

Kim Jong Un sends wreath to Cemetery of Fallen Soldiers of CPV

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, sent a wreath to the Cemetery of the Fallen Soldiers of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Hoechang County, South Phyongan Province, on the occasion of the anniversary of the CPV's entry into the Korean front.

The historic significance of the CPV's entry into the Korean front which clearly manifested the militant friendship and great unity between the peoples of the two countries remains unchanged even after the lapse of over 70 years, and it is immortal in the annals of bilateral friendship.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that during the past Fatherland Liberation War, the Chinese party and government made a strategic decision to dispatch the CPV to the Korean front under the banner of resisting America and aiding Korea, safeguarding the home and defending the motherland, despite the very difficult situation and rendered disinterested revolutionary assistance to win the great victory in the war with the united forces of the peoples and armies of the two countries, thereby defending the security of the two countries and writing a brilliant page in the history of the DPRK-China friendship with blood and life.

He said that the Korean people would never forget the blood the CPV officers and men shed and the feats they performed to help the Korean revolution in the same trench for repelling the



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General Secretary Kim Jong Un sends a wreath to the Cemetery of the Fallen Soldiers of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Hoechang County, South Phyongan Province, on October 25 to mark the anniversary of the entry of the CPV into the Korean front.

imperialist invasion and that the DPRK-China friendship sealed in blood would be further consolidated without any change despite the replacements of generations, adding that he sends the wreath to the cemetery out of his sincere wish for the

immortality of the noble souls of the martyrs on the platform of honour and his respect for them as well.

The wreath sent by Kim Jong Un on behalf of all the Korean people was laid at the Cemetery of the Fallen Soldiers

of the Chinese People's Volunteers on Monday.

And wreaths sent by the Central Committee of the WPK and the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK were also placed there.

Foundation consolidated to develop fish farming

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The DPRK abounds in rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

It is the consistent stand of the DPRK to reenergize fish farming by taking advantage of such favourable conditions.

The recent administrative policy set forth the tasks for producing more marine products by activating fish farming in the fishery sector.

Over the past ten years, the DPRK has made steady efforts to develop fish farming.

In the course of this, special fish farming units that put it on a scientific, industrial and intensive basis were built in different parts

of the country.

Catfish farms relying on hot spring and waste water from thermal power stations were built in every province, including the Sunchon Catfish Farm of South Phyongan Province, the Unsan Catfish Farm of North Phyongan Province and Rinsan Catfish Farm of North Hwanghae Province.

Amid the dynamic effort to construct farms for such rare animals as terrapin, terrapin farms were already built in South and North Phyongan provinces and Nampho City.

There arose rainbow trout and char fish farms at places where there are rich spring water resources and mandarin and sweetfish production

bases and stocking fishery stations in rivers, lakes and reservoirs and other bases for breeding loach in an industrial way as well.

Based on these production foundations, fries of gold carp, Ryongjung fish, carp, sweetfish and many other fishes are produced every year to stock rivers, lakes and reservoirs with them while boosting their output.

In particular, fish farms in South Phyongan Province, Pyongyang and Nampho properly raised mother fish and fries and effectively ensured spawning and hatching to stock Lake Yonphung with millions of fries.

Efforts are being made to set up spawning beds in

rivers, lakes and reservoirs for improving the natural breeding rate of fishes and to introduce a variety of fish farming methods.

Activities are going on in earnest to do offshore fish farming on a large scale.

Atlantic salmon have already settled in the East Sea of Korea, while many fishery stations in the East and West Seas of Korea are working to build artificial culture grounds.

Particularly, North Hamgyong Province stocked the sea with more than a hundred thousand healthy fries.

Great progress has been made in the effort to improve the technical level of fish

farming, while breeding good species of fishes and researching the effective production method of asserted feed.

Good species of loach and goldfish were already bred and introduced into many units and researchers

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Creations in the era of self-respect, prosperity

By Pang Un Ju PT

It is the consistent principle and mode of practice of the Workers' Party of Korea to defend national dignity and build a prosperous state by national efforts.

With invariable conviction that self-reliance and the independent national economy are the basis of the existence of Korean-style socialism, the power of advance and development and the eternal lifeline of the Korean revolution, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un ushered in a new era of self-respect and prosperity on this land.

The military parade in celebration of the Eighth Congress of the WPK and the Defence Development Exhibition which was held to mark the 76th founding anniversary of the WPK served as a significant occasion demonstrating the great might of the DPRK.

Holding higher the banner of self-reliance over the past decade, Kim Jong Un continued his field guidance to further consolidate the foundations of the country's independent economy and deprive the Korean people of their rights to sovereignty, existence and development.

However, with the firm conviction that the advance and development of socialism and the victory of the revolution are guaranteed by powerful military power, the WPK and the Koreans waged an indomitable struggle to build the most powerful strength so as to successfully achieve the great historic cause of the nation for upbuilding self-defensive capabilities, which could not be fulfilled even in 20 or 30 years

by conventional way of thinking, in a few years.

Amid the full display of inexhaustible development potential of the independent economy, the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fighting tradition, there came in succession the home-made aircraft, trolley bus, tramcar, metro car and new types of other vehicles and machinery and equipment.

