

## General Secretary Kim Jong Un has photo session with students and working youths who contributed to successful military parade



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, on May 1 had a photo session with the students and working youths in Pyongyang who contributed to the successful holding of the military parade celebrating the 90th founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

Attending the session were Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Yong Hwan, chief secretary of

the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK.

The youths and students were filled with great excitement and joy as they were to have a photo taken with the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un after attending the greatest-ever political and military festival which fully demonstrated the dignity of the DPRK and the might of its great single-minded unity.

When Kim Jong Un arrived at the photo session venue, all the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" for him who has trained young people to be a huge unit of successors and vigorously

guided Korean-style socialism only to victory and glory, always valuing the youth and regarding the youth issue as the top priority state affair.

He warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering youths and students, highly appreciating their contribution to glorifying the 90th anniversary of the KPRA as an unprecedentedly grand festival of single-minded unity and as a theatre for demonstrating the national power.

Noting that the spirit of the Korean youths is very high, he said the rosy future of Korean-style socialism is for

the youths and it is the sacred patriotic cause that should be hastened by their efforts.

Our youths have regarded the loyalty to the Party and revolution as their high honour and pride and spent their precious youthful days with ardent patriotism and high enthusiasm for the revolution and struggle, he said, adding it is the proud trait peculiar to the Korean youths that can neither be seen nor be imitated in any other society of the world. And he extended thanks to them who rendered



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excellent service for the successful military parade, the largest-ever in history, with their good teamwork and artistry, strikingly displaying the sense of organization and unity of the DPRK society.

Expressing his deep trust and expectation that the Korean youths and students would become dependable pillars playing a leading role in the struggle for the country's prosperity by studying hard with the same high ardour and revolutionary mettle as were displayed by them in the celebration event, he had a meaningful photo session



with them.

When the photo session was over, loud chants of "Kim Jong Un" and "Kyolsaongwi" (devoted defence) shouted by the young vanguard of the WPK resounded throughout the sky of the capital city of Pyongyang.

Encouraged by such warm love and trust of the great father, the students

and working youths made their burning pledge to more vigorously advance toward the rosy future of socialism and communism, displaying to the full the strength based on loyalty of all sons and daughters in this country and the honour of being the youths of a powerful country who firmly believe in and follow only the WPK.



Senior Party and government officials commemorate May Day with working people.

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Officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK commemorated May Day along with working people.

Choe Ryong Hae and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other senior officials of the Party and the government and officials of Party and government organs of different levels visited the State Academy of Sciences, Kim Chaek and Hwanghae iron and steel complexes, Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex, Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill and Jangchon Vegetable Cooperative Farm in Sadong District in Pyongyang and congratulated the working people on their holiday.

Party and government officials who visited factories, enterprises, cooperative farms and other units laid bouquets and paid homage to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at their statues and mosaic murals depicting their images.

They congratulated labour innovators and producers celebrating the holiday and watched sports games, including volleyball and table tennis matches, and performances given by mobile artistic motivational teams.

The Party and government officials who visited the construction site of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area worked with and encouraged the builders who are devoting themselves to the work for realizing the long-cherished desire of the WPK, filled with the pride of having splendidly built Songhwa Street.

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#### Nampho Youth open-air theatre built



The Nampho Youth Open-Air Theatre was completed.

The theatre has a 5 000-seat auditorium and rooms for different arts groups, make-up and sci-tech diffusion and is equipped with electronic screens, lighting and sound facilities and others in an area of over 8 000 square metres.

It was inaugurated on the occasion of May Day, the international holiday of working people all over the world.

#### Ryanggang Young people volunteer for major economic sectors

The Ministry of Coal Industry carried out the production plan for April.

The Pukchang Area Youth Coal-mining Complex generalized the technical innovations of advanced units and improved the technical knowledge and skills of tunnelling workers, thereby making it possible to build up coal reserves.

The Tokchon Area Coal-mining Complex ensured the sharing of advanced blasting methods and their wide application to increase the tunnelling speed over 1.6 times more than before.

Many other complexes expanded successes through

sequence drilling and blasting and constantly enhanced the capacity for coal mining and transport to increase production.

