

Kim Jong Un delivers opening address at Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of WPK



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, delivered an opening address at the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the WPK on February 26.

First, he expressed his pleasure to personally extend his gratitude to the secretaries of primary committees, who have taken more trouble for the Party and the state in the basic Party organizations than others over the last five years since the gathering of secretaries of primary committees of the WPK which was the first of its kind in its history.

He said that the main secret of our Party's overcoming unprecedented challenges and ordeals and leading the revolution in a firm and correct way in recent years can be ascribed to the fact that secretaries of primary committees discharged their duties properly in the basic organizations of the Party. He extended warm and militant greetings to the secretaries of primary committees, who took part in the conference with the pride of having made a positive contribution to the development of the

Party and the vigorous advance of socialist construction, and all other secretaries of primary committees of the entire Party, who are striving to implement the decisions made at the Party Congress and the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee, being in charge of the basic fighting units in the implementation of the Party's policies.

He mentioned the purpose of the Party Central Committee that attaches special importance to the conference.

It is stipulated in the Rules of the Party that the conference of secretaries of primary committees of the Party should be convened every five years, he said, adding that this is aimed at orienting all the activities of primary committees of the Party towards the implementation of the fighting programme indicated by a Party congress. He also said that the work of the basic organizations of the Party should be often reviewed and appraised so as to thoroughly ensure unity in thinking and action of the entire Party, adding that this fully conforms with the idea of attaching importance to developing the basic organizations of the Party, the line of strengthening the entire Party and the requirements of the Juche-

oriented Party building and activities.

Saying that if all the organizations of the Party achieve unity in thinking and action and vigorously carry on the struggle as one, there would be nothing impossible, he added that this is clearly proved by the course of the last year's struggle.

He referred to the fact that the Party Central Committee has prioritized the work of strengthening primary Party organizations as one of the two tasks of strengthening the entire Party along with the work of strengthening Party cells, and has directed sustained great efforts to it.

Saying that it is a source of pride of our Party and key factor and secret of its invincibility that it has firm foundations and reliable basic organizations, he stressed that the basic Party organizations are not maintained and enhanced spontaneously, and this work should continuously be deepened along with the advancing revolution and construction.

An important purpose of this conference is to review the past five-year work of primary Party organizations from a critical point of view and identify the major link in the whole chain of efforts for improving and strengthening the work of

primary Party organizations in conformity with the remarkably high requirements of the developing revolution, so as to make it known to the secretaries of all primary Party organizations and arouse them once again.

Calling for all the participants to carry out a cool review of their units' work and actively learn from and share the experience and good methods of excellent primary Party organizations by attending the conference with high political awareness, consciousness and clear purposefulness, he underscored the need to make this conference an epochal occasion for boosting the organizing ability, fighting efficiency and activity of every primary Party organization and a turning point in raising the political and practical qualifications of the secretaries of primary Party organizations to a new high.

Expressing his belief that the conference will set up another important milestone in further strengthening the basic organizations of the Party and making innovation in Party work as required by the new stage of struggle to achieve the comprehensive development of socialist construction, he declared the conference open.

Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of WPK held under the guidance of General Secretary Kim Jong Un



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The Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the Workers' Party of Korea opened in Pyongyang on February 26 at a time when all the Party members and other people are ushering in a new great era of national prosperity with great confidence in victory, true to the grand blueprint unrolled by the Party Central Committee.

The conference, the second of its kind in the history of the WPK, served as a significant occasion in accelerating the all-people general advance for bringing about the comprehensive development of socialist construction by more firmly consolidating all the primary Party organizations into the combat ranks of loyalty, in which the Party's unified leadership system is thoroughly established, and the vanguard units for carrying out the Party's policies and by cementing the political and ideological position of the Korean revolution in every way, in hearty response to the idea and spirit of the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

The proud reality, in which the might of the single-minded unity and harmonious whole formed between the leader, Party and masses is being signally increased and great creation and changes are made in all sectors of socialist construction despite the severe challenges and difficulties unprecedented in history, is a brilliant fruition of the idea and line of the Party Central Committee, which has steadily enhanced the fighting efficiency of primary Party organizations, the basic

organizations and main combat units of the Party, on attaching importance to and strengthening primary Party organizations.

The Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the WPK analyzed and reviewed the achievements and experience, mistakes and their causes in the work of primary Party organizations in the period after the First Conference of Chairpersons of the Primary Committees of the WPK and discussed the measures for further improving and strengthening



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the work of primary Party organizations, as required by the Korean revolution which entered a new period of great upsurge and turn.

Attending the conference were

secretaries of the primary Party committees and sub-primary Party committees of factories, enterprises and cooperative farms who distinguished themselves in carrying out the Party's policies, secretaries of the primary Party committees of ministries, national agencies and guiding organs at provincial, city and county levels, senior officials of the provincial, city and county Party committees and other Party committees playing the same function, and officials of the Party Central Committee.

The General Secretary made an opening address.

The participants hardly repressed their excitement, looking up to the General Secretary who extended warm militant greetings to the secretaries of all primary Party committees, highly praising them for making tangible contributions to the development of the Party and the vigorous advance of socialist construction at basic Party organizations over the past five years.

When he declared the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the WPK open, the national anthem of the DPRK was played solemnly.

Jo Yong Won made a report at the conference.

He said that the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the WPK is being held at a historic time when the vigorous struggle is being waged for the prosperity and development of the great country and the people's well-being with great courage and sky-high spirit along the path of victory indicated by the Eighth Congress of the WPK and the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth

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Central Committee of the WPK, the important events of particular note in the history of the Juche revolution.

The General Secretary ushered in a new heyday in building basic Party organizations with his outstanding idea and energetic leadership, regarding it as fundamentals for developing the whole Party to strengthen primary Party organizations, he noted.

The original ideas and theories of the General Secretary, who comprehensively clarified the position and duty of primary Party committees and the tasks and ways for strengthening them at the Conference of Chairpersons of Primary Party Committees, the first of its kind in the history of the WPK, and other major Party meetings, serve as the important guidelines to be adhered to in the Party building and in innovating the work of primary Party committees, he stressed.

He referred to the fact that the General Secretary wisely led primary Party committees to focus their work on thoroughly implementing the Party's lines and policies and major revolutionary tasks by giving full play to the spiritual strength of the masses.

The reporter recalled that during his field guidance, the General Secretary underlined the need for primary Party committees to intensify the education in the leadership exploits of the Party and the five-point education, properly guide the organizational and ideological life of Party members, ensure the three-way unity and make devoted service for the people run through the Party work. The General Secretary also underlined the need to enhance the role of ri Party committees so as to train agricultural workers to be those in charge of the rural revolution and ardent patriots, he added.

During his guidance of the revolution, the General Secretary called beside him secretaries of primary Party committees, reposed great trust in them by calling them political commissars of main combat units for the implementation of the Party's policies, taught them the principle and ways of the Party work and the best methods of mobilizing the spiritual strength of the masses, he stressed, adding that thanks to the meticulous care of the great teacher, secretaries of primary Party committees have fulfilled their responsibilities.

The report reviewed the shortcomings in the work of some primary Party organizations which failed to fulfil the urgent requirements of the Party and the revolution.

Strictly analyzed and criticized were a series of mistakes made by primary Party organizations, including the issue of failing to regard the work for establishing the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee as the lifeline of the Party work and strongly push forward it, the issue of failing to build up the ranks of cadres and the Party ranks into an elite force and efficiently conduct the work for rallying the broad masses behind the Party and the issue of impeding the implementation of the Party's policies based on the people-first principle by failing to properly provide the Party's guidance over the fulfilment of the main revolutionary tasks in the fields and units in their charge.

