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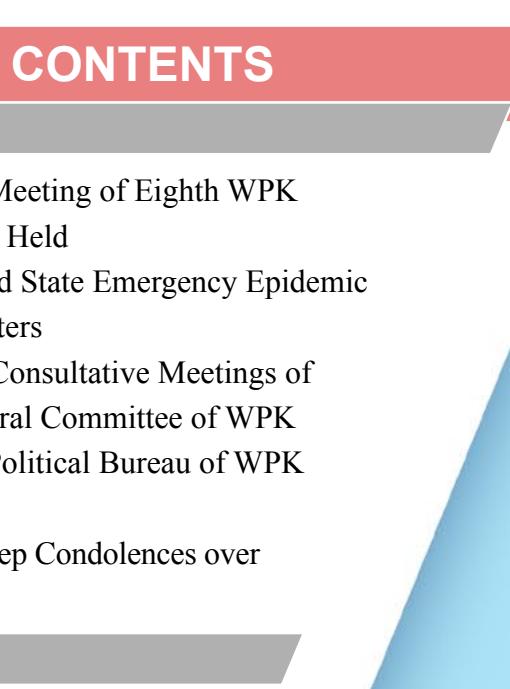
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Eighth Politburo Meeting of Eighth WPK Central Committee Held



The meeting adopted a decision of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee on switching the state emergency epidemic prevention effort to the top emergency system to deal with the prevailing crisis.

The Eighth Political Bureau meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was convened at the office building of the Party Central Committee on May 12.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, was present at the meeting.

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

Present there as observers were officials in the state emergency epidemic prevention sector and some commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence.

The General Secretary presided over the meeting.

First, the Political Bureau discussed an issue of convening the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee.

Adopted at the meeting with unanimous approval was a decision of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee on convening the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee early in June to make intermediate summing-up of the execution of the Party and state policies in 2022 and discuss and decide on a series of important issues.

Next, the Political Bureau discussed the issue of coping with the situation of an epidemic prevention crisis facing the country.



The respected General Secretary ardently appealed to all the people and officers and men of the People's Army to triumphantly conclude the great epidemic prevention campaign with firm confidence and great redoubled efforts and thus defend to the end our precious lives and future with our faith, will and unity.

It recognized as follows:

The most serious state emergency incident has occurred that a hole was broken in our emergency epidemic prevention front which has firmly been defended for two years and three months from February 2020.

The state emergency epidemic prevention command and relevant units deliberated over the results of strict gene arrangement analysis of the analyses collected from persons with fever of an organization in the capital on May 8 and concluded that it coincided with omicron mutated virus BA.2 which has recently spread worldwide rapidly.

The meeting notified the participants of the state of its spread across the country and suggested and deliberated urgent measures to hold the strategic initiative in the epidemic prevention campaign in the future.

It admitted that it is necessary to switch the state epidemic prevention system to the top emergency epidemic prevention system to cope with the prevailing situation.

Adopted at the meeting was a decision of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK on switching the state emergency epidemic prevention effort to the top emergency system to deal with the prevailing crisis.

Concluding the meeting, General Secretary Kim Jong Un laid down the principles to be thoroughly maintained in the emergency epidemic prevention work and tasks to be tackled for it.

He outlined and analyzed the current epidemic prevention crisis created in the country and noted that the top emergency epidemic prevention system is mainly aimed at stably containing and controlling the spread of COVID-19 that made inroads into the country and quickly curing the infected persons to eradicate the source of its spread in the shortest possible time.

Pointing out that the more dangerous enemy of us than the malicious virus are unscientific fear, lack of faith and weak will, he affirmed

that we will surely overcome the current sudden situation and win victory in the emergency epidemic prevention effort as we have strong organizing ability with which the Party, government and people are single-mindedly united and high sense of political awareness and self-consciousness of all the people that have been fostered and cemented during the prolonged emergency epidemic prevention campaign.

He ardently appealed to all the people and officers and men of the People's Army to triumphantly conclude the great epidemic prevention campaign with firm confidence and great redoubled efforts and thus defend to the end our precious lives and future with our faith, will and unity.

Kim Jong Un Visited State Emergency Epidemic Prevention Headquarters

The General Secretary clarified the determination, will and strategy and tactics of the Party Central Committee to victoriously lead the epidemic prevention war.

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, visited the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters on May 12.

Making the rounds of the command rooms of the headquarters, he examined the epidemic prevention situation in a day after the state epidemic prevention work was switched over to the top emergency epidemic prevention system to cope with the prevailing epidemic prevention crisis, and learned about the nationwide spread of COVID-19.

He reiterated the importance of the work of all provinces, cities and counties across the country to take steps for isolating all working, production and residential units from each other while locking down their areas and providing their inhabitants with every convenience in curbing the spread of the malignant virus.

As he repeatedly stressed, the initiative in the epidemic prevention work is the life, he said, underlining the need to immediately and thoroughly carry out the articles of the decisions of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee for actively and firmly taking hold of the good chance of winning the epidemic prevention campaign and thus quickly contain the spread of the epidemic.

The public health and emergency epidemic prevention sectors should closely observe the characteristics of the course of diseases of persons with fever, rapidly apply scientific treatment methods and tactics as demanded by the specialized directive and take additional state measures for supplying medicines, he said.

He specified detailed tasks to be tackled, including the issue of enhancing their operational and commanding capabilities for the epidemic prevention work of their regions and units at the emergency epidemic prevention units at all levels and making full preparations for promptly coping with the situations facing them and the issue of scrupulously forming forces to ensure the promptness and scientific accuracy in the epidemic prevention work.





Kim Jong Un Guided Consultative Meetings of Political Bureau of Central Committee of WPK



May 14, 2022

The meeting focused on the issue of timely supply of reserve medicines, which would be urgently released as required by the top emergency epidemic prevention system.

The General Secretary suggested to the Party committee of the WPK Central Committee to send reserve medicines prepared by his family to a family in difficulty.

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea convened a consultative meeting at the office building of the Party Central Committee on May 14 to overhaul the top emergency epidemic prevention system under operation and take additional political and practical measures.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the meeting.

The Political Bureau first heard a report by the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters on the spread of the infectious disease as of May 13.

The report referred to the data on the spread of the disease in every region and unit and the characteristics of its progress, and notified that in most cases the loss of life was caused by mistakes like overdosing of drugs, being unaware of scientific medical treatment methods.

The Political Bureau discussed political and practical measures for rapidly curbing and controlling the nationwide spread of the disease so as to firmly hold the strategic initiative.



The respected General Secretary said that just as the worldwide spread of COVID-19 is very serious, the spread of this malignant disease can be claimed to be a great upheaval in our country since the founding of the DPRK, but we can surely overcome the crisis if we do not lose balance in carrying out the epidemic prevention policy but maintain the strong organizing ability and control based on the single-minded unity of the Party and the people and intensify the epidemic prevention campaign.

The meeting focused on the issue of timely supply of reserve medicines, which would be urgently released as required by the top emergency epidemic prevention system.

It held an in-depth discussion of the ways to minimize the losses of lives by reasonably applying scientific treatment tactics and methods to different patients including fevered persons with special constitutional conditions and timely cope with the disease spread while observing its progress more closely.

Stressing again the rationality and efficiency of the regional blocking and unit-isolation steps taken by the Party and government actively and decisively, he called on the emergency epidemic prevention units at all levels to more scrupulously organize the operation for and command over the epidemic prevention work in their regions and units to surely reverse the trend of the spread of the disease.

