of the Monument to Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War in Pyongyang.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the conference.

Entering the venue, he met the war veterans who had worked at important posts of Party, government and armed forces organs for a long time to shake

hands with each of them and warmly congratulate them.

Amid the playing of the welcome music, he appeared at the platform of the conference with war veterans.

The moment, fireworks were set off and all the participants raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" in great reverence for General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

Warmly waving back to the enthusiastically cheering participants, he heartily congratulated them and other war veterans across the country.

Present at the conference were the war veterans and persons of wartime merit, who are the heroes of the great era, as well as service personnel of the heroic armed forces of the DPRK, university students of the new generation and the faculties and students of revolutionary schools.

Appearing at the platform were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK.

Leading officials of the Party and government Ri Il Hwan, O Il Jong, Jong Kyong Thaek, Kim Yong Hwan and chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the WPK also took the platform.

Commanding officers of armed forces organs including Pak Jong

Chon, Kwon Yong Jin and Ri Yong Gil were also seen at the platform.

As the Seventh National Conference of War Veterans was declared open, the national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made an impassioned and significant congratulatory speech.

He extended warm congratulations to all the war veterans, persons of wartime merit and all other people across the country greeting the great V-Day, expressing his pleasure to celebrate the anniversary together with war veterans again.

He highly praised the defenders and builders of the country in the 1950s who created the heroic fighting spirit and traits as generous

Kim Jong Un delivers speech at Seventh National Conference of War Veterans

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech, titled *The Great Heroic Spirit of the Victorious Wartime Generation Will Be Brilliantly Carried Forward*, at the Seventh National Conference of War Veterans held on July 27 in front of the Monument to Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War. The following is the full text:

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

As I am seeing you again, an elder generation of our revolution whom we always respect and regard as our role models, and celebrating the great Victory Day for our motherland with you, I cannot suppress the surging happiness and emotion.

The history of the great victorious war, which our state and people will remember with dignity and pride for generations, is their greatest asset that cannot be bartered for anything in the world.

Moreover, it is the greatest blessing and glory for our generation to frequently arrange a conference to see the war veterans, who were the masters and witnesses of the legendary heroic era.

I extend warm thanks and make a deep bow to you, esteemed war veterans, who created the legendary tale of miraculous victory in the fierce three-year war, heroically glorified your era and are now participating in the celebrations of V-day looking hale and hearty, and to all other veterans of the Fatherland Liberation War and the people of wartime merits across the country.

I pay a noble tribute to the martyrs of the

People's Army and all other patriotic martyrs, who dedicated their youth and even lives in defence of the sovereignty and honour of their country, and extend warm congratulations to all the people who are greeting the July 27 Victory Day amid a strenuous powerful struggle.

I also pay a noble tribute to the martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers, who shed their precious blood unsparingly in the same trench with our soldiers against the imperialist invasion in the most trying days of our country, and extend warm greetings to other veterans of the CPV.

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

The feats which the victorious wartime generation, the second generation of our revolution, performed shine brilliantly as a historic landmark of great significance in the glorious course of development of our Republic.

All that is valuable for our powerful and beautiful Korea is linked to the feats of the great generation represented by you.

The free life of the tens of millions of our people, our genuine system, our beautiful mountains

and rivers, our vast fertile plains and our precious natural resources—all these are unthinkable separated from the feats performed by the numerous warriors who defended every inch of the land of their country at the cost of their blood.

As the courageous defenders of the country in the 1950s repulsed the invasion of the brigandish US imperialists at the cost of their lives, their descendants of several generations have been able to enjoy up to now the dignity of an inde-

pendent people free from sufferings of slaves.

Because the victorious wartime generation performed the great feats of defeating the armed invasion by the US imperialists and their vassal states and bringing about the unprecedentedly significant event—victory in the war—the destiny and future of the country could be saved and we, their descendants, could inherit the great fame and honour of being heroic Korea and heroic people.

Dear comrades,

The most valuable of the feats of the victorious wartime generation which are etched in the annals of our country in golden letters is their heroic fighting spirit and trait.

The fighting spirit which produced the great victory and miracle will never fade out no matter how much time may pass, and it constitutes an inexhaustible source that produces new victories and miracles.

When we recall the great heroic spirit displayed



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by the victorious wartime generation, we can find nothing that does not strike the world people with wonder and move their hearts.

For the Party and the leader and to carry out the pledges they had made before the leader, the People's Army soldiers turned out without hesitation in do-or-die battles and displayed an unyielding courage, looking up to the Supreme Headquarters, even in the jaws of death. Their indomitable mental strength produced world-startling legendary tales of winning battles in the war.

As I always remind myself, whenever I meet you, war veterans, I can vividly picture the state of arduousness and gruesomeness of the Fatherland Liberation War and the fierce hand-to-hand fighting against the enemy, and think once again whether we are now struggling as the wartime warriors did.

Then, it makes me bow in spite of myself to the victors of the great years, who gave full play to such an indomitable and courageous mental strength against the most tremendous challenges and dangers of those days.

Even though they performed brilliant merits for the freedom and independence of their motherland and for the life of the coming generations, our victorious wartime generation has never demanded any reward for having shed blood.

It was the victorious wartime generation who readily shouldered the weighty tasks of healing the wounds of the war and reconstructing the country from ruins.