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Working people across the country commemorated May Day, international holiday of the working people around the world.

All parts of the country were filled with pleasure and optimism of working people who are leading a worthwhile life as true creators of working life and enjoyers of socialist civilization.

Builders of the county construction company are expanding their successes as they devise different technical innovation plans for shortening the construction period and ensuring the quality of buildings.

An endless stream of people visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the

supreme temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il lie in state, with deep yearning for them.

The visitors paid homage at the beaming images of the President and the Chairman at the palace.

Officials and working people laid flower baskets, bouquets and flowers at the statues and beaming images of the great leaders across the country, including their statues on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang, and made a bow to them.

Party and government officials significantly commemorated the holiday together with working people in all parts of the country.

A horse race that took place in Hamhung drawing the interest of working people in the city added to the festive mood.

Various theatrical and outdoor performances were given in the capital city, firing working people with greater zeal for the revolution and struggle.

Performances also took place in North and South Hwanghae and Jagang provinces, Kaesong City and elsewhere.



Colourful art performances and sports and amusement games take place across the country on May Day.

# Working people are masters of country

By Ri Sang Il PT

In the DPRK, working people are the masters of the state and society.

Holding a legitimate position as the masters of politics, they have the right to vote and to be elected irrespective of sex, occupation, property status, standard of learning, political view and religious belief. And they are elected as deputies to organs of state power at all levels including the Supreme People's Assembly and participate in the state

administration with equal rights.

The rights and interests of the working people are legally guaranteed and they are provided with stable working and living conditions by several laws including the Socialist Labour Law. So the words *jobless person* is strange to all people in the country.

The state spares no investment to promote the interests of the working people.

They are ordinary working people who live and enjoy life in the houses of modern

streets and cultural and leisure activity centres which sprang up across the country in the past 10 years. Precedence is given to their health and convenience in all production processes and living environment at the newly built or renovated factories.

In April ordinary working people moved into newly built 10 000 flats on Songhwa Street and luxury houses on the banks of the Pothong River in Pyongyang.

Settling in the new houses on Songhwa Street and in Kyongru-dong, called a

socialist residential quarter with luxury houses, they expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the country for having built wonderful houses under the present difficult conditions and providing them gratis.

Recently, the Korean working people significantly celebrated May Day, the international holiday of working people of the whole world.

Senior Party and government officials and officials of Party and government organs at all levels visited the State Academy of Sciences, Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, Jangchon Vegetable Cooperative Farm in Sadong District of Pyongyang and other places to congratulate the working people on their holiday.

Posters and other visual aids were put up on streets and performances given and dance parties held in theatres and at plazas in celebration of May Day to enliven the holiday atmosphere.

## Worker deputy



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Han Myong Hui (middle), worker at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, teaches newcomers how to operate a machine.

## Workers' families receive two homes all at once

By Jong Chol PT

Now happy episodes can be heard among those who moved into 10 000 modern flats on Songhwa Street newly built at the east entrance to the capital city of Pyongyang.

Some of them are about those families that received two licences to use house respectively.

"I had never expected that I would have one such happy event after another like this. Not only my family but my sister's moved into new houses on Songhwa Street," said Pak Song Chol, worker at the repairs workshop of the printing plant under the Foreign Languages Publishing House.

His family of four stayed up all that night after moving into the house provided with all things for living.

His little child romped happily and the adults were

of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army last April and had the honour of having a photo taken together with General Secretary Kim Jong Un several times.

She was awarded high-class state decorations including a wrist watch inscribed with the name of President Kim Il Sung.

In April this year, she received for free an over 200-square-metre luxury house in Kyongru-dong, which was built on the banks of the Pothong River in Pyongyang.

In the new home, which embodies the requirements of modern civilization and architecture at the highest possible level and which offers every convenience in living, she looked back upon her past on May Day, the international holiday of working people the world over.

"Only when we uphold the leader of the people, we ordinary workers can add lustre to our life," Han said.



Pak Song Chol's family members are happy after receiving two licences to use house.

years. Kim Myong Won, his sister's husband, is also a worker at the Pyongyang Piano Joint Venture Company.