In order to overcome the present public health crisis quickly, it is important to raise public awareness of scientific epidemic prevention, he noted, calling upon the curative and preventive and other relevant organs to scrupulously organize the work for informing the broad masses of the people of the general knowledge needed for the prevention and treatment of the epidemic, produce diverse presentations and programmes for improving the understanding of the masses at the same time and widely disseminate them through mass media.

He also stressed that Party organizations at all levels should resolutely turn out in the campaign for defending the people with boundless devotion and invariable loyalty to them and always become the vanguard, shock brigade and bulletproof wall in the present acute anti-epidemic war.

The virtues and feelings of helping and taking care of one another

which prevail our society in any adversities are the key to and guarantee of great victory in the epidemic prevention campaign, which is more powerful than any latest medical science and technologies, he said, calling upon all the Party organizations to scrupulously conduct the organizational and political work so that our best communist virtues and beautiful traits, which no one on earth can possess or imitate, are given fuller play in the present difficult and rigorous epidemic prevention campaign.

Noting that the time has come when our Party Central Committee will prove its leading role once again in the face of the trials of history, he said that it is time for us to more deeply realize for what we are needed and for whom we have to fight at the cost of our lives, and that our Party will bravely discharge its important responsibility and duty and take full responsibility for the security and safety of the

country and people by displaying infinite loyalty and devotion, and repeatedly expressed his determination and will to win great victory in the epidemic prevention campaign without fail.

Saying that he was donating reserve medicines prepared by his family to the Party committee of the WPK Central Committee out of his resolution to always share his destiny with the people and with a fervent prayer that peace and laughter would settle again in all families across the country at an early date, he asked the Party committee to send the medicines to a family in difficulty.

The meeting also discussed such issues as taking practical measures for quickly strengthening the material and technological foundations of the public health sector and taking legal measures for waging a fierce struggle against all negative practices hindering the emergency epidemic prevention efforts.



May 15, 2022

The General Secretary issued a specific order of the WPK Central Military Commission for immediately stabilizing the supply of medicines in Pyongyang Municipality by committing the powerful forces of the military medical field of the People's Army.

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea convened an emergency consultative meeting again on May 15 to discuss measures to fight the epidemic.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the consultative meeting.

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

Present there as observers were officials of the state emergency epidemic prevention sector and a leading official of the Ministry of Public Health.

The Political Bureau heard the report of the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters on the spread of the epidemic as of May 15.

The meeting intensively discussed the issue of reexamining the nationwide anti-epidemic situation after the state epidemic prevention system was switched over to the top emergency anti-epidemic system and quickly correcting the deviations revealed in the supply of medicines.

Referring to the supply of medicines throughout the country, the respected General Secretary analyzed the current situation in which the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee had issued an emergency order to immediately release and timely supply the state reserve medicines to swiftly contain and control the spread of the epidemic and an order for all pharmacies to switch over to the 24-hour operation system, but the system was not yet mobile, the orders had not yet been carried out properly and medicines had not been supplied to pharmacies in time.



On the basis of the detailed analysis of the present anti-epidemic situation of the country, he discussed ways for enforcing the anti-epidemic policies more efficiently and indicated the orientation and goal for the immediate struggle.

He pointed out a series of deviations revealed in the overall anti-epidemic work and took practical measures for correcting them immediately.

He said that if all leading officials do not exert themselves and fully display their fighting spirit, extraordinary ability and wisdom, they cannot take the strategic initiative in the ongoing anti-epidemic war.

Stressing that officials should not allow any slightest imperfection and vulnerable points by maintaining high tension and vigilance in

the acute anti-epidemic war and scrupulously organizing and guiding every work in a scientific way, he said that they should lead the anti-epidemic campaign with effective work and beneficial results.

The meeting also discussed the issue of improving the state's administrative control over the emergency anti-epidemic work, the issue of thoroughly ensuring hygienic safety of medicines at pharmacies, the issue of further strengthening legal control over the anti-epidemic work and the issue of enhancing the state's capability for coping with crisis.





Just after ending the consultative meeting of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, the General Secretary visited pharmacies in Pyongyang Municipality to acquaint himself with the supply of medicines.

He dropped in at pharmacies in Taedonggang District and learned in detail about the supply and sale of medicines.

He acquainted himself in detail with what kind of medicines had been supplied to them after the top emergency epidemic prevention system was put into operation, whether medicines had been kept as required by regulations, whether the pharmacies had been turned into a 24-hour service system, whether they held consultations with patients, what kinds of antipyretics and antibiotics they had and what kinds of medicines inhabitants

demanded most now and how much they cost.

He stressed the need to correct the vulnerable points in the medicine supply system and take strong measures for transporting medicines.

Noting that today's anti-epidemic campaign is that of the people, for the people and by the people, he repeatedly called on all the officials to make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people with the mindset that they would bear full responsibility for the security and wellbeing of the country and the people.





May 21, 2022

The General Secretary said that it is necessary to grasp the inefficiency of the statewide work through an acute consideration and create an opportunity to achieve signal development of the state capacity for coping with crisis.

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea convened a consultative meeting at the office building of the Party Central Committee on May 21 to discuss the matters relating to the readjustment and reinforcement of the present state anti-epidemic capacities and preparations for the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the meeting.

First, the meeting discussed the issue of more effectively engineering and executing the anti-epidemic policies of the Party and the state in line with the overall situation in which the spread of the epidemic is being stably contained and controlled.

The respected General Secretary outlined and analyzed the results of the anti-epidemic work in the past nine days after the start of the anti-epidemic war.

He stressed the need to maintain the current favourable turn on the overall anti-epidemic front by continually and rapidly regulating and optimizing the state anti-epidemic policy in keeping with the developments and mapping out the state strategy and tactics accordingly and to take all possible steps for revitalizing the overall economy at the same time.

The meeting discussed the issue of setting up district medical treatment centres for planning and commanding medical service to cope with the epidemic and deploying medical forces throughout the country in a balanced way, the issue of establishing medicine supply centres and bases in Pyongyang Municipality, all provinces, districts and counties and improving the efficiency, speed and safety of the supply of medicines, the issue of positively using Koryo medicines with great efficacy in the treatment, the issue of enhancing the



The issue of dispatching practical guidance teams to each province to conduct a general survey of the execution of the Party and state policies for the first half of the year 2022 as part of the preparations for the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee was discussed.



production capacity of pharmaceutical factories and increasing the variety of essential and reserve medicines and the issue of strongly taking fundamental measures for further cementing the material and technical foundations of the public health sector, and took relevant policy-oriented measures.

Next, the meeting discussed the issue of dispatching practical guidance teams to each province to conduct a general survey of the execution of the Party and state policies for the first half of the year 2022 as part of the preparations for the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Saying that the struggle to implement the Party's line for the comprehensive development of socialism should constantly be pushed ahead without interruption together while continuously waging the high-intensity state emergency anti-epidemic campaign,

the respected General Secretary said that the practical guidance teams should be organized for surveying, according to each region and sector, the execution of the Party and state policies assigned at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK with members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

The meeting decided to organize the practical guidance teams involving members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretaries of the Party Central Committee as the main force and officials from the relevant departments of the Party Central Committee as well as necessary persons from the Cabinet and the judicial and prosecutorial sector, and made detailed arrangements to allocate the areas where the respective teams will have to work and their duties.