Both the warriors who had returned from the front and those who had fought undauntedly in the rear regarded it as their natural duty, obligation and responsibility to overcome misfortunes and sufferings and to perform faster the tasks scores of times greater than their own, by undertaking the shares of their fallen comrades-in-arms, mindful of their requests.

In response to the call of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung to display the mettle of the Koreans in the postwar reconstruction as well by building bigger and more splendid things instead of simply restoring them, the victorious wartime generation started the building of an independent powerful country from scratch. They created new things from nothing and turned what was impossible to possibility, making ten, nay a hundred steps, while others were taking only one.

Thanks to the honourable constructors who displayed fortitude with their belts still tightened in the struggle against time, heroic Korea gained even more brilliant image—Chollima Korea—and the historic task of simultaneously promoting economic construction and upbuilding of national defence, a shortcut to a rich country with a strong army, could be accomplished with success.

This great revolutionary generation created the splendid tradition of supporting the Party Central Committee absolutely and defending it with a revolutionary upsurge, a tradition of struggle which our Party and people are emulating from one decade into the next; they also created the lofty collectivist climate and communist human relationships of one for all and all for one.

Thanks to the self-sacrificing and devoted struggle of the victorious wartime generation, the iron truth of Juche that it is possible to create

a new life even on the debris and be well off as long as there is the people, the territory, the Party and the government has been proved to be a brilliant reality.

In every decade of socialist construction our war veterans and people of wartime merits, always thinking about whether they were living as they had done in the war days when they had fought shedding blood and braving hails of bullets and gunfire, worked at their posts invariably and have led the rising generations to live and struggle uprightly and steadfastly.

This is the lofty spiritual world of the victorious wartime generation, which we all respect and appreciate.

By inheriting the great heroic spirit of the victorious wartime generation, our Party and people have been able to overcome the arduous trials in the struggle for defending socialism, which were virtually as challenging as several wars, and perform with credit the great tasks facing the revolution.

The defenders and builders of the country in the 1950s, who defended our glorious DPRK with honour and created an immortal heroic spirit that has to be carried forward generation by generation, are, indeed, benevolent persons and excellent teachers who deserve to be praised and emulated for generations to come.

Comrades,

Our people and new generations have a special feeling of dignity and pride which cannot be compared to anything in the world, that they are the descendants of the great victorious wartime generation.

The honourable mission of the descendants of the great victorious wartime generation is to make the country, which was defended and built by the forerunners, stronger and prosper for ever by brilliantly carrying forward the great tradition of victory and heroic spirit which were created under the leadership of the great leaders and the great Party.

The generation, who are fully aware of this sacred historic mission and duty, can never degenerate or collapse, but advance valiantly and stoutly.

Whenever we are faced with a new challenge and gigantic tasks, we are reminded of the elder generation of the revolution, the victorious wartime generation, who faced earlier challenges and tasks more formidable than the current ones and coped with them.

Today the difficulties and obstacles caused by the world health crisis unprecedented in history and the protracted blockade are no less harsh for us than those in the wartime situation.

However, just as the victorious wartime generation displayed the greatest courage and brought about the greatest victory and honour in the face of the greatest national trials, so our generation, by carrying forward the fine tradition, will turn the present difficulties into a fresh greater victory.

Even if we may encounter worse hardships than now on the road of building a powerful socialist country, we will never stop but rush forward with vigour towards the struggle objectives we set by carrying forward the heroic spirit of the victorious wartime generation.

We will, without fail, turn this land, to which the warriors of the war dedicated their priceless lives and the war veterans have devoted their lifelong

honest efforts of patriotism, into a prosperous and powerful country where all the people enjoy happiness with nothing to envy.

To this end, our Party is going to make sure that the valuable ideological and spiritual wealth of the victorious wartime generation becomes an integral part of all the people, service personnel and rising generations and the nourishment for their genuine life and struggle.

We will ensure that the staunch revolutionary spirit with which that generation placed absolute trust in our Party alone and carried out its decisions at the cost of their lives, the death-defying spirit with which they never hesitated to sacrifice their lives with every confidence in their strength and the victory when the country was at the crossroads of life or death, the indomitable fighting spirit with which they vigorously turned out in rehabilitation and construction braving hardships and difficulties, and the ennobling collectivist spirit with which they created a fresh socialist life by supporting and caring for one another even in the teeth of hardships remain alive and pulsate in today's struggle and life.

We will ensure that everyone never forgets the history of brilliant victories and struggle in the Fatherland Liberation War, the postwar rehabilitation and the era of the grand Chollima upsurge, all of which are an excellent textbook of ardent patriotism, that every work place and military post always resounds with the wartime songs and songs of creation and construction, and that fresh miracles and feats are continuously created amid the practical struggle for implementing the Party's policies.

Dear comrade war veterans,

With the historic Eighth Party Congress as a momentum, the cause of building socialism of our own style has greeted a new dynamic era and the whole country is vibrant with a soaring spirit.

Our revolutionary armed forces are fully prepared to cope with any change of the situation or any threat and stand firmly at the outposts of national defence and socialist construction while consolidating their might to be ever-more invincible by dint of heroic combat spirit and ennobling political and moral traits.

Tens of thousands of persons of younger generation, carrying forward the excellent spirit and mettle of the victorious wartime generation, volunteer to work at the fronts at the call of the Party.

The gains of the revolution the victorious wartime generation won at the cost of blood remain stout, and the future of our state and our socialist cause is bright.