Blaming secretaries of primary Party committees for conducting the work without the main point, forgetful of the trust and expectation of the Party which put them forward as officials responsible for the Party organizations of their units, the reporter termed it the main causes of shortcomings revealed in the work of primary Party organizations in the past.

The reality shows that if the secretaries of primary Party committees fail to enhance their political awareness and practical ability and prepare themselves to be perfect in all aspects, including working methods and working manner, it is impossible for them to implement the idea of the Party Central Committee of giving importance to primary Party

committees and make a substantial change and improvement in the work of their units, he said.

The secretaries of primary Party committees should sternly review the past five-year work and bring about a radical turn in the work of the primary Party committees, as required by the noble intention of the Party Central Committee and the developing revolution, he noted.

Then he detailed the tasks to be fulfilled in strengthening primary Party organizations into the vanguard units sharing the idea and intention with the Party Central Committee and acting in concert with it, and into the political staffs greatly encouraging their units to implement the decisions of the Party Congress.

It pointed out that a revolutionary climate of thoroughly implementing Party decisions without fail has been established in primary Party committees. I stressed that the course of adopting Party decisions in all the primary Party committees has turned into the course of mobilizing the ideological power, mapping out plans and assigning tasks and the trait of implementing Party decisions unconditionally, thoroughly and correctly has been fully displayed with the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Party Central Committee and the Eighth Party Congress as watershed.

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He called on the primary Party organizations of the entire Party to regard it as an important requirement for boosting the fighting efficiency of the Party and a critical matter linked with the destiny of the socialist cause to break with formalism and the inclination towards administrative aspects, the worst anathema to Party work, and to wage an intensive struggle against them.

He stressed that all the secretaries of primary Party committees will have to bear in mind the noble intention of the General Secretary and bring about a new change in their work so as to make a positive contribution to strengthening the Party and achieving the overall development of socialist construction.

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the First Conference of Chairpersons of Primary Party Committees.

It also cited in detail the achievements made by primary Party organizations in the course of focusing the Party work on devotedly defending and thoroughly establishing the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee, successfully implementing the strategic plans of the Party Central Committee and preparing themselves to be the vanguard of loyalty thinking and acting true to the idea and will of the leader only.

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the Mangyongdae Revolutionary Museum, Kim Ju Chon, secretary of the primary Party committee at the Sinpho Fishery Station, Kim Chol Min, secretary of the primary Party committee at the Sogu Public Building Construction Company under the Pyongyang Municipal Management Bureau for Construction, Kim Hak Jong, secretary of the primary Party committee at the Ministry of Mining Industry, Kim Man Bok, secretary of the primary Party committee of the February 20 Factory, Ryom Kyong Chun, secretary of the primary Party committee at the ammonium nitrate workshop of the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex, Kim Myong Il, secretary of the primary Party committee at the Sangwon Limestone Mine under the Sangwon Cement Complex, and Kim Kyong Chol, secretary of the primary Party committee at the Pyongyang Daily Necessities Factory.

Speakers analyzed and reviewed in depth the achievements and experience gained by primary Party organizations for the past period.

The participants were deeply moved by the experience of the primary Party committees of the Mangyongdae Revolutionary Museum and the Sinpho Fishery Station which firmly prepared their employees to be genuine loyalists and ardent revolutionaries reliably defending their honourable posts of adding lustre to the revolutionary history of the great leaders, and to be standard bearers for implementing the Party's policies on fishery by intensifying the education in loyalty among them, regarding it as their very lifeline.

Introduced were the experience gained by the primary Party committee of the Sangwon Limestone Mine of the Sangwon Cement Complex which has boosted the limestone production by steadily increasing the power of ideology and collectivism, and the experience of the primary Party committee of the ammonium nitrate workshop of the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex which performed great miracles and innovations in implementing the Party's policies in the course of winning the title of the Twice Three-Revolution Red Flag, deeming the mass-based movement a powerful means.

The participants were greatly touched by the experience of the secretaries of primary Party committees who shared joy and sorrow with their employees at the production sites with the traits and qualifications befitting frontline political workers, always paying deep attention to their family life and solving problems by the Party's method and the political method.

Speeches seriously criticized and reviewed the mistakes some primary Party organizations made by failing to push ahead with the work for implementing the Party's policies in the course of winning the title of the Twice Three-Revolution Red Flag, deeming the mass-based movement a powerful means.

The speakers expressed their resolution to wage a dynamic struggle for bringing about the comprehensive development of socialist construction by steadily intensifying the work for transforming primary Party committees into elite ones strong in the organizing ability, fighting efficiency and practical ability, true to the noble intention of the General Secretary. The participants renewed their determination to innovate the work of their units as required by the developing reality, while listening attentively to the report and speeches.

Kim Jong Un makes important conclusion at Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of WPK



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On February 28, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a concluding speech, entitled *Secretaries of Primary Party Committees Should Become Genuine Political Workers of the Motherly Party*, at the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Saying that the entire Party and all the people pin very great expectations on the current conference of secretaries of primary Party committees, the second of its kind in the history of the WPK, General Secretary Kim Jong Un referred to the significance of the conference convened at a crucial time of the Korean revolution.

Saying that it is possible to strengthen the whole Party and bring about an upswing on all fronts of socialist construction only when all the primary Party committees, the lower-echelon organizations of the Party and main fighting units for implementing the Party's policies, are well prepared and active, he stressed that in the light of that aspect it is of great significance at this crucial time to comprehensively examine and judge once again the fighting efficiency of primary Party organizations and instil the idea and strategic intention of the Party Central Committee into the

present by secretaries of primary Party committees, political workers of a people's party, their "servant" party.

Saying that it is the steadfast will and the ultimate goal of our Party to consistently carry on the revolution and construction by dint of trust in and love for the people, unconditionally serve the people and build an ideal communist society for the people without fail, he stressed that the Party struggles to protect and care for the people with sincerity, bring happiness to them and satisfy their interests, not for any ism or prestige.

He pointed out that every line and policy put forward by the Party, its tested leadership ability and invincible fighting efficiency and construction of our style of socialism powerfully led by it are all characterized by the ideals of "The people are God" and "devoted service for the people."

He continued:

To be a people's party, a "servant" party for them, is the single reason of our Party's existence, its highest hallmark and its permanent feature.

To be very humble before the people, regard it as their natural duty and the greatest worth of living to go through thick and thin and work devotedly to ensure the best convenience and life for the people constitutes the main attitude and traits our

world on this land despite difficulties is not to demonstrate that we are capable of overcoming difficulties but to take care of the people with warmer sincerity and bring the happiest life to them.

Secretaries of primary Party committees, who are responsible for forming a firm link between the intentions and feelings of the Party Central Committee with the minds of the employees of the units in their charge, should ardently love the people and show all sincerity for them.

It is the highest honour of secretaries of primary Party committees to serve the people and care for them with sincerity.

It is the invariable assignment given by the Party Central Committee to secretaries of primary committees of the entire Party to become true political workers of a people's party, their "servant" party.

The work by secretaries of primary Party committees and their qualities will as ever be evaluated by how much they play the role of a mother, a "servant", devotedly serving the people.

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Party now requires secretaries of primary Party committees to acquire.

It is not easy to do so, but from now on they should make a devoted forced march for the people by staking the dignity and prestige of our Party, a party for the people and a "servant" party for them without an equal in the world.

It is high time for our Party officials to get closer to the people and treat them more kindly.

Kim Jong Un referred to the tasks secretaries of primary Party committees should concentrate on and channel efforts into discharging the role of a genuine mother and faithful servant.