Model and standard factories in the era of knowledge economy have been built across the country, production systems of iron, fibre and fertilizer that rely on domestic raw materials and fuel established and power stations built in many places.

Wonderful service facilities for cultural and leisure activities for the people were built everywhere, including the Mirim Riding Club, Munsu Water Park, Masikryong Ski Resort, Yangdok Hot Spring Resort and Yonphung Scientists Holiday Camp, new streets built every year in the face of manifold trials and new dwelling houses for afflicted people, who suffered natural damage, built in large numbers.

The past ten years were a period of excitement which demonstrated to the world the daring spirit of the WPK which protects the people's demands and realizes their rights to live and develop independently.

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South Hamgyong Swan house built at Kwangpho Duck Farm



results from the beginning.

The Sinpho Distant-Sea Fishery Complex, South Hamgyong Provincial Fishery Management Bureau and other fishing units find out central fishing grounds in time to launch into a positive fishing campaign.

Pyongyang Painters contest held

A painters' contest took place between October 21 and 25 as part of the competition of skilled workers according to sectors and occupations of the national economy-2021.

Pak Song Chol, worker at the South Hwanghae Provincial City Construction Group, won the contest to lift a trophy and other successful contestants received relevant prizes.

Fisheries Fishery stations in East Sea out for fishing

Fishery stations in the area of the East Sea of Korea have entered fishing all at once to register good

full swing in Chongjin

Projects have been undertaken in Chongjin, North Hamgyong Province, to change the appearance of the city during the general mobilization period for land administration.

North Hwanghae Local branch of pomology institute inaugurated

The Sarion branch of the Pomology Institute under the Academy of Agricultural Science has newly been built and inaugurated.

It is fully equipped with all the necessary conditions for research into pomiculture including a general lab, cultivation research room and plant breeding room.

Enlarged meeting of Cabinet plenum held

Meeting discusses immediate tasks for implementing administrative policy

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An enlarged meeting of the Cabinet plenum took place by way of video-conferencing on October 26.

Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, conducted the meeting.

It was attended by vice-premiers Jon Hyon Chol and Pak Jong Gun and other Cabinet members.

He notified the participants of a number of defects and deviations revealed in the economic work in the third quarter with statistical materials, analysed their causes and referred to the need for some leading economic officials to radically rid themselves of irresponsible work habit and attitude.

The meeting reviewed the implementation of the national economic plan for the first year in executing the five-year plan should be

carrying out the decisions of the second and third plenary meetings of the Eighth Party Central Committee and discussed measures to thoroughly implement the important tasks set forth at the historic policy speech the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made at the Fifth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly and finish this year's campaign victoriously.

Speeches were also made. The meeting discussed in detail the immediate tasks to be tackled in carrying out the administrative policy of the government including those to strengthen the connections in production and consumption between key industries, round off this year's farming well and increase the kinds of consumer goods.

On the basis of in-depth study and heated debate the meeting adopted with unanimous approval a cabinet decision "On fulfilling the important tasks set forth at the historic policy speech the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made at the Fifth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK".

With the help of a guide robot, visitors could see by intuition the exhibited product models while receiving playback service about IT achievements made by relevant units as they moved to any places of the exhibition hall.

Large numbers of cutting-edge IT products applying such technologies as Internet of Thing, Cloud Computing, big data processing and Artificial Intelligence were on display along with



National exhibition of IT achievements-2021 provides window of opportunity

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The National Exhibition of IT Achievements-2021 was held on the theme of "Self-reliance and zeal for informatization" between October 1 and 29.

The exhibition was conducted distinctively by way of virtual exhibition.

It was held on the website of the National Exhibition of IT Achievements. Well over a thousand research findings and IT products were posted by hundreds of units including ministries, national agencies, provincial (city under the direct control) people's committees, scientific research institutions and educational and public health facilities.

The visiting scale has sharply increased as against the past exhibitions. It has been increased in view of

The most popular was a three-dimensional show room.

When visitors entered there, virtual booths were in sight according to sectors and units.

Exhibition boards, models and introductory illustrations of relevant units were installed at each booth, as well as TVs for video.

With the help of a guide robot, visitors could see by intuition the exhibited product models while receiving playback service about IT achievements made by relevant units as they moved to any places of the exhibition hall.

The website of the exhibition largely consists of two- and three-dimensional show rooms, exchange yard, show-piece and visitors' impression.

technological proposals. The AI program contest showed the development aspect of AI technology.

"The contest was held divided into face, audio and letter recognition programming contest, and contestants nearly doubled as compared to the past period and the precision of AI programs has been raised as against previously," said Kim Sang Chol, jury member.

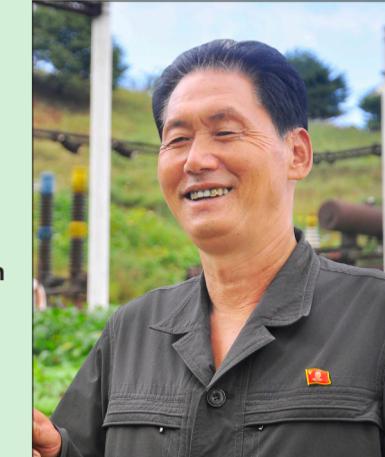
"In the course of developing and operating the website of the exhibition hall, we could establish a core framework that will contribute to the national IT development and exchanges," said researcher Ri Thac Gun.

