

## Eighth Conference of Military Educationists of KPA held under the guidance of General Secretary Kim Jong Un



### Opening up of a new period of upsurge and leaping progress called for in effecting revolution in military education

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The Eighth Conference of Military Educationists of the Korean People's Army took place at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang on December 4-5.

The Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea convened the conference involving the entire army with a view to consolidating the core position of the Korean revolutionary armed forces in every way by bringing about a radical turn in military education as required by the changing times and revolutionary situation.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and chairman of the Central

Military Commission of the WPK, attended and directed the conference.

Present at the conference were exemplary military educationists and relevant cadres and commanding officers from the General Political Bureau, the Ministry of National Defence and the General Staff, commanding officers of the services and units at corps level and meritorious officials of the logistic units for education.

Kim Jong Un appeared at the venue of the conference amid the playing of welcome music.

Taking the platform were Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and secretary of

the Party Central Committee, and O Il Jong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and department director of the Party Central Committee.

Also seen on the platform were commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK and officials, lecturers and researchers who rendered distinguished services to military education.

Kim Jong Un made an opening address.

He sent warm thanks to all the military educationists for devoting themselves to training commanding officers and backbones of the KPA, devoting all their wisdom, passion and soul to their work on the platform of the revolution, true

to the Party's policy and line of training reserve military and political cadres.

He referred to the Party's intention of giving top priority to military education, the importance of the mission and duty of military educationists and the purpose of convening the conference. Expressing the belief that the Eighth KPA Conference of Military Educationists would serve as an occasion of epochal turn and a process of leaping progress in the course of the development of Juche-based military education thanks to the high political enthusiasm and close attention of all the participants, he declared the conference open.

Army General Ri Yong Gil, member



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of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and minister of National Defence of the DPRK, made a report, which was followed by speeches.

Achievements and experience made in helping lecturers possess political and moral traits and qualifications befitting lecturers and in improving the educational conditions, environment and methods at military academies through the struggle to bring about practical improvement and substantial advance in military education were introduced and shared through the report and speeches.

Kim Jong Un made an important conclusion.

He said that the conference is being held at a crucial time when the Korean revolution is moving on to the next stage of new victory according to the grand fighting programme and policy set forth by the historic Party Congress, and repeatedly stressed the strategic intention of the Central Military Commission of the WPK in giving guidance to the conference with deep attention while attaching special importance to it and the importance of military education in the current situation.

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creation and steady progress in overall military education work.

The standings of military educational institutions were announced at the conference based on the assessment of their implementation of the Party's policy of bringing about a revolution in military education, and pennants were awarded to exemplary units.

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soldiers immensely loyal to the idea and leadership of the Party and to organize and provide military education, strictly guided by the Party's idea, policy and method so as to train all the cadets to be commanding officers who remain absolutely loyal to the Party Central Committee. He set forth principles, direction of development of military education and tasks and ways to this end.

It is important for military educationists to be deeply aware of their noble mission and duty before the Party and the revolution and to turn out as one in effecting the revolution in military education, he said, clarifying the main traits to be possessed by them.

He expressed great trust and expectation that all the participants would bear deep in their minds the idea and spirit of the conference, redouble efforts and make a decisive stride forward in the struggle for implementing the Party's policy of bringing about a revolution in military education and thus make a tangible contribution to developing the KPA into the revolutionary army of the Party and an elite force.

During the conference, a training course was offered for the participants.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un had a photo session with the participants in the conference on December 7.

Kim Jong Un made a closing address. He appreciated that the Eighth

# Chairman Kim Jong Il commemorated in different countries

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carried forward the leadership of President Kim Il Sung, the founder of the DPRK, formulated the revolutionary idea of the President as Kimilsungism and thoroughly applied it to the revolution and construction.

The first vice-chairman and members of the Democratic Republic of Congo-Korea Friendship and Solidarity Association stressed that the revolutionary career and feats of Chairman Kim Jong Il shine more brightly day after day as the great vitality of Juche-oriented ideology and theory developed by him is verified more vividly through the reality of socialist Korea which achieves prosperity under the leadership of the

The chairman of the Ugandan National Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea, the chairman of the Ugandan National Executive Committee of the Pan-African Movement, the chairman of the Uganda-DPRK Friendship Association and other political and public personages of Uganda praised the Chairman for the exploits he had performed for accomplishing the cause of independence for humankind.