He went on:

One of them is to train officials, Party members and other working people in their units into socialist persons with excellent political and moral traits and the other is to dynamically conduct the organizational and political work to implement the decisions of the Party Congress and the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee.

In other words, the first thing is to transform the ideological consciousness of the people, and the second thing is to turn into reality our Party's policies of promoting the people's well-being.

This fully complies with the true nature, mission and fighting purpose of our Party.

Secretaries of all primary Party committees should be well aware of their mission as political workers of the people's party, a "servant" party for them, and make Party work serve this purpose.

First of all, they should prepare officials, Party members and other working people in their units to be politically and morally sound.

For our mothers, nothing brings more pleasure to them than to see their sons and daughters becoming admirable persons capable of devoting themselves for the country and fellow people and genuine persons faithfully serving society and the collectives and keeping moral obligations.

That is why they worry so much about their children and sometimes beat them to bring them up to be upright.

A priority task for our Party to do for our people is to bring up all persons to be wonderful beings with the same sincere loving care as those mothers do for their children.

Important here is to make people learn and embody high political awareness and revolutionary outlook on morality.

Kim Jong Un called on secretaries of primary Party committees to direct their main efforts to well preparing people in their units so as to fully guarantee them politically and morally before the Party and the revolution. He referred to the principled issues arising in earnestly and effectively doing education of the people to enhance their political awareness and outlook on morality.

Kim Jong Un emphasized that secretaries of primary Party committees should launch dynamic organizational and political work for implementing the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress and the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee and thereby bring about substantial achievements. He went on:

The decisions of the Party Congress and the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee reflect the firm determination and will of our Party to remove the troubles of the people at the earliest date and provide them with a stabler and more improved life at any cost.

Therefore, our Party officials, secretaries of primary Party committees in particular, should fulfil their responsibilities so that major decisions of the Party bear good fruit.

Education through revolutionary artefacts and the leadership exploits of the Party is the roots of our Party's

ideological work, and it can be called the starting point of ideological education, he said, adding that it is entirely what secretaries of primary Party committees should do to make all Party members and other working people set the goal of their life on the road of loyalty and patriotism and find the worth and honour of their life on this road, and educate them to fulfill their moral obligation as human beings before society and the collective.

Though the Party has adopted right decisions, they will remain an empty talk if the masses are not motivated. Secretaries of primary Party committees should encourage Party members and other working people to turn out voluntarily in implementing the Party's policies by making them clearly understand that those policies are just for the sake of themselves, that no one can replace them in implementing the policies and that only when each unit thoroughly carries out the Party's decisions, will the state affairs be successful and the people's living improve.

Secretaries of primary Party committees should make sure that all the employees become clearly aware of their units' work plans for implementing the decisions of the Party Congress and the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee, and steadily remind them of the plans, not just feeling content after reminding them once or twice.

They should make exacting demand on the masses so that they review the daily implementation of the Party's decisions and make redoubled effort, regarding the decisions as the standard and goal for their work. They should also discuss the innovative ways for the development of their units with the employees so as to give play to their creative initiative.

Secretaries of primary Party committees should be always mindful of this and conduct political work in a fresh and aggressive way to make sure that every workplace seethes with active drive for implementing the Party's decisions and the national economic plans.

In order to make officials, Party members and other working people creditably carry out their tasks with proper stand and attitude towards the implementation of the Party's decisions, they should effectively do the review and evaluation.

They should take measures in advance to solve problems that may arise in implementing the Party's decisions and undertake to solve bottleneck problems themselves to ensure their timely solution. By doing so, they can ensure that the soaring passion of the masses does not cool down.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un said that an important issue which secretaries of primary Party committees should pay heed to in implementing the Party's decisions is to train scientific and technical forces of their own units and intensify the Party guidance in depth to make sure that they pay off.

He continued:

Whether scientific and technical talents pay off or not depends on Party officials. Secretaries of primary Party committees who are well aware of the Party's idea of attaching importance to science and technology and talented persons and have sizeable knowledge of science and technology related with their own fields can be effective in doing the work with the talented persons.

They should know all the technical forces and talented persons of their units, throw full weight behind them, provide conditions for work and be responsible for their inquiry and its results so that each of them could do their share.

Science and technology development plan should be included in the work plan of primary Party committees as an important item, and through the work for implementing it, the level of the technicians and skilled workers should be raised and their ranks be expanded.

Secretaries of primary Party committees should always pay close attention to the effective operation of sci-tech learning spaces and encourage officials and employees to intensify scientific and technological study.

Primary Party committees should assign sci-tech study task to officials and employees and strictly review their implementation so as to make them regard sci-tech study as the requirement of Party policy and turn the course of study into a process of steadily raising the level of their technical skill.

They should provide Party support to establishing the traits of always giving precedence to science and technology in carrying out the Party's decisions and the national economic plans and of solving knotty problems on the strength of science and technology and mass technical innovation.

Whether the Party's decisions related to a unit are implemented or not depends largely on whether the Party, the administrative and technical officials achieve three-way unity or not, the General Secretary said.

He pointed out the principles to be maintained in the work of secretaries of primary Party committees, leading members in achieving the three-way unity. The principles include the issue of putting forward administrative and technical officials and respecting their opinions, the issue of providing Party support so that the employees seriously approach the directives of the administrative and technical officials and carry them out in time.

He also mentioned the importance of welfare supply service in boosting the enthusiasm of Party members and other working people who have turned out in implementing the Party's decisions.

Stressing the need for secretaries of primary Party committees to bring about major improvement in the supply service work for the employees through strenuous efforts with firm determination to solve the problems concerning their living conditions at any cost, he said that the supply service work of each unit is what the secretary of the primary Party committee concerned should be responsible for from A to Z and that the supply service work in the true sense of the word is the one which gives substantial benefits to the employees under any conditions.

Pointing out the issues arising in enhancing supply service work while thoroughly obeying the state unified guidance and management over the economic work and giving precedence to the state interests, he called for rejuvenating the foundation of supply service work to suit the specific features of units and changing conditions and for rationalizing supply service system and method.

Kim Jong Un stressed the need to thoroughly prevent accidents in all units.

He said that the secretaries of primary Party committees should learn about and examine the state of their own units in detail on a regular basis and with direct responsibility, establish a revolutionary system and order, ensure that all the officials, Party members and other working people work and live as required by the system and order, and conduct in a far-sighted way the work of removing all the accident-prone elements from the

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committees in fundamentally improving the work with the people.

Saying that in order to do the work with people well, secretaries of primary Party committees should find themselves among the employees to correctly examine their mind and personality, he stressed that they should strive to deepen friendly feelings with the employees and lend an ear to their honest voices and appeal while doing work together with them and talking to them all the time.

Whoever is the secretary of a primary Party committee should throw himself into turning it into a solid political and ideological position with vibrant combat ranks, which reliably fulfills the duty of a post entrusted by the Party and the revolution, he said, calling for making primary Party committees the integral whole of loyalty sharing ideology, intention and action with the Party Central Committee, both in name and reality.

He stressed that the starting point and the general orientation of the work of primary Party committees is to help officials and Party members cherish the unwavering faith that does not deviate from the only path of following the Party Central Committee however the situation and the environment may change.

Secretaries of primary Party committees should make the officials and Party members regard it as the most sacred duty and supreme honour to follow the revolutionary ideas of the Party Central Committee as absolute truth, to rely on them in doing everything and to absolutely support and uphold with single mind its intention and plan, he said.

They should put efforts into staffing well their primary Party committees, the political staff of their own units, and enhancing the role of their members, he stressed.

Strengthening primary Party committees presupposes strengthening Party cells, he said, adding:

When all the Party cells in their units become healthy and vibrant cells, primary Party committees can become vibrant groups with strong fighting efficiency and cohesion.