Ten information model units, top 10 IT businesses and top 10 IT products for 2021 were announced at the exhibition.

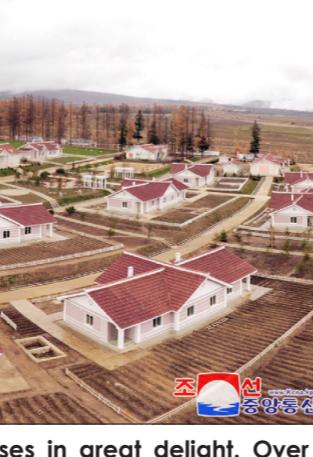
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Following the road of patriotism

DECades of selfless devotion



U Myong Gwon, director of the Sunan District Power Distribution Station in Pyongyang



People move into new houses in Samjiyon

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Modern dwellings for a thousand and hundreds of families have been built in the City of Samjiyon, Ryanggang Province.

The construction of single-, low- and multi-storey modern dwelling houses in 10 dongs and districts of the city in good harmony with natural undulations at the foot of Mt Paektu has turned the holy place of the revolution into a socialist fairyland which is better to live in.

As the moving to new houses began, the villages were enveloped in holiday atmosphere with joyful dance parties.

Officials visited families that moved to new houses to congratulate and share joy with the owners.



Officials of the Ministry of IT Industry examine IT achievements and related products presented to the National Exhibition of IT Achievements-2021. The event was held by way of virtual exhibition.



Visitors exchange achievements and products at the National Exhibition of IT Achievements-2021. The event was held by way of virtual exhibition.

Show spurs development of nanoindustry

By Yun Kyong Il PT

There was a national sci-tech exhibition in the nanotechnology sector-2021 between October 22 and 29 under the sponsorship of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea.

According to him, over 190 pieces of research results, which were obtained by the sector in the course of developing technologies with the world competitive edge which substantially contribute to the country's economic development, were presented to the event.

The theme of the show was "Consolidation of foundations for establishing nanoindustry".

"The exhibition is aimed at spurring the development of nanoindustry by publicizing scientific research

achievements and products in the sector of nanotechnology and by promoting exchanges in the sector," said Jang Chol, staffer of the Central Committee of the GFSTK.

At the sci-tech presentation, such papers as "Study of optimal design for nano carbon tube-aluminium composite material" and "Hydrogen generating electrode compositely coated with nickel and graphen" drew special interest of the jury and participants.

The former show which was held by way of virtual exhibition for the first time in the country used Virtual tour system 1.0 developed by the Chongjin Information

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During the exhibition there was a lecture given by Kim Ung Chol, professor, PhD and head of the nano-engineering branch of the State Academy of Sciences.

A man of strong character who carries through what he is determined to do to the end, he looks brusque outwardly. But for his employees, he is like their parents or brother.

"I misbehaved in the past, but our manager put me back on track and led me along for 20 years so that I could become a member of the Workers' Party of Korea," said section man O Mun Ju.

U Myong Gwon is a Meritorious Person of Socialist Patriotism.

In the course of it, he

To provide people with fresh fish throughout year



Fish farm attaches importance to supplying protein feed

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

The Sohung Poman Fish Farm in North Hwanghae Province channels big efforts into putting fish farming on a scientific and intensive basis.

The farm is known for being good at fish farming throughout the country and is increasing the output of various species of fishes, including rainbow trout and Ryongjung fish, by making persevering efforts to supply protein feed.

It built a *Hermetia illucens* breeding ground, which is equipped with hatching, breeding and drying grounds and a feed storage house, to produce the insect to feed fish.

According to senior engineer So Chol Ho, *Hermetia illucens* is a good protein feed as it is rich in essential amino acids and minerals that promote the growth of fish and increase their survival rate.

It is given the fermented excrement of domestic animals as feed and as it has a short breeding cycle, it can be raised on a massive scale. Fish feed is made by mixing the insect with fish meal and bean cake.

"Fish production has increased, whereas feed costs have decreased," said manager Kim Hyok Chol. "We conducted an ecological survey of rainbow trout every week and found that its weight increased 1.5 times more

than at the time when *Hermetia illucens* was not used as feed."

The farm has also introduced a highly productive mud snail raising method and installed optical sensor luring lamps at each pond to use other insects as feed for fish.

It has also allocated ponds according to species of fish and their growth stages and adopted a responsibility system to markedly arouse the employees' zeal for production.

In the course of this, it conceived and applied a more efficient feeding method capable of increasing the fattening rate of fish and a way to reduce their morbidity rate by using traditional medicinal materials.



Farmers are happy with a good haul at the Sinchang Fish Farm in North Hwanghae Province.