Pak's family moved into Flat 22-1 of Entrance 5, Block No. 8, Songhwa-dong No. 1, the gate to Songhwa Street, and his sister's family into Flat 1-4 of Entrance 2, Block 4, Songhwa-dong No. 1.

"I could hardly believe that I am the owner of the new house. It seemed as if I were in a dream," he referred to what he had felt on the day when entering the new house.

Ko's family moved into a flat of a block just next to the one where General Secretary Kim Jong Un had dropped in.

They happily celebrated May Day, the international holiday of all working people throughout the world, in their new homes.

## Factory diversifies products, improves quality

By Ri Myong Jun PT

The Pyongyang Condiments Factory puts effort into developing new products and raising the quality of products.

Having set major goals to diversify condiment in terms of kind and variety, the factory is implementing them by mobilizing its own technical force.

Recently, it developed different kinds of new condiments like soy sauce for roast meat and seafood, fruit and tomato sauce and established the process of producing processed hard-finned sandfish so as to

produce sandfish red pepper seasoning and sandfish boiled down in soy.

It installed the production process of fermented soybean, or natto, a few years ago, and produces various kinds of fermented soybean products including fermented soybean paste.

Fermented soybean contains a great deal of vitamins B2 and K and bacillus subtilis natto has effects on the protection of stomach wall, the treatment of stomach ulcer and anticancer.

For that reason, this product is drawing special favour with people.

Research for the development of peptide

soybean paste is being intensified to improve human digestion and absorption.

Due attention has been paid to improving the quality of processed products.

It remodelled fine selection processes of soybean and wheat in a rational way by conducting a mass technical innovation movement and further improved the quality of soybean paste by newly adding red ferment to the soybean paste enzymolysis process.

In addition, it substituted a domestic additive for an imported one which was used in oil production previously so that it could save much cost and improve the quality of products.

Successes have been made in solving technological problems to increase further the soy sauce storage stability and ensure the standard grain size of soybean paste.

Meanwhile, the factory has modernized different production processes and is managing and operating them in a rational way in keeping with the establishment of the integral management information system.

The demand for the factory's products with Pommaji trademark is on the rise as their number increases and their quality improves.



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Glimpses of the fermentation workshop and natto workteam of the Pyongyang Condiments Factory.

## Team contributes to developing children's intellectual faculties

By Ri Myong Jun PT

"Star of Mental Calculation" and "Twinkling Star" are study support programs which are popular among kindergarten children and primary school pupils.

Their developers are members of the Paektusan economic technology company.

"As pupils move up to higher grades, faster calculation is required. 'Star of Mental Calculation' 1.0 presented problems from the

9x9 multiplication table to 12x12 and 24x24 tables, but 2.0 extended the tables in line with the level of school years to make it possible to present

any problems with the 99x99 multiplication table," said section chief Kim Wi Hun.

This program enables everybody to improve their mental calculation abilities with interest.

"Twinkling Star" 2.0 enables all primary school pupils to do dictation of Korean alphabets according to teaching contents of each school year in a short time. Its contents have been enriched to intensively repeat and consolidate difficult words.

In addition, the company developed VR-experiencing program "Star of Pride", AR program "Mysterious Star" and others.

"People call us 'Star' development team. We hope we will remain an everlasting star in the minds of our children who grow up cherishing a beautiful dream to become bright stars of our country," said Kim Hyok director of the company.

The method of smelting high quality steel with carbide in a three-phase arc electric furnace was highly appreciated particularly as it made it possible to overcome the previous drawback of using light scrap and other materials with a high sulphur content and provided a shortcut to the revitalization of production.