Secretaries of primary Party committees should keep intensifying the work with Party cell secretaries responsible for the cell work, not forgetting it even a moment.

Those core members who are supported and trusted by the Party members should be made to take charge of the Party cells. Secretaries of primary Party committees should exact high demand on Party cell secretaries to make them put all efforts into their work while constantly reminding themselves of the 10-point tasks and 12-point traits of Party cell secretaries, and strive to enhance the level of their working ability.

In order to make Party cells healthy and vibrant ones closely knitted in the bonds of kinship, it is necessary to create examples, generalize experience and put all the Party cells in each unit on the level required by the Party Central Committee.

As they are also members of Party cells, secretaries of primary Party committees should give positive influence on the Party members and help the secretaries of Party cells by setting an example in the manner of treating Party cell secretaries and in the attitude of receiving Party assignments and executing them.

Saying that the results of the work of preparing the Party members and other working people politically and morally and the work of implementing the Party's decisions depend on how secretaries of primary Party committees conduct the work with people, he taught the issues arising for secretaries of primary Party

of the Party and the revolution.

Saying that for them to take warm care of and respect people never means that they should remain good-natured, blindly appeasing them, overlooking their faults and currying favour with them, he called on secretaries of primary Party committees to treat the employees with warm humanity and educate them in a principled manner while waging a fierce struggle against negative practices.

He said that secretaries of primary Party committees should acquire high qualifications in order to do the work with people in a creative way to suit their characters.

He also called upon them to steadily find the effective ways and use them flexibly by keeping in mind that they cannot expect any achievement if they do the work with people in a stereotyped manner.

He said that just as a mother speaks differently to her son and daughter and treats them differently in their growth stages, secretaries of primary Party committees should do the work with people creatively to suit the characters of each person and the given situations even though their employees number hundreds or thousands.

He indicated in detail the ways of doing the work with different groups of people like the youth who have strong enterprising spirit and who are always vibrant, women who are always considerate of their children and family life and the persons who made a mistake in their work and life.

He called upon secretaries of primary Party committees to take warm care of their employees.

He said that what is common in the work of those units in which everything goes well is that the secretaries of primary Party committees strive to solve even one more problem arising in the living of the employees while paying close attention to it.

Saying that employees are moved when secretaries of primary Party committees call on them to ask them about their difficulties and sufferings, and they feel very grateful for the Party officials and hold dear their care when they get to know that the Party officials take pains for them, he called on secretaries of primary Party committees to take warmer care of the employees and show sincerity to helping them out of difficulties, always paying close attention to them.

He underlined the need for them to gain experience and draw lessons from their work and possess meticulous organizing ability, strong control and persistent executive ability.

Noting that if secretaries of primary Party committees are to do the work with people well, they should have noble popular traits, he said that they will be disliked by people if they have a rude style of work, although they are politically and consciously of their duty as the servants of the people, and kindly treat all the employees as family members, just like a mother who treats her children without discrimination.

He stressed the need for secretaries of primary Party committees to maintain the principle while seriously and maturely doing the work with people.

He called on them to have a warm heart with which to take sincere care of people and deeply love them and to lead them with the stand to take responsible care of the present life of the employees and even their future.

Noting that modesty, an unassuming character and uprightness are essential traits of primary Party committee secretaries as they do the work with people at all time, he said that they should always treat employees courteously and in a free-hearted manner with a smile on their faces and lead a simple life, not pursuing selfish interests and desires.

In particular, he stressed, they should acquire a habit of repeatedly scrutinizing necessary information before making decisions on the issues related with the political destiny of people, and of prudently resolving them in the interests

language and make positive efforts to have lots of cultural attainments and optimistic sentiments capable of touching people's hearts and creating an optimistic climate among them.

He specially stressed the need for the Party committee secretaries of ministries and national agencies and the secretaries of primary Party committees to enhance their responsibility and role.

Saying that the Party committee secretaries of ministries and national agencies are responsible for the Party work of the state administrative guidance organs organizing and guiding the work for implementing the line and policies of the Party on a nationwide scale, he called on them to lead all officials of their organs to steadily cultivate themselves through their Party life, political life, and to properly plan and guide the work for the implementation of the Party's policies, bearing in mind that they have very responsible tasks in a very responsible period.

Secretaries of primary Party committees should put above anything else the study of the documents on the Party Congress and the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee that comprehensively deal with the Party's line and policies, and completely grasp them by repeatedly studying them on a regular basis so that they can be able to freely explain them among the masses, he noted.

He called on secretaries of primary Party committees to make it part of their everyday life to read the organ of the Party Central Committee in order to steadily improve their political and practical qualifications by grasping the ideas and intentions of the Party Central Committee on a normal basis and learning the methods of implementing the Party's policies.

He stressed the need for them to continue intensifying the study relating to Party work, learn more professional knowledge for their sectors and knowledge and technique for their units and steadily acquire lots of many-sided knowledge with the open-minded attitude as required by the developing times.

He underscored the need to direct efforts to the work for consolidating the ranks of primary Party committee secretaries and properly conduct the work for educating them and raising their practical abilities.

He noted that it is the mode of activities peculiar to our Party fully discharging its duty as a people's party, their "servant" party, for the Party Central Committee to set the people's desires as its policy and a state policy and for all the primary Party organizations to thoroughly implement it so as to make the people benefit from it, and that this is just the idea of the role of primary Party committees and the idea of the Party Central Committee and awakening them so that they can make redoubled efforts.

It has reviewed and analyzed the five-year work for strengthening primary Party committees and advanced important tasks facing their secretaries at present in the successful fulfillment of the sacred mission of our Party, which exists for the people and which serves them, and the ways for implementing the tasks.

It is easier said than done for secretaries of primary Party committees to fulfil their responsibilities and duties satisfactorily today when we are faced with many obstacles and difficulties.

They should always be mindful of the spirit of the current conference and the tasks it has advanced for them, and deal with their heavy duties with extraordinary determination, ardent passion and unyielding fortitude.

Those who have been newly appointed should buckle down to their work with firm resolve from the outset, whereas those who have a longer term of service should work in an innovative way with renewed determination.

All of them should be better-versed in the Party's lines and policies than anybody else and observe, judge and deal with all issues with them as the standard. And they should ensure the progress of their respective units and perfect execution of the Party's policies through steady thinking, scrupulous organization, dynamic political work and personal examples.

Comrade secretaries of primary Party committees,

At this conference the Party Central Committee has advanced the important idea that the secretaries of all primary Party committees should become genuine political workers of the people's party, their "servant" party.

Primary Party committees may differ from one another in the composition of the Party membership of their units, the sectors they are in charge of and the scope of their work, but the basic duties of their secretaries are the same and clear.

Secretaries of primary Party committees should approach and serve the people with the heart of a mother and with the attitude of their true servant, and carry out the Party's people-oriented policies without fail—this is the main spirit and main idea of the current conference.

However ardently called on all secretaries of primary Party committees to turn out in the sacred struggle for providing the people with a happy life as early as possible and turning the country into a great powerful socialist state, well aware of their duty as political officials of a people's party, their "servant" party.

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Kim Jong Un makes closing address at WPK conference of secretaries of primary committees

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a closing address at the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the Workers' Party of Korea on February 28. The following is the full text:

Comrade secretaries of primary Party committees, The Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the Workers' Party of Korea, which is of great significance in vigorously propelling the implementation of the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the Party, has been held successfully amid the special expectations of all Party members and the high political enthusiasm of all its participants.