Mobile fish farms add beauty to the Taedong's scenery

By Jong Chol PT

Cage-net fish farming enables us to increase fish production while making effective use of labour and feed and saving energy and other resources needed for water supply, said an official of the Ministry of Fisheries.

Cage-net fish farms set up in different parts of the Taedong River have made remarkable progress, adding more charm to the scenery along the river.

The mobile cage-net fish farm of the Taedonggang Fish Farming and Seed Fish Production and Supply Centre under the Pyongyang Municipal Fish Farming Management Bureau is located between the Taedonggang and Yanggak bridges and automatically controls over 30 fish feeders, light traps

and decorative lights installed at each net cage, while monitoring water temperature and pH in real time.

It established a feed supply system for automatically controlling the amount, frequency and time of feeding at each net cage according to the kinds and numbers of fishes and seasons, thus saving feed as much as possible and preventing water pollution.

Such farms belonging to Taedonggang, Phyongchon and Tongdaewon districts are also achieving successes by introducing advanced fish-farming methods.

They raise such fishes as carp and silver carp in tiers, regularly check their growth conditions and water quality and feed them at the right time according to the standard amounts of supply so as to

constantly increase their fattening rate.

The port city of Nampho

situated on the lower reaches of the Taedong River has also set up different types of mobile cage-net fish farms according to a phased plan for farming fish in suitable water areas.

Its industrial establish-

ments and administrative districts

set up many mobile fish farms

and float-type net cages

to raise hundreds of thousands

of silver carp, Ryongjung

fish, tilapia, catfish and other

freshwater fishes.

The West Sea Barrage

Company built such fish farms

near the barrage on the lower

reaches of the Taedong and is

increasing fish output.

The farm has dozens of net

cages for raising several fish

species, a lab, control room



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Cage-net fish farms seen along the Taedong River. They add more beauty to the riverside scenery.

time basis and a feed supply system for remotely controlling the amount, frequency and time of feeding at each net cage according to the kinds and numbers of fishes and weather conditions.

Different species of fishes are raised at the farms, including Ryongjung fish and tilapia.

By Yun Ki Song PT

The Pothonggang Fish Shop stands in the capital city of Pyongyang, boasting unique architectural beauty.

Fishy smell fills the air in the hall on the first floor of the three-storey building.

Three long chests on both sides with the open central part as the axis remind viewers of a fish products exhibition hall.

According to manageress Ri Myong Hwa, it sells scores of kinds of fish products including frozen freshwater and sea fishes, dried and pickled fishes, fermented fishes, fish balls and fish cakes.

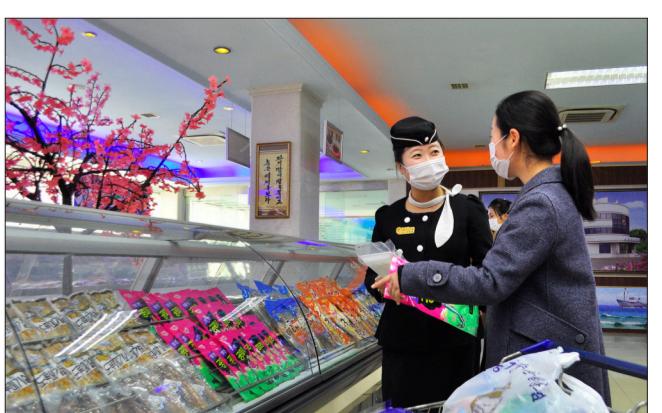
Dried goods include dried pollock, octopus, slices of codfish, squid, shucked shellfish and lyophilized shrimps.

According to its waitresses, visitors often order noodles with seasoned raw-sliced pollock and mullet and catfish soups.

The cooks were highly appraised at different cooking festivals in the past. They are now busy developing new tasty dishes.

Dishes made from mussel, their recent brainchild, are now winning growing popularity.

"Mussel is known as a health food as it is rich in protein, fat, sugar and vitamins. We use it to prepare roast or steamed



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A saleswoman serves a customer at the Pothonggang Fish Shop.

Fish shop draws lots of customers

While offering kind services to diners, the restaurant regularly gives special services to war veterans and honoured disabled soldiers. It also provides mobile services more than two times a month at major construction sites including the construction site of 10,000 flats in Pyongyang and such major industrial establishments as the Chollima Steel Complex and Pyongyang Thermal Power Station.



Happy children



By Kim Rye Yong PT

Palaces for parentless kids

Seven years have passed since the Pyongyang Orphanage and Pyongyang Baby Home were built.

Situated on the banks of the picturesque Taedong River, they remind viewers of the palaces in fairy tales and are fully provided with all the conditions for the upbringing and education of children.

The orphanage has various facilities such as bedrooms, education rooms, sunrooms,

bathrooms, a large playroom, a fitness room, a room for intelligent games, a nature study room, a mess hall, a wading pool and an outdoor park.

The baby home adjacent to the orphanage is also equipped with such facilities.

The baby home brings up not only orphaned children but also triplets and quadruplets according to a state measure and has a lounge where their parents meet them in a family

atmosphere.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the childcare facilities on several occasions and showed boundless love for them so that they could lead the happiest life free from sorrow of being orphaned. He also sends rare fruits, foodstuffs and other gifts to them every year.