May 29, 2022

The Political Bureau deliberated on the issue of effectively and promptly coordinating and enforcing the anti-epidemic regulations and guidelines in keeping with the current stable situation as to the epidemic spread.

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea convened a consultative meeting at the office building of the Party Central Committee on May 29.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the meeting.

The Political Bureau first heard a report of the state emergency epidemic prevention headquarters on the situation of the spread of the epidemic as of May 28.

Reported to the Political Bureau were the epidemic spread situation in each region, the characteristics of the course of the disease, various analysis data, the supply of medicines and the experiences in treatment.

The Political Bureau heard the results of the state-sponsored study and explication of the first place of the outbreak of the disease and the route of its spread before discussing the relevant issues.

It made a positive evaluation of the epidemic situation being controlled and improved across the country and discussed the issues of continuously stabilizing and improving the overall anti-epidemic situation while further consolidating the experiences gained in the early period of the anti-epidemic work.

The Political Bureau deliberated on the issue of effectively and promptly coordinating and enforcing the anti-epidemic regulations and guidelines in keeping with the current stable situation as to the epidemic spread.

The meeting heard the accounts of the technical guidance teams' activities for the mid-term review of the execution of the Party and state policies set forth at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee and discussed important issues concerning the preparations for the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

It also studied and discussed the orientations of other state affairs.



Meeting of Presidium of Political Bureau of WPK Central Committee Held



A meeting of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the office building of the Party Central Committee on May 17.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, directed the meeting.

The meeting made an analysis of the current state of the health crisis, studied and discussed the enforcement of the immediate anti-epidemic policy and the orientation for executing the Party and state policies under the top emergency anti-epidemic situation.

It also examined a report on the execution of the Party and state policies for the first half of this year as of May 17 before discussing the documents and agenda item on an organizational matter to be submitted to the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

It discussed the issue of helping the Party organizations at all levels, leading officials and officials of the state organs enhance their role with firm will, confidence, boundless devotion and responsibility and achieve remarkable progress in implementing the policies of the Party Central Committee by holding fast to its unified leadership as their lifeline and thus play a leading role in building the socialist economy and national defence and overcoming the severe health crisis. Importantly discussed at the meeting was the issue of further enhancing the functions and role of the Secretariat and all departments of the Party Central Committee.

The General Secretary made an important conclusion in regard to the implementation of the Party and state anti-epidemic policy at present.

Saying that redoubled efforts should be made to stabilize the people's life, he stressed the need to more scrupulously organize the work for providing living conditions and supplying daily necessities and make every effort to meet the inhabitants' demand for medical treatment and ensure the conditions for it as much as possible.

The crisis we have faced offered a test board to distinguish between merits and demerits of all working systems of our state, he noted, stressing that we should correctly scrutinize all the phenomena of the emergency situation and take measures from the critical and developmental point of view, unconditionally unify the thoughts and actions of all Party organizations, power organs and all sectors of society with the decisions and orders of the Party Central Committee and make them keep unified pace with the Party Central Committee voluntarily and obligatorily in all state activities.

He affirmed that he would inspire the whole Party to turn out like an erupting volcano once again under the state emergency situation to make the tested leadership peculiar to our Party verified by the history and times and make the Party fulfil its responsibility and thus defend the wellbeing of the country and the people without fail and demonstrate the strength and spirit of heroic Korea to the whole world once again.



Kim Jong Un Expressed Deep Condolences over Death of Hyon Chol Hae



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, visited the bier of Marshal of the Korean People's Army Hyon Chol Hae, general adviser to the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK and winner of the Order of Kim Il Sung and the Order of Kim Jong Il, on May 20 to express deep condolences over his death.

He was accompanied by members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee,

members of the WPK Central Military Commission, leading officials of the Ministry of National Defence, commanders of the KPA services and commanders and political commissars of the army corps.

A wreath in the name of Kim Jong Un was laid before the bier of the deceased. Also placed there were wreaths in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the WPK Central Military Commission, the Standing Committee of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly and the DPRK Cabinet.

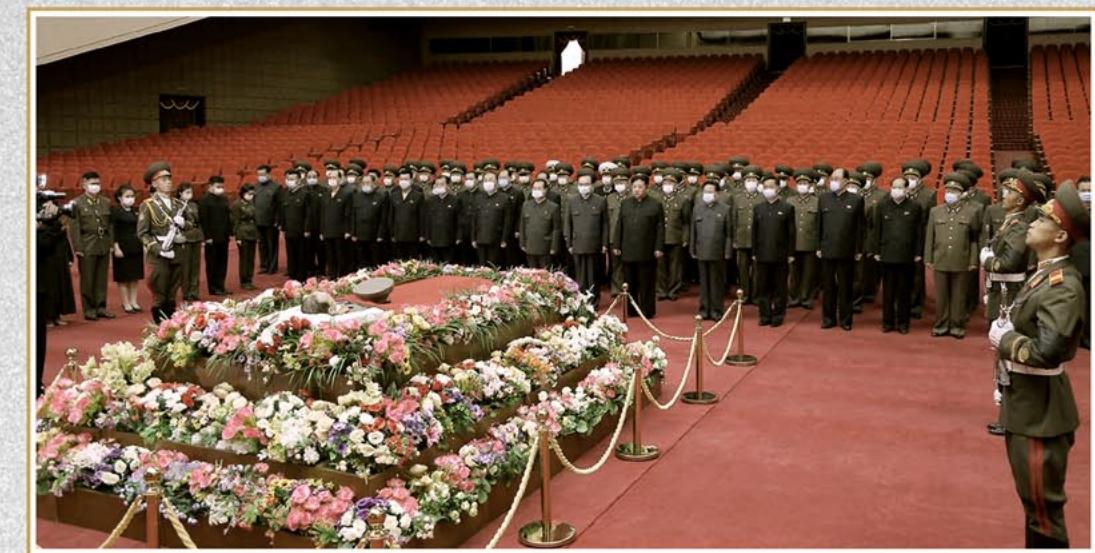
Kim Jong Un paid a silent tribute to the memory of Hyon Chol Hae, a veteran of the armed forces organ of the DPRK and a trustworthy revolutionary who performed distinguished feats all his life in the sacred struggle to defend the sovereignty of the nation and the supreme interests of the country with the single-hearted and boundless loyalty and the spirit of devoted service to the Party, the revolution, the country and the people.

He went round the bier of the deceased with bitter grief over the loss of the precious revolutionary comrade who left an indelible

and remarkable trace in Party building and the development of the revolutionary armed forces with absolute loyalty to the leader, transparent revolutionary principles and uprightness.

All the Party members, men and officers of the KPA and people should follow his loyalty and revolutionary faith, always remembering the brilliant life of the veteran revolutionary that had been recorded as a gold star in the glorious history of feats of the revolutionary armed forces, he stressed.

He expressed his deep condolences to the bereaved family.



Ceremony Held for Carrying Coffin of Late Hyon Chol Hae

Kim Jong Un Carried Coffin of Late Hyon Chol Hae



A ceremony for carrying the coffin of Marshal of the Korean People's Army Hyon Chol Hae took place at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang on the morning of May 22.

The venue of the state funeral was filled with bitter grief of bidding farewell to the distinguished political and military activist of the Party and state, who followed and upheld the Party and the leader single-mindedly and performed immortal feats on the sacred road of serving the country and the people while leading a fulfilling life as a faithful revolutionary soldier of President Kim Il Sung and a steadfast comrade-in-arms of Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

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

Flags were flying at half-mast at the April 25 House of Culture, where the bier of the deceased laid.