Even if you do nothing and only if you remain healthy, it is a great inspiration to our Party and people and a great encouragement to our revolution.

On the occasion of 68th anniversary of the victory of the great Fatherland Liberation War, I extend once again my heartfelt thanks to our precious war veterans and people of wartime merits and wish every one of you long life in good health.

The great heroic spirit of the victorious wartime generation will shine for ever and be carried forward stoutly.

Long live the great July 27 Victory Day!

Long live our great motherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!



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benefactors and genuine teachers we should admire and learn after with a feeling of gratitude forever.

Saying that it was the honourable mission for descendants of the victorious wartime generation to further consolidate and bring prosperity forever to the country, which was defended and built by the martyrs, by successfully carrying forward the tradition of great victory and the heroic spirit created under the leadership of the great leader and the great Party, he noted that the revolutionary

assets gained by the war victor generation at the cost of their lives are firm and the cause of our state and socialism is promising.

He wished war veterans a long life in good health, saying that it is the great encouragement to our Party, people and revolution that they have good health.

The participants in the conference were greatly excited by the speech of the General Secretary overflowing with a lofty sense of revolutionary obligation and noble comradely love for the war veterans who created the history of great victory of the country.

When the General Secretary concluded his speech, enthusiastic cheers of "Hurrah!" resounded through the venue of the conference and fireworks were shot off.

Watching the brightly illuminated statue "Victory" together with war veterans, he expressed his conviction that the great spirit and will instilled by the V-Day would be an eternal impetus promoting the advance and development of socialist construction.

The conference ended, with the participants expressing their deep gratitude to the General Secretary who puts forward the war veterans

to the meridian of glory and their single-minded will to uphold the Party Central Committee with loyalty.

The conference demonstrated the unshakable will of the Korean people to make a dynamic advance in the spirit of defending the country and the revolution and in the fighting spirit of self-reliance and fortitude displayed by the heroes of the great years and thus win the final victory of the socialist cause under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

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General Secretary Kim Jong Un visits Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery at 00:00 on July 27, the 68th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

He was greeted on the spot by commanding officers of the Korean People's Army, including Pak Jong Chon, Kwon Yong Jin and Ri Yong Gil, and commanders of large combined units and combined units of the KPA.

He laid a flower before the cemetery.

He paid tribute to the heroes of

the great years who had defended the sovereignty and dignity of the country with honour and made

the history of brilliantly carrying forward the Korean revolution as they burnt with boundless loyalty

rising generations.

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to the leader, confidence in victory and ardent patriotism.

He looked round the cemetery together with the participants.

He said that no matter how much time may elapse and how many times a generation is replaced by another, the noble revolutionary spirit and heroic feats of the victorious wartime generation would dynamically propel the victorious advance of the Korean people towards a fresh victory of the revolution, steadily inspiring and sublimating patriotism and fighting zeal of the

Kim Jong Un visits Friendship Tower to pay homage to CPV martyrs

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, on Wednesday visited the Friendship Tower on the occasion of the 68th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Ri Il Hwan, Jong Sang Hak, Ri Pyong Chol, Pak Jong Chon, Kwon Yong Jin and Ri Yong Gil.

Amid the playing of the wreath-laying music, a wreath in the name of General Secretary Kim Jong Un was laid at the tower.

The ribbon of the wreath bore letters reading: "We pay noble respect in the name of all the Korean people."

Kim Jong Un on behalf of the Korean people" The General Secretary paid

tribute to the martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers who joined the Korean people in the Fatherland

the road for the common cause.



Liberation War for repelling the imperialists' invasion and dedicated their valuable lives.

The noble soul and exploits of the Chinese people who aided the sacred historic struggle of the Korean people at the cost of their blood when the DPRK was undergoing the harshest and most difficult trials will remain immortal along with prospering socialist Korea, he said, stressing that the DPRK-China friendship forged as kindred ties will be firmly carried forward generation on

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Kim Jong Un poses with participants in Seventh National Conference of War Veterans



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met and had a photo session with the participants in the Seventh National Conference of War Veterans on July 29.

The participants were overwhelmed by great excitement and joy as they came to have the highest honour and greatest happiness to be handed down from generation to generation

after hearing the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's congratulatory speech run through with his profound feelings of respect and trust at the national conference of war veterans held with splendour in his presence.

When the respected General Secretary arrived at the venue of the photo session, all the participants raised enthusiastic cheers as a token of their deep reverence for him who puts forward the war veterans as the models of the era of legendary

heroes to be admired by the rising generations and makes sure that their heroic spirit is engraved in the history of the country with golden letters.

Saying that the great feats of the victorious wartime generation, etched in the glorious history of the development of the DPRK, encourage the Korean people to wage a fresh heroic struggle, he stressed that it is the great pride of the WPK and the Korean people to have such revolutionary forerunners, the great paragons with a lofty outlook

on the rising generations and the revolution.

He had a photo session with the war veterans, affirming his firm will to do his best to build a prosperous power looked forward to by the wartime heroes and provide the people with the happiest life in the world.

At the end of the photo session all the participants broke into cheers of "Hurrah!" again.

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Reception given to participants in national conference of war veterans

Banquets were given at the People's Palace of Culture, Okryu and Chongnyu restaurants, Pyongyang Noodles House and elsewhere on July 27 for the participants in the Seventh National Conference of War Veterans.