Under his loving care, the orphanage and baby home are always ringing with the sound of singing and laughter of the young residents.



To constantly improve teaching, nursing levels

It is the unanimous mind of all kindergarten teachers, extracurricular teachers and nurses to bring up all the orphans brightly, honestly and strongly.

Therefore, they put their heart and soul into constantly exploring advanced teaching and nursing methods.

Teachers of the Pyongyang Orphanage channel big efforts into the education for developing intelligence to suit the characters of preschoolers.

The orphanage prioritizes education through models of real things and multimedia presentations while focusing on education based on different musical instruments,

abacus, drawing, singing and dancing according to the temperament of children.

The orphanage has some ten-odd extracurricular groups and makes all children develop more than one skill.

We direct efforts to putting nursing and upbringing of orphaned children on a scientific footing. We get rid of previous upbringing methods based on experience and make all processes science-based," said Choe Jong Sil, director of the baby home.

As they have made painstaking efforts for years, everybody has enriched experience every year and the baby home has been rated as a national model. It applies detailed nursing and upbringing methods according to each child to suit their development period and stage in the efforts to put on a scientific basis the nutrition



Children lead a happy life under the care of the government at the Pyongyang Baby Home and Pyongyang Orphanage.

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'Paektho fossil throws fresh light on Sinuiju biota'

Discovery of the bird fossil brings into bolder relief the richness of Sinuiju biota

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The Sinuiju biota in the DPRK is drawing the interest of experts once again in the wake of the discovery of a bird fossil of the Lower Cretaceous of the Mesozoic era.

The unearthed fossil of "Paektho Bird" is recognized worldwide as a rare bird fossil for the skull, neck and wing bones and well-preserved 11 primary quills closely stuck to the wing bone and is of great significance in clarifying the origin and evolution of birds

in the Mesozoic.

"The discovery of the 'Paektho Bird' has brought into bolder relief the richness of Sinuiju biota," said Won Chol Guk, a section chief of the Department of Geology at Kim Il Sung University.

The biota is located in the Sinuiju formation of the basin that have so far been conducted since the 1960s.

Through the recent geological survey of the area, researchers discovered a variety of new fossils of vertebrates except fish have the shapes and structures distinct from those of vertebrates already



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discovered in other regions and a typical example is the "Paektho Bird" fossil.

Through the analysis of newly discovered fossils, researchers found that the Sinuiju biota contains very similar kinds of various animal and plant fossils, not only the first discovered EEL fauna in the Jehol biota in China, but also those later known, and reaffirmed

that the Sinuiju formation belongs to the Lower Cretaceous era, instead of the already estimated Upper Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous.

"The Sinuiju biota has great significance in the study of the diversity of the Jehol biota in Northeast Asia and the ascertainment of its geographical distribution," said Won. "When the geological survey and paleontological study of the Sinuiju basin are intensified in the future, more diverse animal and plant populations will be discovered to contribute to the study of the features and evolution of the biota of the Lower Cretaceous in Northeast Asia."

Pine Pollen applied into functional skincare products

By Kil Chung II PT

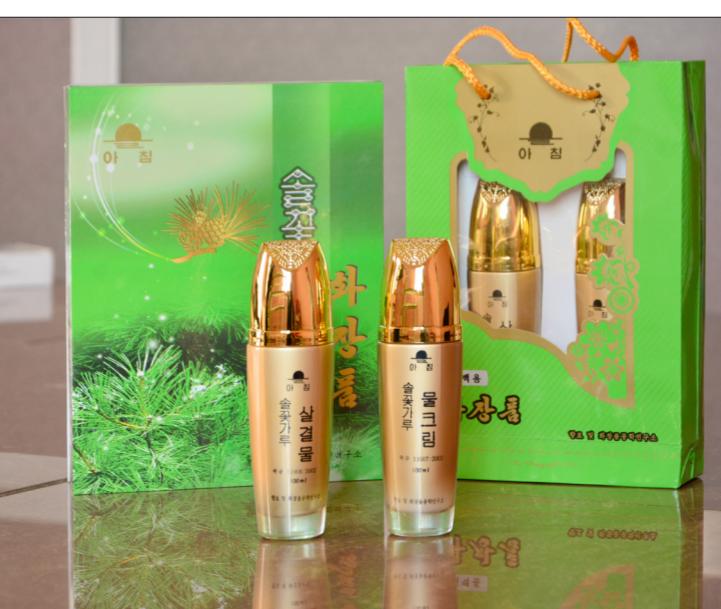
Recently, researchers of the aromatic essence and cosmetics analysis institute

of the Academy of Light Industry have developed functional cosmetics with pine pollen, winning favour with skincare specialists and customers.

With the main focus of their effort put on the development of functional cosmetics using natural materials, the research group came up with the idea of applying components of pine tree, which has closely been associated with the life of Koreans since ancient times, to functional cosmetics.

"Pines are rich in different nutrients including vitamins. Pine pollen, in particular, is one of the natural materials that contain different kinds of nutrients in a harmonious balance. In Korea, it has been used in medicines and healthful foods for over two thousand years," said Jong Kyong Sim, section chief of the institute.