A DPRK film on the Chairman's visit to the Far Eastern Region of the Russian Federation was shown at the film show.

The chairman of the Mongolian Cultural and Research Center of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea said that Chairman Kim Jong Il who faithfully

respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

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Jagang

**More youths volunteer for difficult sectors**

Dozens of young people in Jagang Province volunteered for the provincial youth shock brigade, railway workteam, farms and other workplaces in major economic sectors with great enthusiasm for performing feats in the van of the general advance for implementing the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the administrative policy of the DPRK government.

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**North Hamgyong Iron, steel outputs rise**

The Kim Chack Iron and Steel Complex is doing a good job of production.

It has applied an advanced technique for furnace operation to boost the molten iron yield by 1.5 times on a daily average.

Meanwhile, it remodelled several pieces of equipment to make progress in

maintaining and reinforcing production processes.

**South Phyongan Consumer goods exhibition held**

An exhibition of consumer goods took place in Phyongsong of South Phyongan Province.

It drew central light industry factories, local industry factories in cities and counties and all other units producing consumer goods in the province.

On show at the exhibition were over 53 000 pieces of primary and essential consumer goods in some 800 kinds produced at the factories, enterprises, commercial facilities, cooperative organizations and housewives' workteams in the province.

**North Phyongan New ranch built**

A milch cow farm has been inaugurated in North

Pyongan Province. The farm consists of cowsheds, a milk processing building, feed processing ground, *Hermetia illucens* breeding ground, hay barn, ensilage ground, room for sanitary inspection, veterinary treatment room, etc.

Its inaugural ceremony was held on the spot on December 5.

**Around the country Greenhouse vegetable farms overfulfill annual production plans**

This year, the greenhouse vegetable production plan of the Ministry of Agriculture has been carried out at 104 percent.

Pyongyang Municipality produced over 300 tons of vegetables per hectare, while North Phyongan Province produced over 1 000 tons of greenhouse vegetables every month.

And South Phyongan, North Hwanghae, North Hamgyong and other provinces also made effective use of the food production cycle and applied advanced cultivating methods to obtain good results in greenhouse vegetable production.

## First-year targets hit in various economic sectors

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Various sectors of the national economy have fulfilled their assignments for the first year of the new five-year plan, bringing about continuous innovation and advance.

The Jaeryong Mine exceeded its yearly iron ore production target by over 10 percent until mid-November. The mine remodelled a bogie-type winch by securing a large amount of necessary materials to raise its capacity 1.2 times. The technicians and skilled workers completed a new crushing-screening process to ensure the quality of iron ore by pooling their creative wisdom and built a caustic soda production base to lay a foundation for supplying welding rods badly needed for production by themselves.

The Wonsan Army-People Power Station exceeded its annual electric power production target by 40 percent. Workers and technicians introduced a new-type efficient water turbine in a short time by pooling their wisdom and effort, thereby radically raising the efficiency of generators. The introduction of a new cooling water system helped them improve the efficiency of generating equipment and transformers and extend the repair cycle

of generators more than ever before to save lots of manpower and materials. They also reinforced the midcourse intake, headrace and other hydraulic structures qualitatively to generate 1 500 kW of more momentary electric power.

In the spirit of having fulfilled the national economic plan for this year, the Mirim Barrage Power Station carefully organizes the management and secures materials and spare parts needed for the operation of equipment by itself to lay a solid foundation for normal production, while maximizing the performance of various equipment and machinery introduced into production.

In particular, it applies valuable technical innovation plans in time and solves technical problems arising in the course of application in close contact with related institutes to improve power generating efficiency.

The Pyongyang General Electric Cable Factory 326 carried out its annual national economic plan ahead of schedule till November by conducting a fierce increased production drive from the beginning of the year and supplied thousands of kilometres of insulated wire and electric cables to various economic sectors. Amid the vigorous

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campaign to give impetus to revitalizing production with the introduction of new techniques and recycling, it developed over 90 technical innovation plans to boost productivity 1.3 times. And it made equipment needed for establishing a plastic waste recycling process and introduced a denaturant based on nanoadditive to produce reclaimed plastic with over 99 percent of extension rate, thereby solving the problem of plastic raw materials.

The factory also set up an over 10-ton capacity B-grade insulating material production process in a short time to increase production.

As a result, the factory achieved high production results every month.