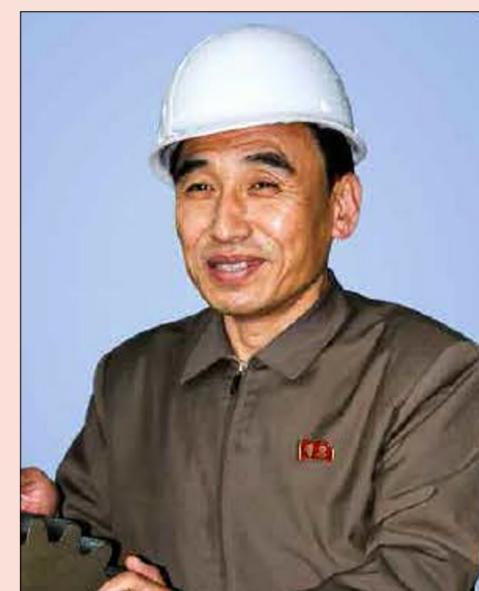
Last year alone, he contributed to doubling the operation rate of machines by solving technical problems arising in ensuring the normal operation of over 10 pieces of equipment and applied more than 50 valuable inventions and technical innovation plans including the establishment of a new steel-making method, thus contributing to overfulfilling the complex's annual national economic plan by 16 percent by August 15. And he had the honour of participating in the celebrations of the 73rd founding anniversary of the DPRK as a delegate.

He took the first place in the national sci-tech presentation in 2012, the 15th national exhibition of inventions and new technologies in 2017 and the 34th national sci-tech festival in 2019, while receiving many certificates of introduction of sci-tech hits of national significance.

"Treasure everything in your workplace the country and people have entrusted to you like your own flesh and blood. Then, you can solve any technical problems"—this is what So Sung Gwan often says.

He continues to apply himself to solving important scientific and technological problems including the extended introduction of a technology for producing bearing steel with high practicality.

## Top inventor prize winner



## Inventive engineer, gem of machine-building giant

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

So Sung Gwan (pictured), deputy chief engineer in charge of technical affairs and head of a technical development section of the Taean Heavy Machine Complex, is a famous inventor in his mid-fifties who has brought great benefits to the state by developing many ideas greatly conducive to the production of major equipment ordered from different economic sectors.

He majored in material engineering at Kim Chaek University of Technology, and as he worked in the complex as a worker, instructor in charge of production, workshop manager and deputy chief engineer over the past 30 years, he made painstaking efforts to solve technical problems of national significance.

He invented valuable ideas including a grinding method based on a CNC grinder, methods of moulding gears and hydraulic turbine blades and a dust collecting device for large-size steel castings based on a backward wire.

His lots of inventions have been applied to practice and made a great contribution to reenergizing production as they were helpful to solving urgent problems arising in reality and turning unfavourable conditions into favourable ones.

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# DPRK-China trade fair opens online

## Good occasion for promoting cooperation and trade



Ri Yong Ju, section chief of the Korea International Exhibition Corporation

The 2022 DPRK-China international trade fair was opened on April 28.

The event is planned to be held through the website "international trade fair" (public network) in the DPRK and an internet website in China for two calendar months until June 28.

The binational event is hosted by the Korea International Exhibition Corporation and the Beijing

Huamao Times International Exhibition Co. Ltd and Jinhua Humaohui Science and Technology Co. Ltd of China.

It will introduce trade goods made in the DPRK and China and relevant data in the forms of PDF file, image and video and facilitate various trade activities.

Presented to the event were more than 1 000 pieces of goods from dozens of organizations including the Korea Foreign Investment and Economic Cooperation Committee, DPRK Chamber of Commerce, Beijing Pillow Guard Health Technology Co. Ltd and China Best (Beijing) Trading Co. Ltd.

The trade fair website is largely divided into such sections as goods on show, Korean hall, Chinese hall and company profile.

In the goods on show section that brings together specific

information on the products, visitors can view advanced technologies of the two countries and investment proposals as well as a wide range of building materials, various light industry goods, medicines and farm produce.

The company profile section shows the locations of businesses, quality certificates on certain products and relevant video advertisements.

The participants will exchange ideas through online text and take part in videoconferences on various themes.

The Ministry of External Economic Relations is responsible for handling problems concerning import and export on consignment between Korean and Chinese businesses.

The uploaded data on the trade fair will remain posted for one year after it is finished.

The ongoing event will serve as a good occasion for promoting economic and technological cooperation and exchange and merchandise trade between the two countries.

By Sin Pyol PT

According to Kim Il Hyok, section chief of the Korean International Exhibition Corporation, the ongoing

international trade fair serves as a good opportunity to introduce abroad the reality of the DPRK, receive advanced technology and create favourable investment environment. Therefore, it is drawing the attention of local enterprises.