According to their research findings, abundant nutritive substances in pine pollen are directly absorbed



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into skin cells to improve the nutritive conditions and promote the metabolism in the skin, thus making it smooth. Also, its vitamin A stimulates the blood circulation in the skin, while nucleic acid, flavonoid and polyphenol prevent the generation of lipid peroxide and moderate the excretion of waste matters so as to remove senile plaques and wrinkles effectively.

In addition, pine pollen added to cosmetics has some anti-inflammatory and anti-allergic effects, retards the aging and drying of the skin, prevents dandruff and raises the skin elasticity.

These reasons make pine pollen cosmetics functional skincare products that have beautifying makeup effects on both young and old women, according to researchers.

They adopted a new pine pollen extracting technology to increase the actual extraction rate to 80 percent and boosted productivity.

Their research results were highly appreciated at the national sci-tech presentation and symposium of the cosmetics industry sector held last August.

Why does US make a fuss about 'rules-based international order'?

By Kim Hyo Myong

Today, the international society strongly denounces the founding of the US-led "AUKUS" and the US's decision on transferring the technology of building nuclear-powered submarine to Australia as a "military bloc based on the logic of Cold War" and an "irresponsible act posing danger of nuclear proliferation and triggering the arms race".

The founding of "AUKUS" under the pretext of establishing the "rules-based international order" and the attempt at transfer of even the nuclear technology are a concentrated expression of the double-dealing and Janus-like policy of the US.

It is a well-known fact that the US has long deployed its nuclear assets all over the world to threaten and blackmail the countries of its dislike with nuclear weapons, in utter breach of international agreements and order.

Especially, the US has grown ever more brazen in recent years in its double-

dealing and self-conceited acts of violating the universally accepted international order in the Asia-Pacific region where the strategic interests of several countries are inextricably intertwined.

Despite this fact, the US talks quite often about "rules-based international order", posing as if it alone is "faithful" to the international agreements and order and has authority to "supervise" them.

However, everybody knows like the palms of his hands the true intention of the US catchphrase: "rules-based international order."

No goodness would come out of a place rife with chaos.

Having no scruple about withdrawing from an international organization when it does not suit its taste and even reducing overnight the international disarmament treaty directly related to world peace and security to a mere scrap paper – this is the true nature of the US-advocated "rules-based international order".

In other words, the "rules"

that the US is making a fuss about are not the "rules" of impartiality, objectivity and universality but those of the "US style" which serve the American values to the core, and the US favorite phrase of "international order" is the one necessary for maintaining the US' hegemony as it is a far cry from world peace and security.

The US uses the American-style gangster-like logic and argument that its nuclear threat to other countries is "for keeping the international order" and that other countries' exercise of the right to self-defence to cope with the US military threat is a "breach of the international order". This is the height of application of double standards.

The overall international community should squarely see the reactionary nature of "rules-based international order" advertised by the US and no longer tolerate high-handedness and arbitrariness of the US that totally destroys and tramples on peace and security in the region and the rest of the world.

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Modified forest law to ensure unified, planned guidance in afforestation



Ri Song Jin

Inspector of the General Forest Bureau under the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection

The 16th Plenary Meeting of the 14th Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK held on August 24 adopted the decree of the SPA Standing Committee "On modification and supplementation of the law on forest of the DPRK".

Thus, the law has been modified and supplemented on fifteen occasions since it was enacted on December

11 1992. It clearly shows the government's strenuous efforts to properly plant and conserve forests, important natural resources of the country.

The newly-modified law consists of 66 articles in six chapters as it has been supplemented with a new chapter and 19 articles.

The main part revised and supplemented in the law is "Chapter 2. Plans for forest survey and forest planting".

This supplemented chapter focuses on putting the plans for forest survey and planting on a new scientific footing and ensuring the state's unified guidance over them.

The revised law set it as an important legal requirement to ensure scientific accuracy in forest survey by actively applying advanced science and technology and on the basis of this raise the

scientific level of the master plan for forest planting and the ten-year and yearly plans for carrying it out.

"Chapter 6. Guidance and control over forest management" specifies the penalties and penal responsibilities charged on institutions, enterprises, organizations and individuals for the illegal acts and deviations that may be revealed in forest management. This will help raise the people's law-abiding spirit of protecting and conserving the country's valuable resources of forests, I think.

BYWORD

Movement for creating Forest of Socialist Patriotism

The movement to win the title of Forest of Socialist Patriotism is making brisk headway in the DPRK.

It is a mass movement to turn all mountains throughout the country into gold and treasure ones covered with green forests

through the all-people forest restoration.

In February 2015, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK put forward reforestation as a national priority and have taken measures one after another to push ahead with it

dynamically. A dynamic forest restoration campaign has been briskly carried on throughout society and the looks of the country's forests have been changed beyond recognition, while many units won the title of Forest of Socialist Patriotism and Model Forest County (city or district).