Present there were members of the state funeral committee, including members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee, members of the WPK Central Military Commission and leading officials of the Ministry of National Defence, and the bereaved family members.

The colours and guards of honour of the three services of the KPA were seen standing near the bier.

There was the ceremony for carrying the coffin of the late Hyon Chol Hae out of the house.

Amid the playing of the funeral music, Kim Jong Un, chairman of the state funeral committee, together with members of the committee, paid silent tribute to the memory





of the deceased.

Hardly being able to repress the great sorrow over the loss of the steadfast revolutionary who was the most respectable revolutionary senior and a veteran of the KPA, Kim Jong Un carried the coffin out of the funeral hall together with members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

Men and officers of the KPA lined up at the plaza of the April 25 House of

Culture, bidding farewell to the deceased who rendered irreplaceable distinguished services for the building of the Party and armed forces and the inheritance and development of the revolutionary cause for the long period spanning 60 years from the glorious days of creating a new history of socialist construction under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il to the present days of opening up a golden age of buildup of national

power under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The guards of honour covered the coffin with the national flag of the DPRK, in reflection of the respect of all the KPA service personnel.

Kim Jong Un saw the coffin off, expressing deep mourning for the deceased once again together with all the service personnel at the plaza.

The hearse took the street under the

escort of motorcycles after passing a column of the KPA colours and the guards of honour paying deep respect for the deceased.

On both sides of the streets, service personnel and citizens gave him a send-off with deep regret over the last parting with the true soldier who upheld the Party and the leader with a single mind all his life just like the arms of revolution that remain unchanged forever and a model patriot who devoted his all to the country and the people.



Funeral Service Given in Honour of Late Hyon Chol Hae

Kim Jong Un Attended Funeral Ceremony





A ceremony took place at the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri, Pyongyang, on the afternoon of May 22 to bid farewell to the late Marshal of the Korean People's Army Hyon Chol Hae.

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

the DPRK, attended the ceremony.

Flags were flying at half-mast at the cemetery.

Kim Jong Un greeted the coffin of the late Hyon Chol Hae at the entrance of the cemetery, together with members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

He climbed the cemetery with members of the



state funeral committee and the bereaved family members following the remains of the deceased.

Kim Jong Un paid noble tribute to the martyrs buried at the cemetery before the ceremony.

Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made a eulogy.

A ceremony for burying the remains of the late Hyon Chol Hae was held.

Kim Jong Un spread earth on the remains, repressing his sorrow over the last parting with a precious veteran of revolution whom he heartily respected and dearly treasured.

A wreath in the name of Kim Jong Un was laid at the grave amid the playing of the wreath-laying music.

Kim Jong Un, together with all the participants in the ceremony, paid silent tribute in memory of the late Hyon Chol Hae who

became the firm root of the great state with his revolutionary life and undying achievements.

Saying that whenever recollecting the arduous Songun march made by Chairman Kim Jong Il, he comes to think about Hyon Chol Hae first, who always remained faithful to the Chairman as his closest political and military aide, Kim Jong Un stressed that the life of a revolutionary soldier shining in the sacred history of the leader is the most vivid expression of the most worthwhile life.

He said that though the veteran revolutionary passed away, the name of Hyon Chol Hae would be always remembered along with the august name of Kim Jong Il and his noble soul and spirit would be immortal along with the cause of the Party winning victory after victory with each passing day and remarkable development of the great state and armed forces of the DPRK.



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State Epidemic Prevention System Switched to Top Emergency Anti-epidemic System



In line with the decision adopted at the Eighth Political Bureau Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the state epidemic prevention effort was immediately switched to the top emergency anti-epidemic system.

All provinces, cities and counties across the country have been blocked and all working, production and living units isolated from one another, and emergency measures are being taken for intensive medical examination of all citizens to find out persons with fever to the last one and others with unusual symptoms, isolating them and providing medical treatment to them.

Measures have already been taken to normalize production at the key branches of the national economy, stabilize the people's living

and promptly cope with infected persons or suspected patients in relevant areas and units.

The central emergency epidemic prevention sector is paying primary attention to controlling in a stable way the unexpected outbreak by containing the spread of the malignant virus in time and organizing scientific and intensive examination and treatment while discovering and eliminating the source of outbreak by intensifying sterilization.

Emergency epidemic prevention units at all levels are doing their utmost to supply medicines needed for treating the persons with fever, take care of the isolated persons and dispose of the pathogenic and other wastes as demanded by epidemiology.





On the special order of the WPK Central Committee a strong contingent of the KPA medical personnel was urgently committed to the battle for the supply of medicines, which is vital for victory in the anti-epidemic campaign

A strong contingent of medical personnel in the military medical sector of the Korean People's Army, the pivot of the national defence capability and a reliable fortress of the revolution, was urgently committed to the battle for the supply of medicines, which is vital for victory in the anti-epidemic campaign, on the special order of the Central Military Commission of the WPK which expects them to play a leading role in defending national security and the people's lives.

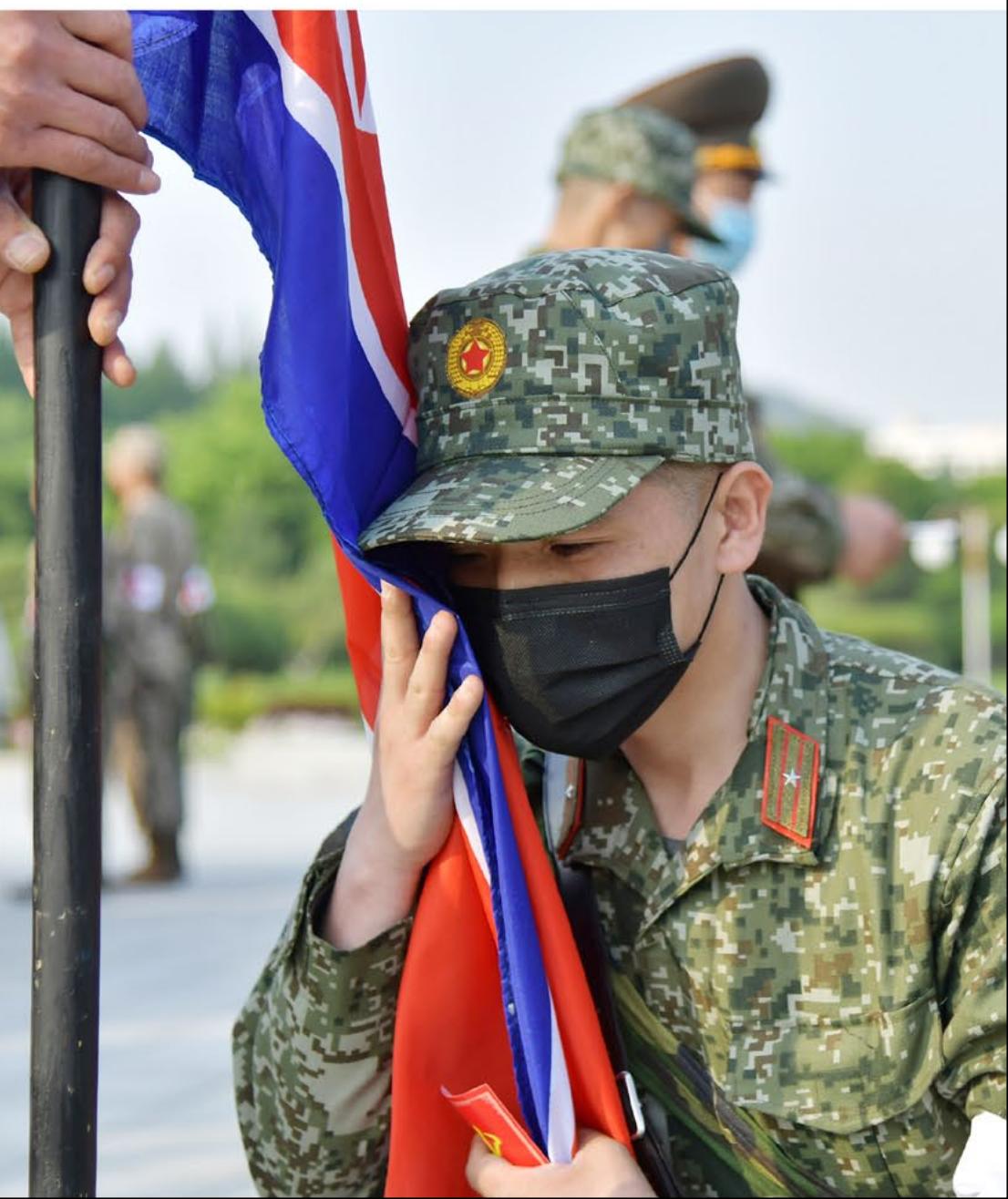
The combatants held a meeting on May 16 at the Ministry of National Defence to pledge themselves to perform their assigned duty in the fight to control the prevailing health crisis in the capital city of Pyongyang.