"Our company presented a new theory on semiconductor and techniques of making semiconductor devices based on the theory. Among them is that of making semiconductor devices with low on-state voltage. We are going to pioneer a vast domain of sale through technical cooperation with semiconductor companies of different countries," said Ji Kwang Il, researcher of the Korea Kanghung Technological Trading Corporation.

According to him, the company has made semiconductor devices since the mid-1960s, satisfying the domestic demand for them and exporting them.

"Our company presented shoes preferred by people. We hope for exchange with shoe manufacturers through the exhibition," said Pak Jae Gyu, office head of the Chollima New Technology Exchange Centre.

By Kim Il Jin PT

Lots of Korean specialities and natural products from pollution-free mountains, rivers and seas of the DPRK with beautiful landscape have been presented to the current exhibition.

Among them is Kaesong Koryo insam (ginseng).

Kaesong Koryo insam, which is cultivated in the Kaesong area, is also known as the number one speciality of Korea for its special effects for longevity and cure of all diseases.

According to Ri Kyong Sop, a department director of the Kaesong Koryo Insam Trading Company, Kaesong, which was the capital of Koryo Kingdom, is suitable for cultivating insam more than any other places in natural geographical conditions including natural features and climate and has an over 2 000-year history of insam cultivation.

"We've presented light burned magnesia furniture pieces made with Korean magnesite, which is counted on fingers in terms of both deposit and grade in the world, as the main raw material," said Cha Ji Hye, staff member of the Chugyong external economy and technology cooperation company.

Powdered light burned magnesia, which is made by calcining magnesite at a relatively low temperature, is an important raw material for green industry. Especially, it is regarded as an ideal green building material and functional health composite material as it has fire prevention, heat-proof, cold-proof, sound absorbing, antibiotic and tonic for women.

Other companies have also presented functional cosmetics, health foods and medicines made of Kaesong Koryo insam as the main ingredient.

Functional cosmetics from the Sinju Cosmetics Factory under the Korea Cosmetics Trading Corporation are very effective in retarding the aging of skin and whitening it as they activate the functions of skin cells and promote metabolism of the muscular system. So they help aged women look young and healthy and young women keep beautiful skin.

"Mt Kumgang, a world-famous mountain and pollution-free area, is a source of natural raw materials. This time we have presented to the trade

## Int'l trade fair draws interest

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# Under the special state care



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Schoolchildren cultivate their talents to their heart's content at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace.

**With daily accommodation for over 5 000 schoolchildren, the palace has more than 150 rooms for group and other activities in the fields of science, the arts and sports, a general art training hall, gymnasium, swimming pool, 1500-seat theatre and library.**

By Han Jong Ho PT

Schoolchildren's palaces, halls of schoolchildren, children's camps and juvenile sports schools for new generations are found in all provinces, cities and counties across the country.

Under such state policy, the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace was wonderfully built in the Mangyongdae area with beautiful landscape.

In the DPRK, the state takes full responsibility for education of the rising generation, providing

everything from educational conditions and environment to school uniform and things and increasing expenditure on education.

The Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Sixth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held in July 1984 discussed the matter of wonderfully building a schoolchildren's palace in the Mangyongdae area with

beautiful landscape.

It consists of the eight-storey main building and four-storey building for general art training. It also has an outdoor practice

the palace was completed in a little more than two years. Built in an area of over 214 000 square metres, the Mangyongdae

Schoolchildren's Palace has a building area of some 105 000 square metres.

As a result, it was completely renovated in 2015 in line with the requirements of the new century and its educational facilities and fixtures continue to be updated including better musical instruments and sporting goods.

ground for learning driving skills, playground, green park and dormitory.

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the state continues to show particular interest in its work.

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gymnasium, swimming pool, 1 500-seat theatre, library housing over 40 000 books, electronic entertainment hall and 4D simulation cinema.