EDITORIAL

Blood-tied DPRK-China friendship to go on

Marking October 25, the 71st anniversary of the entry of the Chinese People's Volunteers into the Korean war, the Korean people pay the noble respect to CPV officers and men.

Regarding the Korean people's struggle for defeating the armed invasion of the imperialist allied forces as their own affair, the Chinese Party and government dispatched the CPV to the Korean front under the banner of resisting America and aiding Korea, protecting the home and defending the motherland in October 1950.

The DPRK and China have the historical tradition of sharing their fate in the joint struggle against imperialist aggression.

During the anti-Japanese war, the peoples of both countries waged bloody battles against the common enemy shoulder to shoulder.

When the Chinese people were in distress in the civil war, the Korean people rendered unsparing support to the Chinese while regarding it as their own affair. President Kim Il Sung took a measure of dispatching excellent commanding officers and men of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army to different parts of Northeast China, saying it is the noble internationalist obligation of Korean revolutionaries to aid the revolutionary struggle of the Chinese people. Many Korean sons and daughters displayed their unparalleled bravery in battles, making great contributions to the victorious Chinese revolution and the birth of a new China.

That is why Chairman Mao Zedong and Premier Zhou Enlai said that the five-star red flag of the People's Republic of China is associated with the red blood of Korean communists and people.

At the Korean front, the CPV service personnel fought bravely against the imperialist allied forces hand in hand with the Korean People's Army.

They displayed unparalleled heroism in the first battle in the Unsan area on October 25 1950, the battle by Lake Jangjin and many others.

Lots of valiant CPV soldiers sacrificed their prime of youth in the Korean war, including Mao Anying, son of Mao Zedong, and Hero Huang Jiguang who blocked the enemy's gun muzzle with his chest to ensure a victorious battle on Sanggam Pass.

Today, the DPRK-China friendship with long historical roots has entered a new development stage as required by the new era.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited China on several occasions with the firm will to achieve an all-round efflorescence of the DPRK-China friendship in line with the new era of bilateral relations.

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, visited Pyongyang in June 2019 to develop friendly relations between the two countries.

The several rounds of meetings between Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping demonstrated to the whole world the invariability and invincibility of bilateral friendship forged by will and affection in the joint struggle for independence against imperialism and for socialism, and contributed to further cementing the bilateral ties which have entered a new period of vitality.

The DPRK-China bond with fine tradition will be consolidated and developed further century after century and down through generations.

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APOLOGY, REPARATIONS FOR SINS JAPAN'S INEVITABLE FATE



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On October 17, the new Japanese Prime Minister sent an offering to the Yasukuni Shrine.

The Yasukuni Shrine enshrines the name tablets of top war criminals who were punished by history as they started wars of aggression against humanity and wrecked world peace in the last century.

In the light of the behaviour of Japan that does not admit its heinous unethical crimes, far from apologizing for them, the tribute offering is a revelation of the sinister design to negate the sins, conjure the ghost of militarism and wipe out the past wrongs.

They have also obstinately avoided the admission of its past wrongdoings and tried to cover them up.

A typical example is their relentless denial of the crime concerning the sexual slavery for

the Japanese imperial army which is the butt of international censure and rejection.

Another purpose of Japan's

World War and also part of its manoeuvres to realize the wild ambition for reinvasion it keeps harbouring no matter how much time passes. This shows that the current regime is as reactionary as the preceding governments that pursued the revival of militarism.

Saying that Japan was defeated as it was weak, successive ultra-right regimes of the country set it as a state policy to turn it into a military power and squandered a huge sum of money to that end.

It calculates that if it keeps denying its history of aggression and crimes, they would sink into oblivion and it would be able to be freed from the responsibility for reparations.

History can never be changed or erased even if anyone keeps denying it.

Japan must break away from militarism and make sincere soul-searching and reparations for the past wrongs, instead of ridiculously scheming to invoke the ghost of militarism and wipe out the past wrongs.

Everyone should strive to achieve the unity of Muslims, irrespective of nation or denomination, he stressed, adding that it is the strategy of Iran, not tactics.

CST organization Large joint military drill conducted

Member nations of the Collective Security Treaty organization staged large-scale joint military exercises in Tajikistan between October 18 and 23.

They brought together over 4 000 troops from Russia, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and other member states and over 500 pieces of technical equipment.

Aimed at ensuring security of member nations from possible terror threats, the joint exercises were staged, divided into three special drills.

Indonesia Endeavours to protect ecosphere

As he took part in a recent mangrove-planting campaign, Indonesian President Joko Widodo said that the restoration of mangrove forests should be pushed in order to minimize damage from waves and protect the habitats of animals.

He noted that the government has set a goal of restoring 600 000 hectares of mangrove forests in the coming three years.

COVID-19

New mutant virus arouses serious concern

Mutant virus "AY4.2", which derived from δ mutant virus, is spreading rapidly in different countries and regions to worsen the COVID-19 situation.

According to foreign news reports, the spread of the new mutant virus was confirmed in the UK, the US, Israel, Russia and elsewhere as of October 21.

It is characterized by higher virulence.

USA

Deadly shootings at schools

According to a foreign media report, four students were injured by a gun shooting at a school in the US.