It was attended by the combatants in the KPA military medical sector to be dispatched to perform the mission of service of medicines and transport of medical supplies in the capital, as well as ministry officials.

The platform was taken by Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, and commanding officers of the defence ministry.

Pak Jong Chon read out the special order of the WPK Central Military Commission on urgently committing a contingent of medics of the KPA to the front of emergency anti-epidemic efforts in the capital.

Some soldiers took the floor.





Officers and NCOs of the KPA medical field, special detachment of the Party Central Committee in the grim anti-epidemic campaign, were urgently dispatched as members of the medicine supply teams.



Upon arrival at the spots, the combatants launched into the supply of medicines.

Mentioning the affection of the Supreme Commander, who has taken the first-ever crucial measure in the history of army building while leading in the vanguard the anti-epidemic campaign to date since a serious crisis had broken out with the inflow of the malignant virus, the speakers expressed their determination to become a fortress and fireproof wall in defending the security of the capital city.

They ardently called for resolutely overcoming the epidemic crisis created in the capital city and becoming honourable victors by putting their heart and soul into the anti-epidemic campaign so that they can proudly review in the distant future how the revolutionary medics in the era of Kim Jong Un carried out the battle order of

the WPK in the anti-epidemic war.

A letter of pledge to Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un was adopted at the meeting.

After the meeting, certificates of dispatch in the name of the KPA committee of the WPK were awarded to officers and NCOs who were to be urgently dispatched as members of the medical treatment and medicine supply teams to resolve the epidemic crisis in Pyongyang.

Upon arrival at the spots burning their hearts with a determination to ensure timely and accurate supply of medicines associated with the motherly Party's affection by regarding all the medicine supply units in the capital city as frontline arsenals of the anti-epidemic war, the combatants launched into around-the-clock supply of medicines.



Party and government officials visited pharmacies and medical supplies management stations in several districts of Pyongyang to learn in detail about the demand for and supply of medicines.





Nationwide measures were taken in all the areas and units to promptly contain the spread of the epidemic by maintaining the favourable turn in the anti-epidemic campaign true to the idea and spirit of the eighth Politburo meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee and consultative meetings of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.



Anti-epidemic campaign gains momentum in the public health and epidemic prevention sectors





The national emergency anti-epidemic sector is directing its main efforts to preventing the spread of the virus, and the public health sector has worked out and sent down standardized guidelines for the medicines and their usage for the specific patients and the methods of nursing them.

Officials, teachers and students of medical workers training institutes across the country have participated in the intensive medical checkup aimed at finding out and treating persons with fever.

In line with the demands of the top emergency anti-epidemic situation, the pharmaceutical and medical appliances factories are operating themselves at full capacity to produce medicines and other medical supplies urgently needed for the treatment of patients.

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Text: Choe Kwang Ho*

A Party-wide, nation-wide campaign is now under way to reverse the trend of propagation of the malignant virus at the earliest date.

Officials of the Cabinet and senior officials of the government organs at all levels have taken charge of transporting medicines to pharmacies, clinics and people's neighbourhood units, taking practical measures so that there occurs no partiality in the supply of medicines and treatment of patients in every part of the country.

All the organizations of the Workers' Party of Korea, including those at the lowest echelons, are scrupulously conducting the political and organizational work to contain the spread of the malignant virus and stabilize the people's living at the earliest possible date with the feeling of taking full responsibility of the people in their regions and units.





The entire people and service personnel fully manifest the indomitable strength of virtues and affection by sharing sweets and bitters and overcoming difficulties together in the anti-epidemic campaign.



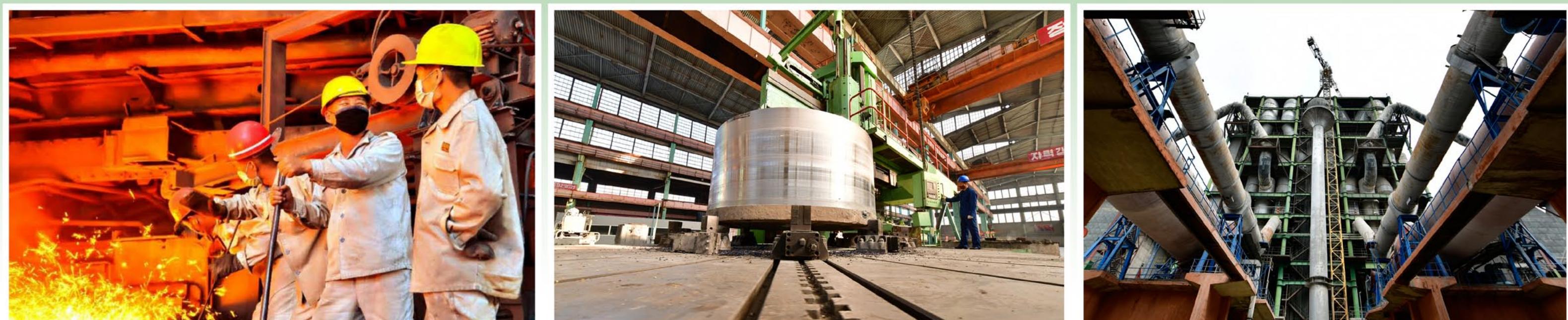


The pharmaceutical factories and curative and preventive organizations make active efforts to reverse the circumstances of the urgent public health crisis at the earliest date and restore the stability of anti-epidemic work.

Production and construction continue in economic sector after switch of state epidemic prevention system to top emergency anti-epidemic system



Officials and workers in the agricultural sector across the country are pushing ahead with immediate farming for increased production



Factories and enterprises including Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex, Taean Heavy Machine Complex and Sangwon Cement Complex, are bringing about great upsurge in production



Education with Abacus Encouraged





1. Abacus education for children begins as a part of game.
2. It arouses children's interests in numbers and calculation.
3. Children cultivate the capability of imagining an abacus.
4. Calculating speed is gradually increased.
5. Digits are added.