The Ryongsong Disabled Soldiers' Injection-moulded Boots Factory implemented its annual national economic plan on all indices. It has fulfilled its national economic plan every year ahead of schedule. This year, too, it adopted domestic production of raw and other materials and recycling as the lifeline of its development and put the production for the first year of the new five-year plan on a normal footing at a high level. By holding fast to recycling as the main link of the whole chain for revitalizing production, it set up new production processes based

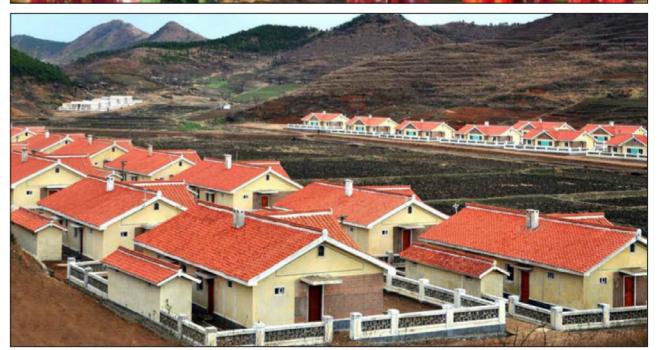
## House-moving in Kaesong

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Dwelling houses for well over a hundred families have been built in Kaesong.

New villages have been constructed at sunny places in Haephong-ri of Kaephung District and Sinhung-ri of Panmun District. The cosy houses for farmers are furnished with convenient living rooms, kitchens, toilets and storehouses and fruit trees have taken root in their gardens, adding beauty to the areas.

The villages have undergone changes beyond



Residents dance for joy on having received new houses gratis.

# City of Samjiyon undergoes sea change



## A model of modern mountainous town built at foot of Mt Paektu

By Yun Kyong Il PT

The City of Samjiyon, Ryanggang Province, has undergone a sea change as a model of socialist mountainous city of culture.

Situated in the northeastern part of the province in the northern inland area of Korea, the city is a sacred place of the revolution which is associated with the everlasting history of the anti-Japanese armed struggle led by President Kim Il Sung and where Chairman Kim Jong Il was born as the Shining Star of Mt Paektu.

The development project of the city was carried out in three

stages.

As it has been completed this year under the leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, even remote mountain villages have been spruced up in the city.

From the observation platform on Pegae Peak commanding a view of the city, ideal villages of happiness in the eternal forests at the foot of Mt Paektu covered with snow all the year round look like a flower garden.

Nature- and environment-friendly dwelling houses and public buildings preserving the physiographical environment are flawless in terms of formative arts and different colours of

roofs and coating materials are in harmony with natural forests of the Mt Paektu area while displaying a sense of modern beauty.

Sections of education, houses, commercial service, local industry, education and public health have been formed with the statue of Chairman Kim Jong Il at the centre and wide roads stretch straight. All structures of the city centre are smart.