A student fired a pistol at random after an argument in the classroom.

Meanwhile, gun violence claimed the lives of eight students in a university.

Reportedly, 2 000 teaching staff and students suffer from gun-related crimes every day in American schools.

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Iran

President calls for achieving unity of Muslims

Iranian President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi referred to the need for Muslims to unite as he addressed a recent Cabinet meeting.

He said that opposing the unity of Muslims constitutes an act of sympathizing with the enemy's stand, whether it is intentional or unintentional.

Everyone should strive to achieve the unity of Muslims, irrespective of nation or denomination, he stressed, adding that it is the strategy of Iran, not tactics.

Meteorological disasters a menace to human existence

By Om Ryong PT

Meteorological disasters frequently occur in different parts of the world due to global warming.

Successive disastrous downpour and typhoon continue to cause widespread damage to humankind.

A heavy rain hit several parts of China in early October. Tens of thousands of people were evacuated immediately in Huangling and Ganquan counties of Yan'an City, Shaanxi Province, and crops in hundreds of thousands of hectares of farmlands damaged.

Flash floods and landslides caused by a cyclone-induced downpour hit Manila and other parts of the Philippines, afflicting nearly 84 000

people and destroying thousands of houses in September.

More than 40 Americans were killed by heavy rain, floods and tornado in the whole of northeastern part of the US in early September.

A research team in Europe analysed the cause of frequent heavy rains in several regions in recent years.

Meanwhile, the World Meteorological Organization in a report said that the number of such meteorological disasters as drought and flood grew five times in the period between 1970 and 2019 due to the aftereffects of climate change and abnormal weather conditions. More than 11 000 meteorological disasters claimed over 2 million lives and caused a huge economic loss amounting to US\$3.64 trillion, the report added.



of remarkable progress in Sports

Decade shines with amazing achievements on international front



Sportspeople of the DPRK have brought honour to their country by winning international competitions including the Olympic Games and world championships over the past decade.

By Han Kwi Hun PT

The past 10 years in the DPRK was a decade during which the country's sports techniques saw a rapid development and active exchanges with other countries.

The DPRK sportspeople brought honour to the country with lots of gold medals by winning many international sports events, ranging from the 30th Olympic Games to the 17th Asian Games, the 16th FINA world championships, the 2015 EAFF Women's East Asia Cup, the 46th World Artistic Gymnastics Championships, the 31st Olympic Games, the 2016 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup and the 18th Asian Games.

The enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the

Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea in 2012 was a decisive turning point in the development of sports in the country.

The meeting adopted a decision on organizing the State Sports Guidance Commission for the unified governance of the country's overall sports affairs, making it possible for the DPRK's sports to make rapid progress.

The decision proved its vitality immediately, with the number of medals obtained in international events in 2013 reaching over 500, nearly four times more than the year before.

In particular, marked achievements were made in succession in women's soccer, marathon, weightlifting, boxing, table tennis, wrestling, judo, artistic gymnastics and

archery.

Women football players took the first place and gymnasts Hong Un Jong and Kim Un Hyang won gold medals in the 17th Asian Games.

The medal tally in the world championships in 2014 increased 2.5 times over the year before.

The Seventh National Conference of Sportspersons in 2015 provided another springboard for the development of sports.

The conference set it as an important goal to take up dominant position in international events by radically developing the professional sports techniques of the country.

DPRK footballers won the 2015 EAFF Women's East Asia Cup and Kim Kuk Hyang in her teens was placed

first in the women's 10m platform diving of the 16th FINA world championships.

The DPRK players also clinched 149 medals including 58 golds in international events in 2016 including the 31st Olympic Games.

For the DPRK, 2017 was a year of heroic epic in which it achieved great successes in succession in the face of the worst conditions and environment, and sportspersons played a significant part in them.

They lifted three trophies and collected 35 medals including 22 golds in the 20th Taekwon-Do World Championships to top the total country rankings, and made phenomenal achievements in various international events including the 29th Summer Universiad, the 64th

World Military Pentathlon Championships and the 2017 world junior weightlifting championships.

Particularly, women footballers won the EAFF E-1 Football Championship in December 2017 to record three successive wins in it, brilliantly adorning the year 2017.

Sportspersons continued to add dignity and honour to the country in international sports events in 2018 when the DPRK marked its 70th anniversary.

Ri Se Gwang, a world artistic gymnastics legend, won the 48th FIG World Artistic Gymnastics Championships again to be crowned as a three-time world champion.

In 2019 Om Yun Chol, also known as the weightlifting king, renewed the world record again and bagged

three gold medals in the 2019 IWF World Weightlifting Championships to become a five-time world champion. Two-time Olympic gold medallist Rim Jong Sim set a new world record in snatch in the 2019 IWF World Weightlifting Championships and won three gold medals in the 2019 IWF World Cup.

The DPRK players set 34 new records and earned 55 gold medals in the 2019 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Pyongyang, demonstrating to the world that the country's future of weightlifting is optimistic.

The plentiful successes the country notched up in the past decade are the results of the correct policy of the WPK and the DPRK government for the development of sports.