They were attended by Choe Ryong Hae and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other senior Party and government officials along with war veterans.

Saying that 68 years had passed since the unforgettable days when everyone cried and laughed with pleasure and delight while watching the fireworks of war victory, the speakers said that the word "war victory" recited by the Korean people with great pride and self-

esteem is always associated with the immortal name of President Kim Il Sung and those of war veterans.

Saying that only when they

are led by a great leader, can the noble feats be handed down to posterity and worthwhile lives be eternal, the speakers noted that the distinguished feats of

the generation who won victory in the war are shining more brilliantly under the care of General Secretary Kim Jong Un of the WPK, who boundlessly



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V-Day celebrated across DPRK

All the Koreans across the country including working people, service personnel, youths and students significantly celebrated the 68th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War.

They paid homage to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at their statues in different parts of the country on July 27.

Flower baskets were laid at the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang in the name of Party, government and armed forces organs, public organizations, ministries, national agencies, units of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces, and institutions at all levels, industrial establishments, universities and schools in the capital city.

Institutions, enterprises and KPA and PSF units also placed floral baskets at the statues of the great leaders and the mosaics depicting their beaming images in different places in Pyongyang, including Kim Il Sung University, the Ministry of National Defence and the Mansudae Art Studio.

Working people, service personnel and youths including students in all other parts of the country visited such statues and mosaics in their localities to pay homage to the great leaders.

Many people visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance.

The service personnel and other people, who visited revolutionary sites associated

with Kim Il Sung's leadership for war victory, learned the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great man who performed military miracles in the 20th century.

Officials of local Party and government organs, working people's organizations, industrial establishments and cooperative farms, working people, youths including students and service personnel throughout the country visited the statues and cemeteries of martyrs, monuments to the fallen KPA soldiers and graves of martyrs to pay tribute to the victors of the great years, the admirable generation who created the new history of succession of the Korean revolution by making a sacrifice of themselves.

Colourful performances were given in Pyongyang and local areas.

The Mansudae Art Troupe gave a music and dance performance at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre and the National Symphony Orchestra a concert at the Moranbong Theatre.

Revolutionary drama Blood at an International Conference and an acrobatic performance were staged respectively at the National Theatre and the Pyongyang Circus Theatre.

Artistes of the Phibada Opera Troupe, National Theatrical Troupe, National Folk Art Troupe and the National Circus staged performances in front of the Pyongyang Grand Theatre and the Three-Revolution Exhibition House to add to the festive mood.

The central workers' artistic motivational team of the

General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, artistic motivational teams of the railway sector and the Capital City Construction Commission and mobile and women's union artistic motivational squads of different units also put on open-

air performances in different places of the capital.

University students' art group performance "July 27 of eternal victory" was given at the Central Youth Hall.

Entertainers of provincial art troupes and members of

artistic motivational teams gave celebratory performances in different parts of the country.

Working people and youths including students got together with war veterans on the same occasion.

Many working people and students visited families of war veterans to congratulate them.

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Clockwise from the top: Working people and service personnel lay a floral basket and bunches of flowers before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang on the occasion of the 68th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War. Young Koreans hold a dance party in the plaza of the Arch of Triumph. Entertainers perform in different parts of the country to add to the festive mood. Women meet with a war veteran.

respects, treasures and puts forward war veterans and cares so much to bestow greater glory and happiness on them.

They said that if only war veterans, personifiers and witnesses of the history of the mightiness and victory of heroic Korea, could live for a long time in good health, it would give great strength to the Party and country.

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Kim Jong Un guides first workshop of KPA commanders and political officers



The First Workshop of the Commanders and Political Officers of the Korean People's Army was held in Pyongyang from July 24 to 27 under the guidance of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK.

The Central Committee of the WPK and the Central Military Commission of the WPK organized a grand meeting of military and political cadres of the whole army to further enhance the military and political strength and revolutionary fighting spirit of the KPA, the backbone of the national defence capacity and the revolutionary armed forces of the Party and to awaken the military and political cadres again to the important military strategic and tactical idea of the Party Central Committee and also to the orientations to and policies on army building as required by the changed situation.

The workshop, the first of its kind in

the history of army building, focused on developing units, combined units and large combined units at all levels of the KPA into the politically and ideologically steel-strong army and invincible militant ranks faithfully upholding the leadership of the WPK, awakening and encouraging military and political cadres to fulfil their responsibilities and roles as the hard core in carrying out this honorable task and comprehensively rearming them.

It was attended by military commanders and political commissars of all the services, corps, divisions, brigades and regiments, members of the executive committee of the KPA Committee of the WPK and officials of the KPA General Political Bureau, the KPA General Staff and the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted by the KPA commanding officers as he arrived at the April 25 House of Culture, the

venue of the workshop, to conduct it.

A military ceremony was held at the April 25 House of Culture to receive the Supreme Commander of the armed forces of the DPRK.

As the General Secretary appeared at the platform of the venue of the workshop with Pak Jong Chon, chief of the KPA General Staff, Kwon Yong Jin, director of the KPA General Political Bureau, Ri Yong Gil, minister of National Defence, and commanders of the KPA large combined units, the place was resounded with stormy cheers of "hurrah!" raised by all the participants.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made an opening address.