The effectiveness of education with abacus at kindergartens and primary schools is being recognized by many people.

Experts in children's education and psychology say that an outstanding capability for mental calculation is created in the right cerebral hemisphere of the children who have received education through abacus

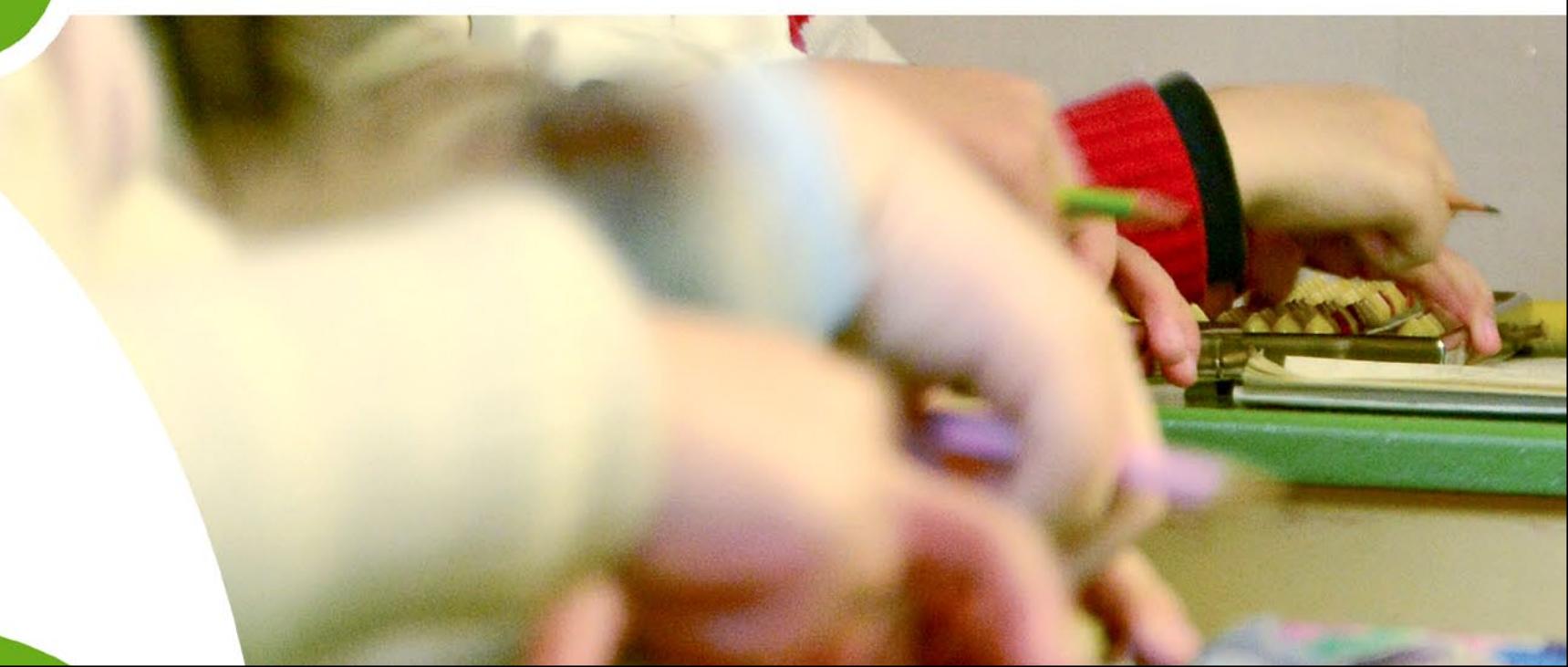
systematically. They insist that if children are drilled in the fast calculation of the four fundamental arithmetic rules with abacus, their capability for memorizing, thinking and imagination grows remarkably.

Teachers are of the same opinion.

Choe Un Hui, teacher at November 3 Kindergarten in Moranbong District,

PyonYang, says that many children are more interested in learning how to calculate with abacus than in learning arithmetic in writing, singing or dancing.

She has found that the rate of their understanding through learning with abacus is far higher than that of the conventional arithmetic lessons.





Education with abacus is widely introduced to kindergartens and primary schools across the country.

She confirms that nine out of ten children who have learned calculating with abacus are fast in mental calculation.

Experts say that education with abacus is most effective among children aged between 4 and 12; they gradually get the capability of imagining an abacus and its beads sliding up and down, and with this capability growing they become capable of receiving, storing and re-producing information in a short

period of time.

Now many kindergartens and primary schools have introduced and are intensifying education with abacus.

Seen frequently on TV are children who calculate the four arithmetic rules of six digits while singing or rope skipping.

Photo: Ri Myong Guk, Ri Chol Jin

Text: Kang Su Jong



Traditional Children's Garment

Striped Jacket

The traditional garments for the Korean children are similar to those for adults in shape, but they look smart for the colour and ornament that cater to the juvenile feelings.

Striped jacket is typical of them. In particular, girls wearing skirts of such clear and bright colours as pink, red and yellow below striped

jackets and colourful hoods, ribbons or trinkets make them look lively.

The collar, strings and cuffs of the jacket are trimmed with coloured cloth pieces printed with

gilded flower patterns or meaningful letters or with embroideries.

The sleeves are usually finished with red, yellow, green, blue, pink, purple and white pieces of cloth.

The breast is also decorated with such cloth pieces or with their mixture.

The collar is finished with light-coloured pieces that go well with the colour of the sleeves.

The girl's jacket is rather short in harmony with the skirt.

The boy's jacket is so long that it reaches beneath the waist, and the breast is tied by a string. The trousers are usually bluish.

What catches the people's eyes in the boy's attire are the overcoat that flutters even in a breeze and the dagger and wallet dangling on the waist.

The overcoat as long as the knee, the hood of a weighty colour and the dagger on the waist make him cut a manly figure.

The jacket is made with different cloths according to season, woven in different colours or patched with pieces of different colours.

There is a jacket with three-coloured shoulders.

As the coloured jacket looks beautiful and smart and caters to the children's emotions, parents make it so that their children can wear it on holidays or when visiting others.

Children playing folk games on holidays in beautiful traditional clothes can be seen in various parts of the country.

Photo: Ri Chol Jin, Pang Un Sim

Text: Pak Pyong Hun





Striped jackets are much favoured by children





TELEMEDICINE SYSTEM

Established across Country



Telemedicine system has been established in provincial, city, county and ri people's hospitals across the country.



The telemedicine system is proving its viability in the DPRK.

From 2009 to 2012, this system was established in four central hospitals, ten provincial and municipal hospitals, 190 city and county hospitals and ten provincial maternity hospitals. The system has expanded year after year.

Since then, it has become a convention to hold consultation between regional

hospitals and provincial and national hospitals on serious cases and patients whose diseases are difficult to diagnose. Many people have enjoyed the benefit of the system, and advanced treatment methods have been applied with the result that the medical skills of the regional hospitals have been improved steadily.

Such national hospitals as the Kim Man Yu Hospital, Pyongyang Maternity Hospital,

Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital, Koryo Medicine General Hospital and Okryu Children's Hospital have given opinions and advices to the regional hospitals through this system, contributing to curing many serious or intractable cases.