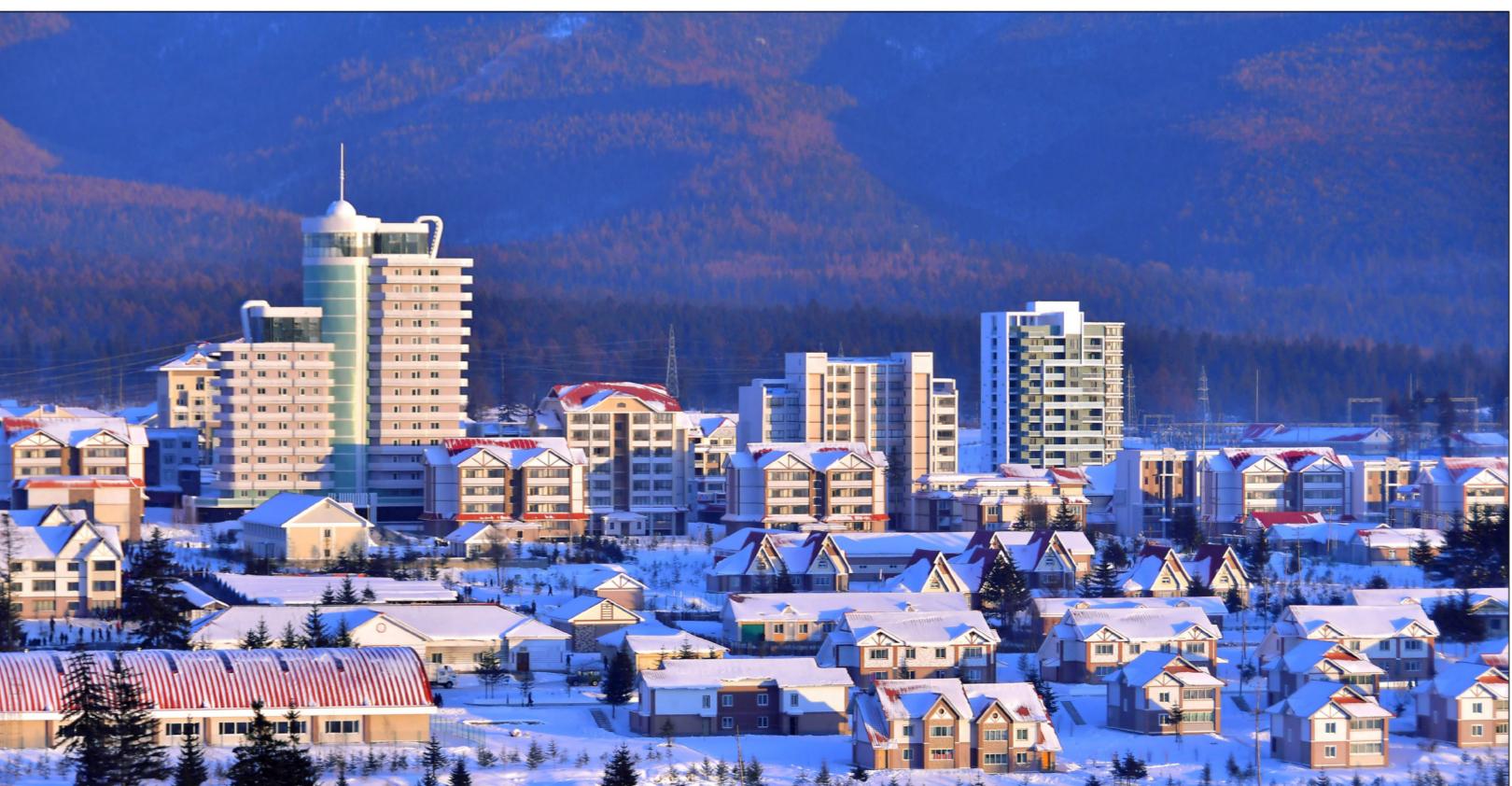
Every *dong* and *ri* in the city has changed beyond recognition all at once from Simmusong-dong that can be claimed to be the first village at the foot of Mt Paektu along with the town area to

Packsam-ri, Poso-ri, Sobacksan-ri, Thongsin-ri and Honggyesu-ri.

Two- and three-storey and terraced houses have been built distinctively along the Rimyongsu valley, where unfrozen Rimyongsu Falls unfold an enchanting view even in midwinter. They blend in well with structures national in style including folklore hotel and noodle house.

The area of Phothae-dong with houses for well over a thousand families and public buildings against the backdrop of imposing Mt Phothae is a spectacle to behold. Also magnificent is the view of the Junghung Farm area with seat village with an imposing *ri* cultural hall at the centre and newly-built workteams. Last November, the General Secretary made the rounds of the area of Phothae-dong and expressed satisfaction with the superb view of the area.

Sunny houses, a nursery and kindergarten reminiscent of a fairytale world were built in Packtusanmilyong-dong embracing the Chairman's birthplace in the Packtusan Secret Camp and houses for a small number of families were also constructed in the last village of Ohomultong-dong which is at the tip of the city.





By Jong Hwa Sun PT

**T**he construction of the City of Samjiyon is not confined to the building of a modern mountainous city.

The significance of the sea change in the appearance of Samjiyon also lies in having provided a springboard for implementing the Workers' Party of Korea's plan for local construction and a model to be copied in local construction throughout the country.

To develop local construction

as required by the developing times is an important demand in sprucing up local areas in such a way as to preserve their distinctive characters and furthermore bringing about the comprehensive development of the whole country.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un attached great importance to the construction of Samjiyon, because it was aimed at not only building the city splendidly, but also gaining experience and presenting a model for setting future targets for transforming

all the cities and counties into modern ones.

In the course of constructing the city according to the ideal standards of civilization he had

set, a manual for local construction was produced, an innovative and creative vision was created and powerful construction forces were set up.