The General Secretary clarified the purpose of holding a grand meeting of military and political cadres of units, combined units and large combined units of the whole army as the first meeting of the KPA after the Eighth Congress of the Party, saying that the

first workshop of the commanders and political officers of the KPA is held with meaningful V-Day just ahead at a time when all the people across the country are waging an indefatigable struggle for a new victory of the revolution.

Saying that the Party Central Committee gives special importance to strengthening all the services, corps, divisions, brigades and regiments of the KPA in overcoming severe difficulties facing the Korean revolution and winning a fresh victory, he noted that he has never forgotten even a moment the military and political cadres of units at all levels who are devoting all their energies on the outpost line for increasing military capabilities and at sites of the grand campaigns for the prosperity of the country and happiness of the people and extended warm militant greetings to service personnel of the

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whole army, availing himself of the meaningful opportunity.

There will be no treat to be afraid of and our revolutionary advance will be victorious if the divisions, brigades and regiments of the whole army are readied as one, he said, stressing that the commanders of the services, corps, divisions, brigades and regiments and other commanding officers and political commissars of the KPA should make greater efforts than ever before. He analysed in detail the operation commanding ability, the level of managing units and political and practical qualifications of military and political cadres.

He said that the military and political cadres of the KPA should seriously review their overall work in the units and find ways to overcome shortcomings and deviations while exchanging good experiences, well aware of the intention of the Party Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the WPK that organized the workshop on a large scale.

Expressing belief that the workshop would serve as an important starting point for revolutionizing cadres for preparing all the military and political cadres of the whole army to be the genuine commanding officers of the revolutionary armed forces of the Party and as an occasion for making radical advance in strengthening in every way the operation and combat abilities and political and military might of the units, he declared the first workshop of commanders and political officers of the KPA open.

KPA Vice Marshal Kwon Yong Jin, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, member of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and director

of the KPA General Political Bureau, made a report at the workshop.

He called on all the participants to strengthen the fighting efficiency of the units at all levels in every way, true to the decision made at the Eighth Congress of the Party and the policy tasks set forth at the major Party meetings, and to step up political, ideological, military and practical preparations for realizing them through the workshop.

Speeches were made at the workshop.

There was an evaluation of exemplary units in increasing combat power, establishing military discipline and improving the living conditions of soldiers true to the Party's military policy.

The General Secretary made a concluding speech regarding the important revolutionary struggle tasks of the KPA at present in implementing the line and policy of the Party on army building, and on the issues presented at the workshop.

In his concluding speech, he first referred to the purpose of organizing the grand workshop for leading commanding officers of the whole army, the first of its kind in the history of army building.

The first workshop of the commanders and political officers of the KPA was organized to decisively raise the roles of commanders and political officers of units at all levels in accurately and thoroughly implementing the line and task of developing the revolutionary armed forces into a powerful elite army set forth at the historic Eighth Party Congress, he said.

He said that commanders and political commissars of units and combined units are the core military and political cadres who form the backbone of our revolutionary armed forces and are field commanders and

political officers who lead their units in battles according to the operational plan of the Supreme Headquarters. He noted that preparing commanders and political officers well and rearming them steadily is a strategic policy the WPK has consistently maintained in modernizing the army.

Referring to the fact that the workshop was organized on the occasion of the V-Day, he said that the tradition of the great victory in the war is what should be kept most dear and what should be brought into reality now when we are faced with a multitude of unprecedented challenges and difficulties and each one has to be surmounted by dint of strong will and firm decision.

In the concluding speech, he laid down the general task for strengthening units, combined units and large combined units.

He formulated it as the general task facing the units of the KPA at all levels to turn them into invincible militant ranks that are boundlessly loyal to the cause of the WPK. He said that this meant turning them into a politico-ideological group which is absolutely loyal to and obeys the WPK's idea and leadership and conducting all the operations and battles, unit management and military service of officers and men according to the policy, method and intention of the Party.

He clarified the principled issues and tasks to be maintained in thoroughly establishing the Party's unified command system in the KPA.

Saying that commanders and political officers should concentrate all efforts on completing preparations for actively and offensively coping with any military provocation of the enemy, he stressed this is the highest order given to the KPA by the Party and the revolution and an urgent task

that nobody else can implement in place of them and the commanding officers should be responsible for at the cost of their lives.

Saying that at present the hostile forces systematically keep bolstering up their capabilities for making a preemptive attack on the DPRK and increase armaments while intensifying all sorts of frantic and persistent war drills for aggression, he noted such a situation has made the KPA harden its determination and fighting will to eradicate the root cause of the vicious cycle of escalating tensions.

He called on all the military and political cadres to put the greatest efforts into bolstering up the combat efficiency of their units, always mindful that the first criterion for assessing their loyalty to the Party and revolution and their practical ability and performance lies in how hard they try to perfect the preparations for correctly performing their wartime operation and combat missions.

In the concluding speech, he set forth the detailed tasks for the units at all levels to make their training more intensive by holding fast to the five-point policy for a revolution in the training and the specific methods for them to provide soldiers with better living conditions.

In his concluding speech he specially stressed the need for the military and political cadres to enhance their qualifications, abilities, sense of responsibility and role.

He said that the military commanding officers and political commissars wanted by the Party are the ones modelled on the WPK who carry forward the tradition of boundless loyalty to the WPK, possessed of proficient work style and strenuous militant disposition peculiar to the

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WPK.