And regional hospitals have strived to get the patients to receive more reliable diagnoses and treatment through this system.

Last year the public health sector worked



hard to introduce this system in the medical preventive and treatment units at the lowest echelons.

With the efforts for further improving the system being strengthened at various units, scientific accuracy is being ensured in diagnosis and treatment, and the system's viability and advantages are being given full play.

And the medical workers, mindful of the significance of the system in providing the people with quality medical service, are trying their best to introduce advanced treatment methods in their clinical practices.

Text: Choe Kwang Ho



Participants in the WHO Southeast Asia regional workshop acquainting themselves with the operation of telemedicine system in the DPRK



FAMOUS MEDICINE OF KOREA

ANGUNGUHWANGHWAN

Traditional recipe is maintained



Angunguhwangwan has long been known as a celebrated medicine.

It is produced with such medicinal stuff as bezoar, musk, barberry root and borneol and thus highly efficacious for cerebral haemorrhage, cerebral thrombosis, brain infarction, epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis, toxic pneumonia, toxic dysentery and uremia.

It is still enjoying wide popularity for its wonderful medicinal virtue.



Ryonghung Pharmaceutical Factory



Samjiyon Potato Farina Factory

The Samjiyon Potato Farina Factory in the Pothae area in the city of Samjiyon, Ryanggang Province, one of the largest potato cultivating bases in the DPRK, is increasing production.

The factory has drawn up detailed plans and encourages socialist emulation drive for increased production at every workshop and workteam.

The technicians, while building up the integrated production system, have laid a firm foundation for normalized production by automatically calculating and regulating the temperature and humidity and the content of carbon dioxide in the potato storehouses.

And while laying out hygienic production conditions and environment, the factory encourages its employees to make an effective use of the sci-tech learning space and labour safety

education room so that they can acquire a high level of technical skills, take a meticulous care of their machinery and take an active part in the development of new products.

The repair and maintenance workshop is maintaining the equipment on a regular basis, ensuring full operation of the coal crusher, overhead crane, circulating fluidized bed boiler and other machinery, and has studied and introduced an exhaust heat recovery device for a sufficient supply of steam with a less amount of coal.

The farina production workshop, staple food production workshop and processed foodstuff workshop are fulfilling their production quotas every day through effective coordination of cleansing, cutting, boiling, drying and packaging processes and cooperation among shifts.





The factory is now producing with potato not only farina but also nutritious riced potato, udon, noodles, twists, biscuits, chips and various other foods.

It is also paying close attention to ensuring the conditions of storage and quality of its products.

All its products are favoured across the country as specialties of the city of Samjiyon.



Photo: Ra Phyong Ryol
Text: Choe Kwang Ho



Songchon Boasts

THREE SPECIALTIES

Chestnut trees can be seen not only in the mountains but also in the compounds of public buildings and around houses in Songchon.

Songchon chestnut, a late-ripening crop, tastes sweet, and the shell is peeled easily. The round and small burs have two or three chestnuts each, which weighs 7-8g.

The flowers come into full blossom in the mid- or late June, and the fruit ripens between late September and early October.

Called medicinal chestnut from olden times, the fruit is used as a material for preparing traditional dishes.



Songchon Chestnut



Songchon Silk

Songchon silk, representative of the Phyongan provincial area, was renowned not only in the country but also in the neighbouring countries.

The local people, encouraging silkworm raising by cultivating mulberry trees that grow well in their region, a basin surrounded by high and low mountains, inherited their unique silk producing methods down through the generations.

The Songchon Silk Mill furnished with modern equipment is now carrying forward the tradition.

Songchon is one of the major tobacco-cultivating areas for its favourable weather and soil conditions.

For its unique aroma, Songchon tobacco has been famous from olden times.

It has been called Golden Thread Tobacco for the small and heart-shaped leaves, when cut, look like golden threads, or Aromatic Tobacco for, if one smokes it, indulgent smokers nearby gather around him to have a taste of it.

Photo: Ri Myong Guk
Text: Pak Pyong Hun



Songchon Tobacco

Songam Cave

Underground Scenic Spot



Korea, called a land of the golden tapestry from olden times, boasts magnificent scenery on and under the ground.

The Songam Cave, located on the border area between Kaechon and Anju in South Phyongan Province, was established as a recreational site some 20 years ago.

As a natural cave formed through the long process of the erosion of dolomite which occurred about a billion years ago, it offers fabulous ensemble of stalactites and stalagmites of myriad shapes.

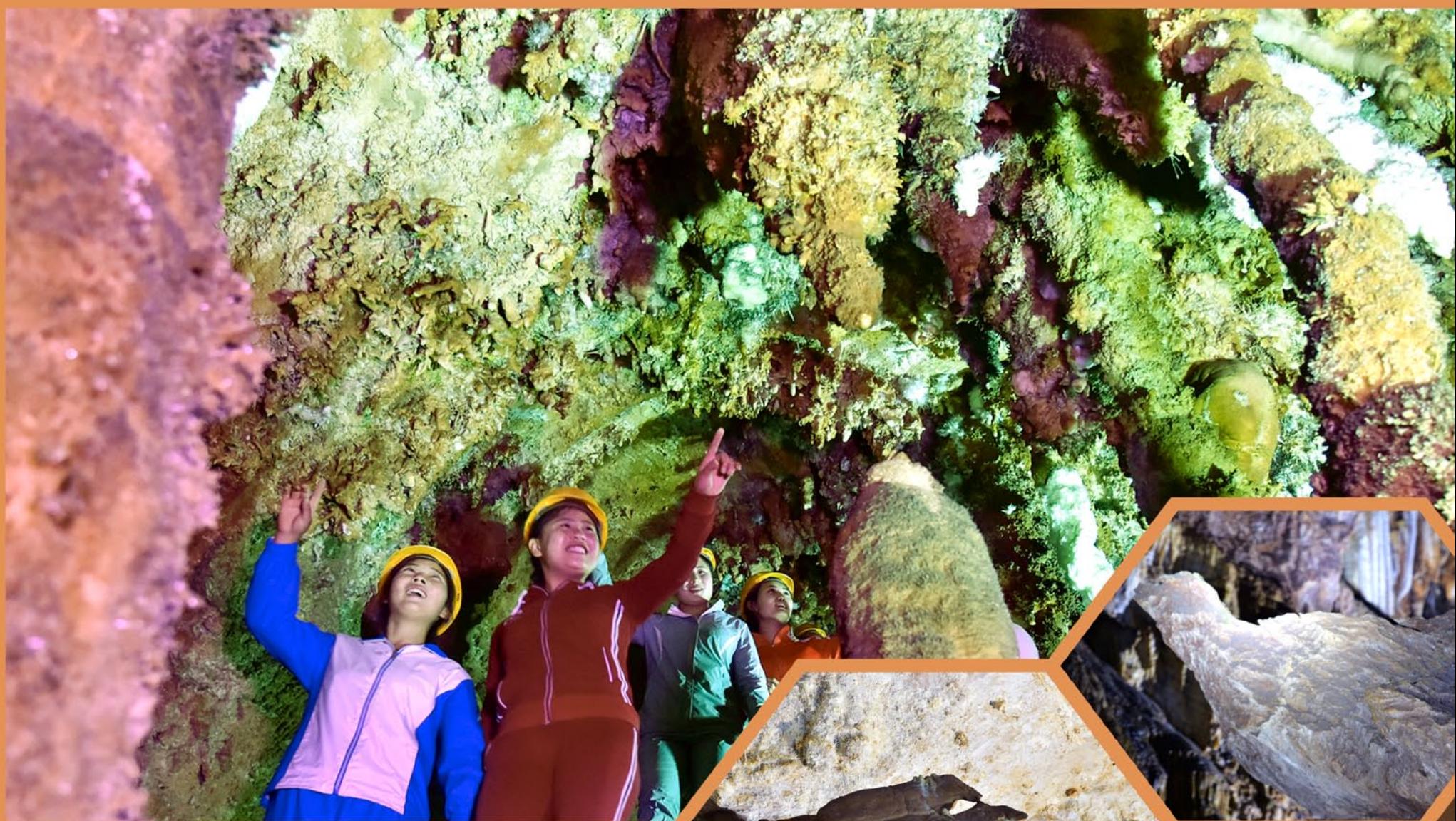
The cave is divided into 16 sections, including Phokphodong (falls section), Kiamdong (mysterious rocks section), Solgyongdong (snowscape section), Surimdong (forest section), Pomuldong (treasure section), Jangsudong (longevity section) and Ryonggungdong (dragon king's palace section). They are made up of more than 70 scenic spots, such as 6-metre-high Tansim Falls, Pidanphokpho (silk falls) Rock, and Janggom (sword) Rock which is a stalactite 4.2 metres high and 1.9 tons heavy. And Jangsu Pool and the lotus-shaped stone flower on it found in Jangsudong are uncommon sights rare to be seen in other underground resorts.