This conference has set up another milestone in infusing fresh vigour into the strengthening of the entire Party and ensuring more definite realization of the Party's leadership over the overall socialist construction by rearming secretaries of primary Party committees, who are in charge of basic organizations and major combat units of the Party, with the ideas, intentions and strategic policies of our Party Central Committee and awakening them so that they can make redoubled efforts.

Secretaries of our primary Party committees should naturally conform and subordinate their thinking and action to the plans, intentions, and strategy and tactics of the Party Central Committee. Only then can the advanced struggle tasks be executed one by one and the people will enjoy the resultant benefits.

It is easier said than done for secretaries of primary Party committees to fulfil their responsibilities and duties satisfactorily today when we are faced with many obstacles and difficulties.

Seeing the participants engrossed in the discussion of the agenda with sincere attitude throughout the days of the conference, I have felt their ardent will to absorb to the full the ideas of the Party Central Committee and apply them in the work of their committees so as to bring about a substantial revolutionary improvement in their work. I am gratified by it.

This conference will be etched in the history of our Party building as a meaningful conference in that it has provided a detailed action programme and practical weapon for strengthening the primary committees of the entire Party as required by our developing revolution, and has enriched the theory of our Party building.

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old ideals and dreams of our people into reality at an earlier date; and our Party is unfolding a strong campaign to bring about a revolution in building up the whole ranks of cadres, and this is also aimed at helping them fulfil their responsibilities and duties they have assumed for this historic work as true, faithful servants of the people.

Secretaries of primary Party committees should not forget even a moment that they are there just for the people, and that they should devote their all for the people.

Although the people understand the actual situation of the country and do not express their agonies, they should go deeper among the people, and prove themselves worthy of their expectations with warm human feeling and self-forgetful devotion and further deepen the people's support to and trust in the Party.

When they read the people's minds, regard their agonies as their own and devote their true hearts to solve as many problems as possible for them, suffering mental anguish on their own, the masses will feel in their appearances the helping hand and warm care of our Party, a party of the people and a "servant" party for them.

I want to emphasize one more. They should bear in mind that if they are improper in their behaviour before the masses, the masses will give a wide berth to them and not follow them.

Before educating the masses, they should first be careful in their behaviour and purposefully correct the mistakes, if any, guard against the slightest elements of abuse of power, bureaucratism and corruption, and be honest in acquiring qualities appropriate to a genuine political worker of our Party.

Comrade secretaries of primary committees of the Party,

The ideals we have set are great and the struggle tasks are gigantic; and the challenges and obstacles ahead of our advance and development are formidable.

The contemporary tasks to which we have decided to commit ourselves must be accomplished on any account with our own hands and with a renewed struggle that requires greater efforts than those we have devoted so far.

He is a genuine communist who finds the true joy of life and the worth of making a revolution on the road for the people even though it may be an untridden, arduous path.

Secretaries of primary Party committees and all other Party workers should renew their determination and fortitude, and show the people their fresh look by waging a vigorous do-or-die battle while boldly eradicating non-revolutionary and non-militant elements, and thus turning the Party's intentions and people-oriented policies into epoch-making realities year after year.

Issuing a militant and ardent appeal for the participants and all other secretaries of primary committees of the entire Party to launch a dynamic struggle in order to live up to the precious honour and heavy responsibility of a political worker of a people's party, their "servant" party, and to bring earlier the brilliant future when our great people will lead a cultured and rich life to their heart's content, I declare the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the Workers' Party of Korea closed.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un plants trees with participants in WPK conference of secretaries of primary committees



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secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, O Il Jong, Kim Yong Hwan, Ju Chang Il and Kim Yo Jong.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, planted trees together with the participants in the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the WPK on March 2 to mark the Tree-planting Day.

Attending the tree-planting ceremony were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and

When the General Secretary arrived there, all the participants raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" for him, the great teacher and benevolent father who leads them step by step to become genuine political workers of the people's party, their "servant" party, repeatedly showing warm loving care for and trust in them.

Jo Yong Won made remarks in connection with the memorial tree-planting in the Hwasong area where another ideal street symbolic of the Party's political idea of the people-first principle is being built.

The participants in the Second

Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the WPK are here to do very worthwhile work on the Tree-planting Day, he said, and continued:

It is very significant for us to have the honour of doing memorial tree-planting in the presence of the respected General Secretary after receiving the new fighting programme for strengthening primary Party committees as well as deep trust

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Kim Jong Un has photo session with participants in Second Conference of Secretaries of WPK Primary Committees



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, had a photo session with the participants in the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the WPK on March 2.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, O Il Jong, Kim Yong Hwan and Ju Chang Il.

The venue of the photo session was filled with great excitement and joy of the participants who would have the highest honour and happiness again in the wake of receiving the great action programme

for further cementing the cornerstone and boosting the fighting efficiency of the Party at the conference of secretaries of primary Party committees held in the presence of the General Secretary.

When Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue of the photo session, all the participants raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!", paying the highest respects to him, the great prestige and symbol of the Party and the revolution, who has strengthened the WPK into a powerful and militant general staff and a genuine people's party vigorously leading the sacred struggle for prosperity of the state and the people's well-being by brilliantly applying the Party's idea of giving importance to the strengthening of its basic organizations and line of strengthening the entire Party to the revolutionary practice.

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at the historic conference held amid the close attention of the Party members and other people across the country.

Tree-planting is due work of all citizens on this land and sacred patriotic work of planting seeds of happiness and shaping the future with their sweat and efforts.

Today's tree-planting will be an eternally unforgettable memory in the mind of primary Party committee secretaries, the political workers of the people's party, their "servant" party and harden their will to devote themselves to the revolutionary work of taking responsible care of the destiny of the country and people and thus bring about good results.

We are here not only to plant trees but to plant our Party's policy and ardent patriotism and pure conscience that

would remain unchanged forever.

The speaker called on all the participants to unsparingly devote their sweat and passion to the work of lasting significance for further sprucing up the cradle of the people's life.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un broke ground first to signal the start of memorial tree-planting.

While transplanting trees with the participants, he called on primary Party committee secretaries to dedicate their patriotic zeal and party conscience to the work for implementing the Party's policies.

Saying that as the trees with firm roots can weather any storm, the Party that took its deep roots among the people and depends on them is invincible, he called on the secretaries of primary Party committees to make redoubled efforts to turn the Party into a united group strong in its fighting efficiency that has taken its

deep roots among the working masses.

The participants with high honour and delight devoted their sincerity to planting trees, visualizing the day when those young trees would grow up into giant ones ensuring the prosperity of our socialist state.

Kim Jong Un had a picture taken with the participants in tree-planting against the background of fir trees planted by him.

The participants hardly controlled their excitement, expressing their deep gratitude to the General Secretary for pouring warm paternal love on them while inspiring them to become genuine officials of the Party which regards the idea of "The people are God" as its motto and the people as lifeblood.

Through the memorial tree-planting, the secretaries of primary Party committees came to realize once again the firm will of the Party Central Committee to

would exert themselves in fulfilling their revolutionary duties with extraordinary consciousness and sense of responsibility as the frontline political workers and thus make a positive contribution to bringing earlier a great new era when the people's ideal and desire would come true.

All the participants hardened their strong will to remain boundlessly committed to the political idea and historic mission of the genuine people's party, their "servant" party and further strengthen the basic Party organizations into the politico-ideological positions and vibrant militant ranks reliably upholding

the Party and revolution, bearing deep in mind the noble intention and trust of the Party Central Committee, and thus dynamically accelerate the overall development of socialist construction.

make the revolution and construction run through with trust and love for the people, unconditionally serve them and finally build a communist society desired by all the people at any cost.