Saying that the Party spirit and political consciousness are the fundamental yardstick for determining the qualifications of the commanding personnel of the KPA, he specifically pointed to the issue of properly analysing and addressing all the problems arising in military activities and Party political work in line with the Party's policies, the issue of purposefully and consciously endeavouring to have a correct understanding of the Party's ideas and policies and keep pace with the Party and the issue of honestly and voluntarily participating in the organizational and ideological life of the Party.

He also instructed them to possess high-degree practical abilities and unbending militant stamina.

He also stressed that they should get firmly united in the same idea and purpose and in the bonds of kinship to achieve close cooperation between military commanders and political officers and work hard to prepare themselves as paragons of competent work style and noble morality as befitting the commanding officers of the revolutionary army.

Finishing the concluding speech, he ardently called on everyone to unite firmly around the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the guide, with one mind and wage a dynamic struggle for the security and eternal prosperity of the glorious country, for the great people, for the strengthening and developing of the People's Army and for a fresh victory in the revolution.

There was an intensive training course for the participants in the meeting.

The General Secretary made a closing address at the first workshop of the commanders and political officers of the KPA.



He said that the recent workshop in which all the military and political cadres had a proper and new understanding of the plan and intention of the Party Central Committee and their position and duty and found clear practical ways to bring about a radical turn in increasing the fighting efficiency of their units served as a significant meeting which provided a new landmark in modernizing the army.

He repeatedly stressed that the commanders and political commissars should further strengthen politically and militarily their services, corps, divisions, brigades and regiments by thoroughly carrying out the fighting tasks set forth at the workshop with high goals and strong will to turn their units into a powerful fortress for defending the revolution and the country.

Saying that no matter how severe the current trial is, there is no difficulty or fortress insurmountable or unconquerable, if commanders and political officers live and struggle in the indomitable revolutionary fighting spirit and at the will of the WPK, he expressed the firm will of the Party to vigorously carry forward the glorious traditions of victory by relying on the People's Army, the invincible revolutionary army of the Party, and the military and political cadres of the whole army.

Expressing conviction that all military and political cadres would bring about signal progress in increasing the fighting efficiency of their units by making devoted efforts, bearing in mind the Party's important ideas on army-building and the tasks and ways emphasized at the workshop, he declared the first workshop of the

commanders and political officers of the KPA closed.

The General Secretary had a photo session with the participants at the office building of the Party Central Committee on July 27, the holiday of the great war victory, expressing expectation and belief that the military and political cadres would skillfully apply the strategic and tactical plans and policies of the Party Central Committee and the best method and methodology of strengthening the units they grasped at the workshop into the military and political activities and thus thoroughly keep the oath they made before the revolution and strengthen all units of the whole army into invincible militant ranks boundlessly loyal to the cause of the WPK.

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EVENTS

Performance, reception given in honour of commanding officers

The Band of the State Affairs Commission gave a performance at the Samjiyon Theatre on July 29 for the participants in the First Workshop of the Commanders and Political Officers of the Korean People's Army.

Artistes of the band staged a specially-prepared performance, true to the lofty intention of the General Secretary of the WPK to encourage the participants in the workshop of military and political cadres who have devoted themselves with officers and soldiers to carry out the order of the Party at the outposts of national defence and socialist construction.

Profound gratitude toward the General Secretary pervaded the venue of the performance which staged the songs which

inspired the people and service personnel of the Korean People's Army with enthusiasm for the revolution and struggle while

shaking the pride-filled annals of the revolution when they won one victory after another following the great Party.



The Band of the State Affairs Commission gives a performance at the Samjiyon Theatre on July 29 and a reception is arranged for the participants in the first workshop of the commanders and political officers of the Korean People's Army on July 28.

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Central Military Commission of the WPK arranged a reception for the participants in the first workshop of the commanders and political officers of the Korean People's Army on July 28.

Present there were Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won and Kim Tok Hun, members of

the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members of the WPK Central Military Commission to congratulate the participants in the workshop.

Speeches were made there.

KCNA

LEAD

'People are God', single-hearted unity, self-reliance

The struggle of the Korean people to implement the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea is a fight to usher in a new period of great upsurge and sudden change in socialist construction by thoroughly applying the ideals of "The people are God", "single-hearted unity" and "self-reliance".

The congress, which was held last January, substituted cherishing the three ideals in mind once again as the slogan of the Party congress for putting up a high-sounding slogan.

"The people are God" reflects the consistent demand of the WPK that the whole Party definitely maintain the revolutionary Party trait of regarding it as the starting point and absolute and invariable principle of its building and activities to serve the people, while single-hearted unity and self-reliance embody in a concentrated way the ideological and theoretical viewpoint and political requirements

concerning the lifeline and motive force of the Korean revolution.

The Korean revolutionaries put forward the ideals in the incipiency of the revolution and consistently applied them in the whole course of revolutionary practice, thereby building a country serving the people and opening up a new era of independence.

The whole history of the Korean revolution proved that the rise and fall of a state is decided by the support and united strength of the people and self-existence, not by any situation and condition of an age.

Therefore, the WPK decided to usher in a new period of great upsurge and sudden change in socialist construction, holding higher the ideals that are the invaluable tradition and eternal asset of the Korean revolution, given that the world-sweeping pandemic poses a threat to the security of the state and well-being of the people and there are mountains of difficulties

to overcome and problems to solve.

In the DPRK these ideals serve as the slogan of action and practice.