On his inspection tour of the city in November, the General Secretary said that the success, experience and standards achieved, gained and set in the course of the construction of the city serve as a clear guideline for promoting the WPK's local construction policy in the correct direction and pointed to the need to positively draw on and broaden good experience accumulated through the construction project in order to bring about a turning point in speeding up the development of local construction and the

building of the whole society into a civilized one.

At present, all other cities and counties are stepping up the undertakings to strengthen their construction and design forces and material and technical foundations in order to refurbish their areas like Samjiyon.

It is the DPRK's firm decision to spread the spark of local construction produced at the foot of Mt Paektu all across the country and usher in a new era of great change of local areas as early as possible.





## Owners of new houses say

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

**R**esidents moved into new houses in ten *dong* and *ri* in the City of Samjiyon between October 20 and 27.

Over a month has passed since they settled in new splendid homes which are provided with full convenience. But they still say that they cannot believe such excellent places are their homes, adding that they are so grateful that they are unable to sleep even at night as the

state gave new homes gratis to ordinary people living in out-of-the-way mountainous area.

"People generally say the first winter in new houses is cold. And the City of Samjiyon is known to be the coldest place in our country. But I was surprised to feel warmth when I stepped into my new home. The floors were heated before we came. Now, we live in the warm house as one room is provided with the electric heating system and the other equipped with underfloor heating. I wonder

how builders could construct the houses to suit the particular liking of our locals," said Kim Song Man, an old native living in Phothae-dong.

Kim Sun Hui, teacher of Junghung Senior Middle School living in Junghung-ri, said that she now occupies herself with boasting her new home by phone to her relatives and friends living in different parts of the country every evening. Mountain folks can now lead a civilized life as good as townspersons, she added.

"I have never dreamt that

we, newlyweds, could receive a new house. Moreover, my husband who was a worker entered a university in the province when my family moved into the new house," said Om Yon Hui living in Sinmusong-dong.

An ex-serviceman, Son Song Gwang also received a new house some days after he volunteered from the capital city of Pyongyang to work as a farmer at the Junghung Farm.

There are many other stories about people's delight going around the City of

Samjiyon. A mother who had paid a short visit to her daughter's home decided to settle there since the life in Samjiyon is so good, and girls living in lowlands got married to men in the city.

An ex-serviceman and now sub-workteam leader of the Junghung Farm, who met General Secretary Kim Jong Un in his new house last November, made up his mind to repay his affection and benevolence by reaping good crops to be a true master of the land.





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## Genuine human rights ensured in DPRK

By Choe Yong Nam PT

At the third session of the UN General Assembly on December 10 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted for the purpose of making all countries in the world have a common understanding of human rights and regard it as their obligation to guarantee the rights and preventing the violation of them on a worldwide scale.

The declaration raised the guarantee and protection of them as one of important international issues while recognizing the validity and legitimacy of the struggle for guaranteeing human rights internationally.

Although it has a series of shortcomings, including the fact that it fails to contain every detail of the rights by confining the definition of them to a general one, the declaration is of great significance in safeguarding the rights and preventing the abuses of them.



# Distinguished athletes contribute to developing country's sports

By Kim Rye Yong PT

Fifty-five years have passed since the title of People's Athlete was instituted for sportspersons who perform distinguished feats on October 8 1966. The title has been conferred on hundreds of sportspeople in the period.

Lots of sportspeople added brilliance to the honour of the country by flying high the flag of the DPRK on the international sports arena to win the respect and love of other Koreans along with the title of People's Athlete. Each success they make with their painstaking efforts serves as a stepping-stone to the development of the country's sports.

The excellent feats they performed in such events as marathon, football, boxing, weightlifting, wrestling and artistic gymnastics are kept dearly in the memory of others and encourage young sportspersons to cherish the high ambition and hope of becoming world champions.

Sin Kum Dan, the first People's Athlete in the country, made a sudden rise from obscurity in the world track and field circles in the 1960s and reset the world records 11 times to exalt the dignity and honour of Chollima Korea to the world.

Pak Tu Ik, a football master of the same period, scored a decisive goal in the match with Italians at the eighth World Cup finals held in the UK in 1966, thus making a decisive contribution to the DPRK's win which was registered as the greatest sensation beyond expectations in the history of the world football championship.

Although she passed away dozens of years ago, the Korean people vividly remember the indomitable

fighting spirit Pak Yong Sun, the world table-tennis queen who won the 33rd and 34th world table-tennis championships, displayed in a match by fighting to the last point to win.