All the participants renewed their firm resolution to make signal progress in carrying out the tasks set forth at the Eighth WPK Congress by developing primary Party organizations into an integral whole of loyalists sharing the idea and intention with the Party Central Committee and acting as instructed by it, always keeping in mind the noble intention of the General Secretary.

The two fir trees, planted by Kim Jong Un in the Hwasong area where a new street for the people will appear, will steadily instil patriotism into all the people, adding greenness to socialist Korea where the people's dreams and ideal will come true.



Premier Kim Tok Hun (middle) talks to officials during his inspection tour of the Samjigang Cooperative Farm in Jaeryong County.

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Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is 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, visited several units in the agricultural and other sectors of South Hwanghae Province to acquaint himself with the performance of major policy tasks.

At the Samjigang Cooperative Farm in Jaeryong County, the Sokmi

Participants in conference of secretaries of primary Party committees vow loyalty

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The participants in the Second Conference of Secretaries of Primary Committees of the Workers' Party of Korea met on Thursday to adopt a letter of pledge to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The letter of pledge was read out at the meeting.

In the letter all the participants made a firm pledge to further cement the basic organizations of the great WPK, true to the militant tasks set forth at the conference, recollecting the glorious days of the conference they spent as they were honoured with deep trust and love of the General Secretary.

The letter expressed the participants' will to strengthen all the primary Party organizations into elite combat units sharing the idea, intention and action with the Party Central Committee and become true political workers of a people's party, their "servant" party, cherishing the absolute truth that the destiny and future of the Party, the country and the people are guaranteed only by the General Secretary.

It also reflected their

NADA, Academy of Defence Science conduct important test for developing reconnaissance satellite

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The DPRK National Aerospace Development Administration (NADA) and the Academy of Defence Science conducted an

important test on February 27 according to the plan for developing a reconnaissance satellite.

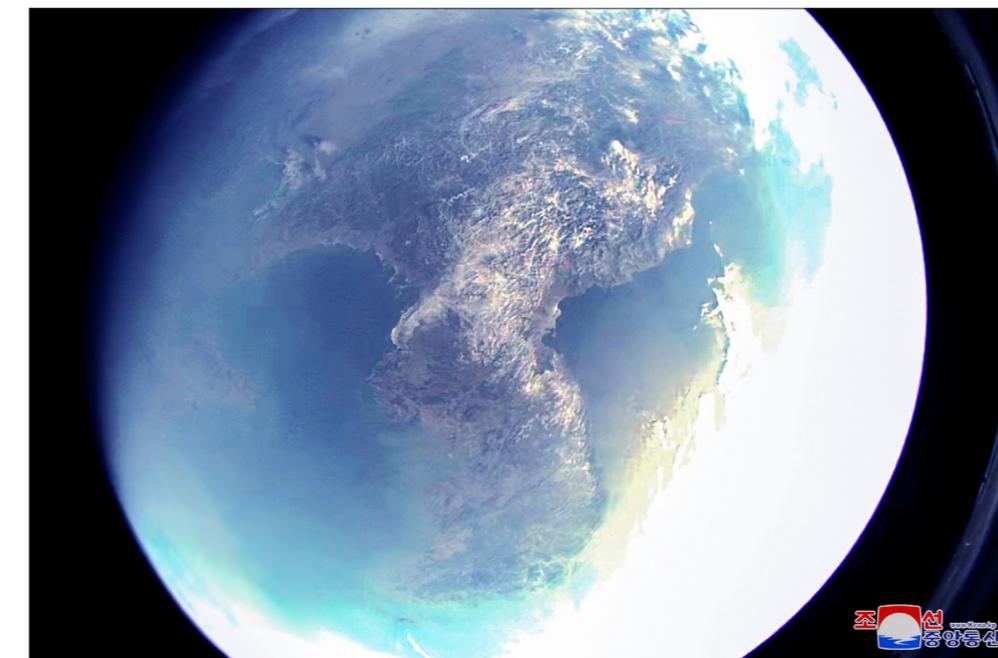
The test helped the NADA and the Academy of Defence Science confirm the characteristics and working accuracy of the high definition photographing system, data transmission system and attitude control devices through the vertical and oblique photographing

of a specific area on earth with cameras to be loaded on the reconnaissance satellite.

The test is of great significance in developing the reconnaissance satellite.



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Premier inspects South Hwanghae Province

Cooperative Farm in Haeju and other cooperative farms, he stressed that South Hwanghae Province should provide a sure guarantee for achieving the grain production target for this year by taking timely measures and increase the proportion of work done by machines in farm work.

At the port of Haeju, he pointed out that it should focus on the normal operation of such facilities as harbour crane to increase the cargo discharge capacity.

The field consultative meetings discussed measures to implement the decisions made at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, including the issues

of increasing agricultural production in the province and of stepping up city and county construction and of timely producing and supplying dairy products, school uniforms and satchels.

The Premier also inspected

the construction site of dwelling houses in the Taephong area and the farm machine show, emphasizing the need to thoroughly ensure the quality of construction in the building of houses and develop and produce highly efficient and modern farm machines.

MILLIONS OF TREES PLANTED ON TREE-PLANTING DAY

By Yun Kyong II PT

To mark Tree-planting Day, working people across the DPRK planted millions of trees and flowering shrubs on March 2 alone.

Officials and members of working people's organizations planted trees in many places of Pyongyang.

Young people of the youth league central committee and other units planted more than a thousand trees and

flowering shrubs in a dozen kinds including pine, thuja, ginkgo, clove, *Weigela florida* and others in the area of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace.

Officials of the central committees of the General

Federation of Trade Unions of

Korea, Union of Agricultural

Workers of Korea and

Socialist Women's Union of Korea planted trees at the Mangyongdae Revolutionary Site and Central Botanical Garden.

Civil servants also planted trees while carrying out all necessary processes in a responsible manner at different places.

Many others carried out landscaping substantially in their areas and units with trees and saplings of great economic value.



RI CHOL JIN / PICTORIAL KOREA

MOUNTAINS TURN INTO GREEN FORESTS

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Seven years have passed since General Secretary Kim Jong Un published his immortal work *Let the Entire Party, the Whole Army and All the People Conduct a Vigorous Forest Restoration Campaign to Cover the Mountains of the Country with Green Woods* on February 26 2015.

During the past years since then, the country's forests have undergone radical changes thanks to the patriotic enthusiasm of the people to turn all the mountains of the country into green forests as soon as possible.

Such land- and labour-saving tree nurseries have been built to mass-produce saplings unaffected by season, including the Kangwon and North Hamgyong provincial tree nurseries, and forest equipment and materials factories have sprung up in provinces, cities and counties.

Last year, the North Hamgyong and North Phyongan provincial forest science institutes were built and inaugurated. Sci-tech problems

arising in breeding trees, afforestation and forest protection have also been solved.

A technology of creating forests of densely planting improved variety of pine nut tree has been completed and remarkable progress is now underway in earnest.

The material and technical foundations for turning the whole country into forests and gardens have been provided during the campaign.

Primary attention has been paid to preventing forest fire and blight damage and activities have been conducted to reduce dependence on forests in all parts of the country.

The movement to win the title of Forest of Socialist Patriotism is also gaining momentum.

True to his instruction, the management station exerts itself to turn the hill associated with his revolutionary activities into a beautiful park and cultural recreation area for Pyongyang citizens.

According to Han Ung Ryong, staffer of the station, the station built a database containing over 10 000 pieces of data needed for forest planting and management at the sci-tech learning space and employees study there for over two hours every day grouped by workteams. They produce such agricultural chemicals as sulphur mixture to prevent damage from harmful insects. Especially, the biopesticide developed by Pak Sang Chol, researcher at the station, is very helpful to raising rooting rate as a root activator.