The WPK is being built to be a servant of the people as its work is definitely being turned to be people-friendly and reality-friendly one, while an intensive struggle is being waged against abuses of power and corruption.

In addition, a collectivist trait of helping and leading one another forward is being established throughout the country under the slogan of "One for all and all for one!"

As they believe that private interests are part of public and collective interests and the happiness of each individual is included in national prosperity, everybody subordinates household affairs to state affairs, pools efforts and wisdom for the country's prosperity and makes collective and joint innovations in every workplace.

By Kim Rye Yong PT

Nationwide

Power production picks up

The Chongchongang Thermal Power Station has overfulfilled its daily production plans by over 10 percent while pushing forward with technical innovation.

In the wake of making and installing the blade of feed-water pump, the power station satisfactorily solved the problem of improving the blast and ventilation capacity of boilers and introduced an automatic heat-load control device into turbines to increase power generation.

Dozens of coal-mining units in South Phyongan carry out two years' or annual plans

Dozens of youth shock brigades in the coalfields of South Phyongan Province have fulfilled their national economic plans ahead of schedule.

All the youth shock brigades of the Pukchang Area Youth Coal-mining Complex introduced efficient blasting methods to fulfil their annual tunnelling plans, while different youth shock brigades of the Kaechon, Tokchon and Anju area coal-mining complexes carried out their annual plans and the members of the youth shock brigade of the Tukjang Area Coal-mining Complex are achieving good tunnelling results day after day.

Best inventor prize instituted



Chemical lab, stadium built

A chemical laboratory and a stadium were newly built in Hamhung University of Chemical Industry and Hamhung University of Medicine respectively.

The chemical laboratory has experiment rooms, a staff room and a research room, while the stadium comprises a physical training room, a lounge and a hall for sports science and achievements.

School train runs for over 40 years

A school train runs in Manpho City, Jagang Province in the northern region of the DPRK, for students of Simnidong and Samgang senior middle schools who live in mountain villages.

The train service began in September 1974 for dozens of

North Hwanghae secures 1 000-odd hectares of more land for oil-bearing crops

Cooperative farms in North Hwanghae Province increased the area for cultivating oil-bearing crops by over 1 000 hectares more than last year and are providing scrupulous technical guidance according to each farming process.

Yonthan County secured scores of hectares of more land for cultivating sunflower and perilla than last year, while Pongsan County planted seeds acclimatized to local areas and climate in the non-cultivating land over 1.5 times greater than scheduled.

Sariwon City introduced double and intercrop cultivation methods to raise the rooting rate of perilla and rape.

Hwangju County found out well over a hundred hectares of non-cultivating land and sowed rape, oil flax and other oil-bearing crops to cultivate them.

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INSPECTION

Premier visits house construction sites in Pyongyang



Premier Kim Tok Hun (centre) on his trip to a construction site for 10 000 flats in Pyongyang.

Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made a field survey of house construction sites in Pyongyang.

Looking round the construction site of 10 000 flats, he gave pep-talks to the builders who are creating a new Pyongyang speed and new legend of construction.

It is necessary to scrupulously map out plans and improve guidance on a scientific basis in keeping with the rapid, three-dimensional progress of construction and pay close attention to providing builders with good working and living conditions to cope with the lingering heatwave, he said.

KCNA

DRY SPELL

Nation turns out for anti-drought campaign

According to KCNA, many parts of the country are suffering a severe drought caused by high temperature lingering on from July 12.

The Cabinet, ministries and national agencies committed water transport means and water pumping equipment of all kinds to several seriously afflicted areas to combat drought.

The Ministry of Agriculture and agricultural guidance organs at all levels carefully organize guidance to ensure that thoroughgoing technical measures are taken to improve the nutrition of crops by regularly spraying various growth accelerators, biological activators and germicides over them and prevent blight damage which might occur due to high temperature, while finding every water source and watering them in a concentrated way by mobilizing all water transport means and pumping equipment.

On July 26 alone, North Phyongan Province mobilized thousands of trucks, tractors,

cultivators and small-size water pumps to water well over a thousand hectares of paddy and dry fields.

North Hwanghae Province conducted an all-people campaign to repair groundwater tapping facilities in thousands of places, build dammed pools in over 320 places and rearrange over 1 800km waterways in a short time.

South Phyongan Province has raised the operation rate of pumping equipment and set up a proper water supply system to irrigate a large area of paddy and dry fields every day and water each maize plant.

The farms in South Hwanghae Province manure and cultivate crops in a responsible manner. Those in Kangwon Province and Nampho City organize intensive watering at dawn and dusk, while applying foliar nutrition and nutritive solution to crops to promote their growth.

KCNA



Enjoying social respect, privilege

Drastic changes have been made in the life of women in the DPRK since the promulgation of the Law on Sex Equality on July 30 1946.

Over the past 75 years, the respect for and preferential treatment of women were legalized in the constitution and many relevant laws which have so far been strictly enforced.

For example, Article 11 of the law on women's rights stipulates that women have rights equal to those of men in the field of sociopolitical life and no one is entitled to restrict or infringe their sociopolitical rights and status, and Article 12 says that women have the right

to elect and to be elected just like men and the state actively involves them in sociopolitical activities and increases the proportion of women deputies in the people's assemblies at all levels.

In addition, all able-bodied women are provided with jobs by the state and receive the same remuneration as men for the same work and also enjoy the privilege to exercise their right to work while bringing up children after marriage.