Unlike other caves, this cave is inclined upward from the entrance to the last district, and a 2 160m-long route has been laid out for tourism.

People visit the cave all the year round and enjoy the unique scenery.

Photo: An Chol Ryong

Text: Pak Ui Chol



The cave attracts people for its unique scenery



Cave Relics from Paleolithic Age Discovered in Kangdong Area of Pyongyang

The relics were registered for conservation according to deliberation by the non-permanent tangible cultural heritage deliberation and assessment committee and a decision of the Cabinet.



A research group of the History Faculty of Kim Il Sung University unearthed cave relics of the Palaeolithic era in Rimgyong Workers' District of Kangdong County in Pyongyang and intensified research into the relics to scientifically illuminate the appearance of the relics.

During the archaeological survey conducted in the Kangdong area of Pyongyang, the group paid attention to a natural cave in the workers' district and started full-scale excavation.

They discovered seven human (neolithic man) fossils, over 300 animal bone fossils in nine kinds and 274 pieces of fossil spore and pollen in the cultural layer (second layer) of the Palaeolithic era.

The electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) measurement was conducted to confirm that the relics are dated to $23\,000 \pm 3\,000$ years ago, and human fossils (teeth and skull bones) were those of a woman in her 30s, who lived in the latter period of the Palaeolithic age.

The DPRK Archaeology Society deliberated on the fossils discovered in the natural cave of the district and named it *Kangdong Woman* after the place name.

According to the deliberation of the non-permanent tangible cultural heritage deliberation and assessment committee and the Cabinet decision, the Rimgyong cave relics have been put on a list for preservation.

The discovery of *Kangdong Woman* in the Kangdong area, Pyongyang, where there is the tomb of Tangun, the founding father of the Korean nation, is of great importance in anthropologically clarifying that people had lived consecutively in the area since the dawn of human civilization to create time-honoured history and culture.

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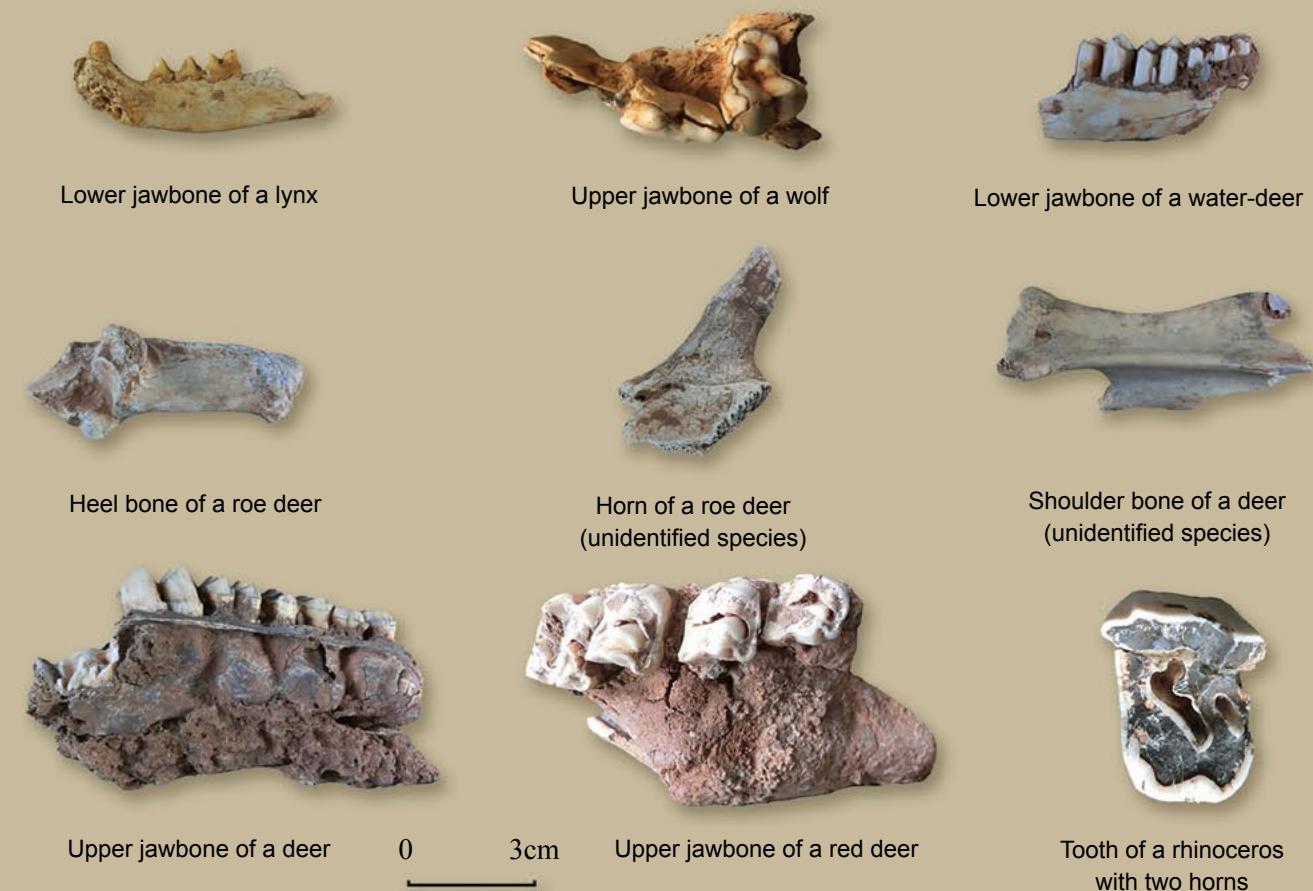


Second small molar on the right lower jaw



Pieces of skull

Fossil human bones



Typical fossil mammals



Typical fossil spores and pollens



Chollima-321 Trolley Bus



Capacity: 85 persons
Length of body: 11 320mm
Width of body: 2 500mm
Weight: 9 715kg
Gross weight: 16 915kg
Maximum speed: 45km/h



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