"We also pay due attention to preventing forest fire. Under the assignment system per square metre, we encourage fire watchers to enhance their responsibility and role, while getting fully ready the materials for forest fire prevention," said Ri Kwang Jin, workteam leader.

Thanks to their efforts, the hill is now covered with forests. And various fruit trees and flowering shrubs, such as apricot, chestnut, apple and pear trees, magnolia, rose of Sharon, azalea and rose, grow here and there to add beauty to the natural scenery.

Last year, the management station was awarded the title of socialist patriotism forest.



AN YOUNG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Forests associated with love for country

By Kim Il Jin PT

There stands Mansu Hill in Tongdaewon District, Pyongyang, which is called thus as it is as beautiful as a golden tapestry. It is not so high, but it commands the nice surrounding scenery as it rises on a plain.

The hill is a revolutionary site where President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and anti-Japanese war heroine Kim Jong Suk planted trees on April 6 1947.

Pak Hyon Ui, director of the Mansu hill revolutionary site management station, said: "Before Korea's liberation (August 15 1945), the Japanese imperialist invaders deforested the forested hill recklessly as they built barracks and air-raid shelters, thereby disfiguring the picturesque hill. President Kim Il Sung, who had formulated an ambitious plan for covering all the mountains of his country with thick forests after liberation during the anti-Japanese war, climbed Mansu Hill on April 6 1947 and pointed to the need to vigorously plant trees as an all-people campaign and protect forests as he described afforestation as an undertaking to be carried out under a far-reaching plan so as to improve the people's livelihood and hand down to posterity rich forest resources and beautiful mountains and rivers."

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File photo shows peasants hailing the proclamation of the law on agrarian reform in North Korea.

Song of Ploughing keeps resounding

By To Kyong Chol PT

There is a song that rings out of every farm field of the DPRK every spring. It is *Song of Ploughing*.

Whenever they sing or listen to the song, the Korean people recollect the days in spring a year after Korea's liberation when the whole country was full of vim and vigour.

On March 5 1946, General Kim Il Sung promulgated the law on agrarian reform.

Peasants made up the majority of the population of Korea after liberation. Before liberation, they had been compelled to serve as farmhands through generations and although they toiled and moiled, they were unable to support their children as they had no land of their own.

It was their long-cherished desire to do farming on their own land to their heart's content at that time.

Sympathizing with their centuries-old desire, Kim Il Sung proclaimed that land would go to the tillers.

Singing the song, the Korean farmers reaped a bumper crop in the year after liberation.

A farmer described a

land owned by the Japanese imperialists and such pro-Japanese elements as landlords were confiscated and distributed gratis to peasants with no or scanty land.

It was a historic event that promoted them to the status of owners of land from its slaves.

The Korean peasants worked very hard to increase crop yields in great delight of cultivating their own land for the first time in their life.

Their life filled with delight gave birth to the words and melody of a famous song.

Joy pervades the land of new masters.

Spring wavelets ripple in newly created paddies.

Oh, the land given by our General.

Eruhwa, teruhwa, let us till to the last square inch.

The line Oh, the land given by our General reflected the tillers' gratitude and single mind to return the favour to Kim Il Sung who satisfied their earnest desire and enabled them to lead a hope-filled life.

Singing the song, the Korean farmers reaped a bumper crop in the year after liberation.

Through the reform, more than 980 000 hectares of

radical change in his life as follows:

"My family cultivates 2 400 phyong of paddy fields, 3 000 phyong of dry fields and 500 phyong of fields for growing vegetables, cotton and potatoes. My family of nine enjoys plentiful life and I and my brothers study in spare time."

For the Korean people, the land was not merely the fields to grow crops or a place to step on, but their cradle of happiness and the whole of their life.

While singing the song, they drove the carts loaded with grains they produced to the capital city of Pyongyang for the donation of them towards the building of a new Korea, applied themselves to farming to offer active assistance to the front during the fierce Fatherland Liberation War.

The Koreans are now out in the struggle to herald a new era of development of the socialist countryside, singing *Song of Ploughing* which tells them the real truth that the people's destiny can be carved out in an independent way and exalted generation after generation only under the guidance of great leaders.

The study of agricultural science and technology, the dissemination of advanced farming techniques for expanding the horizons of agricultural workers and improve their technical knowledge and skills and the buildup of the technical forces of farms are being pressed on and such practices of doing farming by relying on old experience is being overcome.

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of Workers' Party of Korea emphasized the need to put the country's agriculture on a definite upward stage and open up a new great era of effecting drastic development of socialist countryside by pushing ahead with rural development under the uplifted slogan of "For new victory of socialist rural construction!"

Now the agricultural sector is faced with the tasks of pushing rice and wheat farming, increasing the production of meat, milk and eggs by putting efforts into the development of animal husbandry and achieving the fruit production target along with the task of attaining the grain production goal under the new five-year plan.

At the same time, it should boost the production of fresh vegetables and highly nutritious mushrooms with an eye to supply them to the people on a regular basis, and also step up the production of such industrial crops as oil-bearing and sugar crops and sericulture.

And it set the raising of the level of ideological awareness of agricultural workers, the rapid development of agricultural productive forces and a fundamental change in the living environment of the countryside as the targets to be achieved in Korean-style rural development.

To make agricultural workers main players and masters of rural development is the main task in socialist rural construction and a key factor for its success.

Lots of hero and patriotic farmers who devoted their all to national prosperity and increased grain output were produced in the annals of the Korean revolution.

An undertaking for arming the agricultural workers with patriotic spirit is briskly conducted and, in the course of this, their enthusiasm to contribute to the prosperity of the

socialist country with rice is growing higher.

It is the main task of the rural development strategy to solve the food problem of the country by boosting agricultural production.

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A task of special importance in the rural development strategy is to spruce up farm villages.

To build all the farm villages of the country into those that preserve the features of socialism and regional characteristics is a must not only for providing rural residents with excellent living environment but also for achieving the comprehensive development of the country.

For the successful implementation of the plan, dynamic efforts are being made to provide strong state support, operate the powerful state guidance system and enhance the role of cities and counties directly responsible for local construction.

When these tasks are carried out, the level of the people's dietary life can be raised, the demand for grains satisfied and substantial results achieved in implementing urgent tasks whose fulfilment is much waited by the people.

To this end, the country's agriculture should be converted into an advanced one and the stable and sustained growth of agricultural production will be brought about in not only the living environment of agricultural workers but also their ideological consciousness and the level of civilization and the country will undergo a remarkable transformation.



A partial view of Handure Plain rezoned into standardized fields.

New era of rural development begins

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of Workers' Party of Korea emphasized the need to put the country's agriculture on a definite upward stage and open up a new great era of effecting drastic development of socialist countryside by pushing ahead with rural development under the uplifted slogan of "For new victory of socialist rural construction!"

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For the successful implementation of the plan, dynamic efforts are being made to provide strong state support, operate the powerful state guidance system and enhance the role of cities and counties directly responsible for local construction.

When these tasks are carried out, the level of the people's dietary life can be raised, the demand for grains satisfied and substantial results achieved in implementing urgent tasks whose fulfilment is much waited by the people.