DPRK players continued to carry forward the tradition of victory decade after decade. In the 1990s, Jong Song Ok took the first place in the women's marathon of the Seventh World Athletics Championships held in Seville, Spain, in August 1999 and Ri Kum Suk, the women's soccer legend, scored more than 100 goals in 120-odd international games including the Women's World Cup, Asian women's football championships and Asian Games, thereby adding brilliance to the honour of the country and winning the title of People's Athlete.

Jang Kyong Ok, a female Taekwon-Doist, left an indelible mark for the development of the orthodox martial art associated with the intelligence and soul of the Korean nation by bagging 26 golds and four technical prizes for the best player at five rounds of ITF Taekwon-Do world championships and other international games and was awarded the title.

The title was also awarded to other DPRK sports aces including Pac Kil Su, a three-time world champion and Olympic gold medallist who was called a "star of the Orient" in the international arena of artistic gymnastics championships and the "king" of pommel horse by artistic gymnastics experts and fans, Kye Sun Hui, an Olympic champion and four-time world judo title holder, Ri Jong Hyang, a three-time Asian women's boxing title and two-time world women's boxing title holder, and Kim Chol Hwan, a two-time world

wrestling champion.

Those of the new generation have made signal successes in the international arena in the new century.

Ri Se Gwang won different international games including the 31st Olympic Games and three rounds of world artistic gymnastics championships. The International Gymnastic Federation deliberated on his movements and termed them "Ri Se Gwang movements". Weightlifter Om Yun Chol, a 30th Olympic gold medallist and five-time world champion, snatched 24 gold medals at international games.

Rim Jong Sim, a two-time Olympic gold medallist and world women's weightlifting title holder, also won sweeping victories at international games including the 30th Olympic Games to demonstrate the honour of the country.

Overseas compatriots including Hong Chang Su, Jong Tae Se and An Yong Hak are also the title holders of People's Athlete.

Though they lived far away from their motherland, they contributed to adding brilliance to the dignity and honour of the DPRK by displaying tenacity, great mental strength and refined skills at international games. Their appearance gave great pleasure and pride to the people in the homeland.

Many sportspeople were honoured with Kim Il Sung Prize, DPRK Hero, Labour Hero and other high official commendations.

Thanks to the sportspersons who have made redoubling efforts for gold medals to live up to the expectations and trust of the people, the name of the DPRK continues to shine brightly in the world's sports circles.



Sin Kum Dan



Pak Yong Sun



Jong Song Ok



Kye Sun Hui



Ri Se Gwang



Om Yun Chol

## National heritage under better protection

By Han Kwi Hun PT

In the DPRK, various activities are briskly conducted to protect and develop cultural heritage associated with the resources and talents of the Korean nation.

"Amid the proactive efforts to discover, restore and preserve the nation's cultural heritage on the principle of historicism and in a scientific and technological way, such objects as Pipha seal have been registered as living monuments this year, while progress has been made in registering new

intangible cultural heritage elements," said Kim Jong Nam, a department chief of the National Authority for the Protection of Cultural Heritage.

Especially, during the months for the protection of national heritage, officials and other working people across the country conducted the work to preserve intact valuable historical sites, scenic spots and natural monuments and spruce up the bases for history education.

The authority took a positive measure to preserve and manage the Jongrung temple at the Mausoleum of

King Tongmyong, thereby preserving the temple in its original state.

Pyongyang Municipality restored the walls of the Walled City of Pyongyang (outer castle), a relic of national treasure value, provided materials and manpower for the repair of the Kwangbop temple and improved the environs of the Anhak palace site.

North Phyongan Province repainted the ancient buildings of the Myohyangsan History Museum and refurbished facilities for visit around Isonnam Falls as it smartened up tourist resorts.

Unsan County in the province restored a dozens-of-metre-long section of the earth walls to its original state on the principle of historicism as part of the extensive repair of the historical relic of Koyonju Fortress.

Anju City of South Phyongan Province repaired the roof, changed the roof tiles and repainted the Paeksang Pavilion. Sinphyong County of North Hwanghae Province constructed a visiting road, bridge and various service facilities for visitors in a short time with an eye to restoring the Sinphyong Kumgang scenic spot.

"Many other cities and counties across the country also made strenuous efforts to restore and properly manage national heritage elements including historical relics, scenic attractions and living monuments," said Kim Jong Nam.



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Taeung Hall of the Kwangbop Temple.