Today, many Korean women are playing a big part in the building of a powerful socialist country as deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly,

heroes, doctors, People's Actresses, People's Athletes and senior officials in charge of important sectors of the country.

Meanwhile, prolific women are held in high esteem by society as "maternal heroines".

Nurseries and kindergartens, modern women's hospitals and public catering and welfare service facilities that are found all across the country protect women's health and provide them with social conditions for properly exercising their right to work.

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Doctor works toward higher goal

Kang Un Jong (pictured), section chief at Pyongyang Jang Chol Gu University of Commerce, is the only PhD in her thirties in the university.

"It is not easy for anyone to become a doctor in their thirties. Kang attained her goal and it was the result of her relentless pursuit of knowledge and untiring efforts," said a university official.

Born and brought up in a teacher's family, Kang is said to have dreamed of becoming a university lecturer from her middle school days.

"My father had a great influence on me. He was a university lecturer, but changed his job into the commercial sector. He usually said if he returned to the lecture hall again, he would like to give a good lecture by adding lots of issues arising in reality to the teaching content," recalled Kang.

After graduating from the university, she enrolled on the graduate course and took a master's degree by presenting a thesis on the management of retail business.

She was excellent in every subject at the postgraduate school to qualify as a senior lecturer.

She began to teach commercial business administration at the university.

"Knowing what is required and teaching it are two different things. Research findings that are made with painstaking efforts get older with the passage of time. I could not rest on my laurels or mark time even a moment as I had to give lectures that satisfy the students and release research findings that go ahead of the reality," said the 38-year-old



PhD.

She made renewed demands on herself to grope for new principles of commercial business administration and intensified research into the effective introduction of commercial management techniques and methods into reality. And she invented new teaching methods which are very helpful for students to learn them theoretically and improve their development-oriented creative ability.

In the past 10 and more years she developed two new subjects, made marked achievements in education and scientific research and obtained associate professorship.

At the age of 37 she was awarded her PhD for a thesis on the organization and operation of modern supermarket. This year she began to work as a section chief.

So far she has not only given lectures at the university. She usually visited commercial service units including the

Kwangbok Area Supermarket, Changgwang Shop and Daesong Department Store to help them improve the display of commodities, service styles and business administration. And she is often invited by the commercial guidance institutions and service units to give lectures.

"Many people congratulate me, calling me a 'successful woman'. But honorary title or promotion in my job are not everything in my life," she said.

"My greatest goal is to train all my students to become talents who will leave indelible footprint in the development of the country's commerce."

By Kim Rye Yong PT

Enterprising manager

Ri Un Jong (pictured) is manager of the Pyongyang Bag Factory.

Her dream was to become the manager of a factory since she majored in business economics at Pyongyang Han Tok Su University of Light Industry.

After graduating from the university, she took the first step of her social life at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill.

She was enterprising and carried out any tasks in a responsible way. She obtained fame as an innovator of the mill and was recommended to a university training economic officials a few years later.

She was appointed as the manager of the Pyongyang Bag

Woman moves up career ladder

Ho Chun Gum, chairwoman of the Management Board of the Kumdae Cooperative Farm in Rangnang District, Pyongyang, is known as an enterprising official among the locals.

"Every visitor to Kumdae-ri is surprised to see the overall view of the farm village which has been given a facelift. The cosy and modern school, kindergarten, nursery, Kumdae Health Complex, shop, people's hospital and elegant dwelling houses provide farmers with excellent living conditions like those in towns," said chief engineer Kim Hyon Dok.

The change in the appearance of the farm village is unthinkable apart from the devotion of the chairwoman to farmers, he added.

Ho Chun Gum, aged 51, has been chairing the management board for nearly 11 years.

Born into an ordinary farmer's family in Ryonggok-ri of Sangwon County in 1970, she enrolled at the agriculture faculty of Pyongyang University of Agriculture after finishing her middle school course.

On the day of receiving an affiliation letter, her parents were overwhelmed with gratitude to the country as a daughter of farmers had become able to go to a university and asked her to study hard to repay the favour shown by the country with increased rice production.

After graduation, she worked as a member of the three-revolution



team before being appointed as a staffer in charge of agricultural production at the above-said farm at the age of 24.

She devoted herself to farm work and was appointed to the chief engineer in her 30s and chairperson in her 40s.

While doing farming properly, she worked to spruce up Kumdae-ri though there was a great deal of work even men would find it hard to do for the sake of the residents.

"Under the social system where women's social rights are fully ensured, I was able to become a management official, deputy to the Pyongyang municipal people's assembly and a Meritorious Person of Socialist Patriotism. I am going to work for the benevolent system as hard as possible," said Ho.

By Han Kwi Hun PT

tree)-brand satchels produced by the factory, and the form and content are so diverse according to school type, age and psychology of students that they are very popular.

Written in the pages of the handbook carried by Ri Un Jong are satchel designs of all kinds, rating of Sonamu-brand schoolbags, constitutional characters of boy and girl students according to different ages, lots of technical innovation plans and all other pieces of work like technical innovation plans.

Thanks to the efforts of Un Jong, who has always racked her brains to solve problems, facilities conducive to improving the quality of satchels and new designs are on the increase in the factory and recycling has been pushed to bring great benefits.

By Ri Sung Ik PT



Factory and became a deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly five years later.

Today, every students and pupils carry Sonamu (pine