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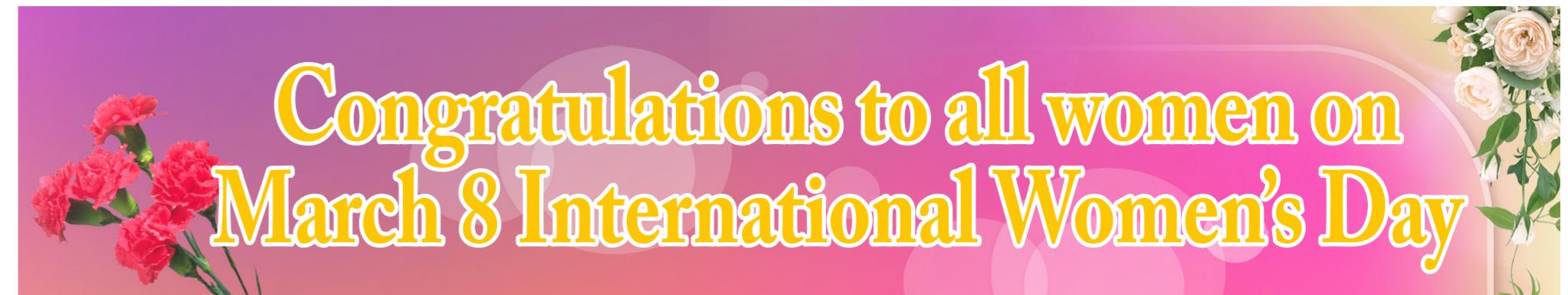
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By Ri Sung Ik PT

With International Women's Day near at hand, people think of how hard mothers and wives have striven to fulfil their duty and responsibility as women in their families and society while overcoming all hardships on the strength of affection.

Their affection was not confined to their families. Many women married disabled soldiers, became daughters of childless old people and adopted heroes, officials in charge of factories and farms, innovators widely known to the whole country, soldiers who defend the defence lines of the country, scientists,

technicians and sportspeople who hoisted the national flag of the DPRK in international competitions.

Korean women are flowers of families, society and the country under the socialist system in which the people are masters of everything and women enjoy respect of all.

Even in the hard times when the country had to suffer difficulties, they never failed to discharge their duty as mothers and wives.

Among such women there are deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly dealing with state affairs, heroines, officials in charge of factories and farms, innovators widely known to the whole country, soldiers who defend the defence lines of the country, scientists and

A good gardener grows a beautiful flower and a competent teacher is behind an excellent student. Likewise, good mothers and wives are always behind



Triplets leave the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital in good health thanks to the benefits of free medical care.

By Han Kwi Hun PT

In the DPRK, women's rights are guaranteed by the Socialist Constitution, the Law on Protection of Women's Rights, the Socialist Labour Law and many other laws and state policies and it has become a social tendency and noble virtue to respect their personality.

The Law on Sex Equality was promulgated in July 1946, the year after Korea's liberation from Japanese military rule(August 15

1945). Since then, the Korean women have been provided with equal rights with men by law and system.

On this legal ground and under such social system, they fully and proudly exercise their rights as members of society.

They also receive immense state and social benefits.

As they give birth to their children, they receive all medical assistance needed for the treatment of women's diseases free of charge at the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital, a comprehensive medical service facility

for women. With the state taking responsible care of the people's health and the free medical care being in force in the country, the Breast Tumour Institute was added to the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital in the new century.

The Korean women are also given preferential treatment in enjoying the right to work.

They do jobs they want and their workplaces are provided with special working conditions and environment. Those who bring up several children enjoy social benefits in terms of working hours, subsidy, house and others.

Women are paid maternity allowances by the state during their maternity leave except regular holidays. And enormous are the state benefits for mothers of triplets and quadruplets.

They take an active part in social life as there are nurseries and kindergartens in every village and workplace and children are brought up at the state and public expense.

As a result, an increasing number of women have taken up important posts at government and economic organs, social organizations, scientific and cultural institutions and others in the DPRK today.

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By Pang Un Ju PT

The Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill is one of the light industry factories which play an important part in solving the problem of people's clothes.

Sited on the banks of the Taedong River as if a roll of beautiful silk flows down calmly like a picture, the mill is known at home and abroad as a quality silk thread producer.

Most of its employees are women, and among them there are many innovators.

"Our mill is the workplace of women. They surpass the economic plan every year," said Kim Myong Hwan, manager of the mill.

They exceeded their annual targets even in the period of Arduous March when the country was experiencing difficulties.

Their fighting spirit has been carried on year on year. Every workteam or workshop is bubbling with enthusiasm for competition in all processes including selection, cocoon boiling and silk reeling. Thanks to their competition, many employees have carried out their economic plans every year.

Among them, there are lots of university graduates and many others study under the study-while-you-work system, and therefore the number of such graduates increases year after year.

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Rhododendron of Mt Paektu, a natural monument



Rhododendron on Mt Paektu is in full bloom in winter, presenting a spectacular view.

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By Sim Chol Yong PT

Rhododendron of Mt Paektu is an evergreen bush belonging to *Ericaceae*.

It is also called yellow rhododendron and yellow *Patrina villosa*.

It is called *manbyongcho* in Korean, meaning a herb curing all kinds of diseases.

The plant with beautiful flowers

is very viable and grows in cold areas. And it produces flowers even in snow to add beauty to alpine landscape.

It grows 20 or 50 centimeters tall and the prostrate stems spread out in large numbers.

The sap of rhododendron begins to rise in the plant in mid-February and it comes into bud and flowers from March. Light yellow flowers bloom at

the edges of stems. The calyx is very small, the corolla is in the shape of a bell with its end part split into five directions. The floral buds that appear in a year bloom at a temperature higher than 0°C consuming their stored substances in the following year. The leaves are oval and their edges bend backward to form the shape of a cylinder so as to prevent the evaporation of their

absorbed humidity and preserve nutritive substances. The leaves are thick and leathery. The fruit is also oval with brown hairs on it. The plant can be multiplied by separating the roots or from seed. The leaves contain andromedotoxin, flavonoid, ursolic acid and so on. It is raised as an ornamental plant and its leaves are used as antihypertensive and antiphlogistic. People eat the decoction of the leaves for arthritis, articular edema and neuralgia.

The plant adds beauty to the natural scenery of Mt Paektu and is of great academic significance in studying the characteristics of rhododendron group.

The rhododendron of Mt Paektu was designated as a natural monument and is under special protection.

What does she want GOLD MEDALS for?

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Kim Mi Rae, woman diver of the Pyongyang Sports Club



By Yun Ki Song PT

Kim Mi Rae (pictured), a diver of the Pyongyang Sports Club, is one of the top ten players of the DPRK in 2021.

In her childhood, she got basic training in artistic gymnastics at Sosong District Juvenile Sports School. But after finishing the primary school, she changed her event and started training in diving at the Pyongyang Sports Club.

She was soon spotted as a promising reserve diver because she was faster and more powerful than others and had a keen sense of space.

Moreover, the new movement of diving after a triple and half backward somersault which she was practising drew the attention of experts.

Kim learned from her seniors' experiences to complete the movement, and frequented the sports science institute to put it on a scientific basis.

Consequently, she performed the movement in the event of women's 10m platform diving at the 2014 national championships.

Later, she kept practising the movement to further perfect it.

She thus could enter the rankings in the women's 10m platform synchronized event and the mixed 10m platform synchronized event at the FINA Grand Prix diving competition in 2015 and the 17th FINA world diving championships in Hungary.

“The dignity of the country is in the gold medal. Both my honour and dignity are in the dignity of the country,” Kim said after being asked about her impression of winning at that time.

For the success, she received the title of Merited Athlete and was nominated as one of the top ten players of the DPRK in 2017.

Last year, after further improving her special movement, she took the first place in both the women's individual 10m platform diving event and the mixed 10m platform synchronized event at the Mangyongdae Prize Games held to celebrate the Day of the Sun (birthday of President Kim Il Sung) and won the gold medal in the women's individual 10m platform diving event at the national championships.