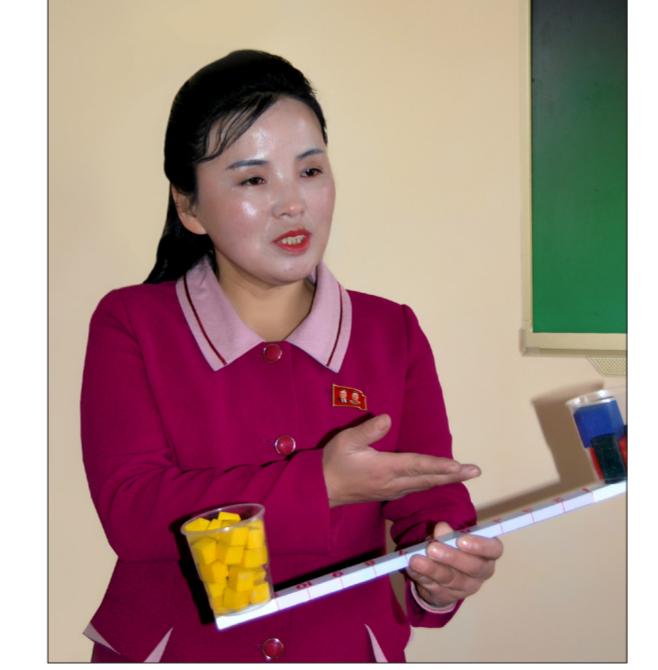
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full educational conditions and environment, the state continues to show particular interest in its work.

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## Teacher strives to train all pupils as talents

By To Kyong Chol PT



Ri Myong Sun, teacher of Unha Primary School in Sariwon City

teacher regards her pupils as her sons and daughters and devotes her all to the education of them, said the headmistress.

A few years ago, Myong Sun came to know that Ma Jong Hyang, a girl pupil of other class, was always

diffident for her poor results. In fact, Jong Hyang had been recognized as a retarded child by not only her family members but also her villagers since her kindergarten days because she was less advanced than others of her age. So even her teacher regarded her as a helpless pupil.

According to her, Myong Sun has volunteered to take charge of the pupils who were poorest at study in the grade she was in charge of and managed to train them into honour pupils for over 20 years. This was because the

condition, I thought, and I could not sleep well with worry about her future," Myong Sun recalled.

Since then Myong Sun took charge of the girl.

She strived to develop the intelligence of the child. She repeatedly explained to her what would be done to other pupils only once, in various forms and ways and made strenuous efforts to make her take interest in study.

"There cannot be backward pupils. Much effort bears good fruit, and the same is the case with education," said Myong Sun.

The teacher has taken the top prize and the first place 18 times in city and provincial teaching contests and invented many experimental apparatuses, teaching aids and new teaching methods.

She was selected as one of the top ten teachers of the country last year.

## MASS CULTURE

# More people are involved in cultural and artistic activities

By Ri Sung Ik PT

In the DPRK mass cultural and artistic activities are conducted briskly everywhere.

Mobile artistic motivational teams and art groups conduct such activities in every workplace and working people and housewives sing and dance cheerfully in different places on holidays and other important occasions to add to cheery moods.

To cite the members of the Changsong County art group with a 60-odd-year history as an example. As they hone their artistic skills in ordinary working life, they perform artistic works reflecting their life to fire other working people with the zeal for increased production.

They had given fine performances on ten occasions in the presence of President Kim Il Sung and



A scene of chorus with drum We Advance under the Uplifted Banner of Self-reliance staged by members of the mobile artistic motivational team of the Sunchon Cement Complex.

a new era of radical change of local areas under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Members of the art group of the Susongchon General Foodstuff Factory staged a performance in the presence of Chairman Kim Jong Il on his visit to their factory in April eleven years ago.

They took part in the national singing contest of working people on different occasions to be acclaimed highly. "As the manager of our factory sang songs and played a musical instrument, our employees naturally followed suit. As everyone participated in artistic activities, production grew in our factory day after day and they became a more harmonious collective," said Kim Un Gum, worker and member of the factory's art group.

Working people of the units which conduct vigorous mass artistic activities say that innovation surely happens in the places full of optimism and emotion.

a history of "gold mountain" and led the members of the art group of the mountainous county to take the lead in mass cultural and artistic activities.

Each of their works pulsates with the optimism and delight of working people who are ushering in the agricultural workers of the Chongsan Cooperative Farm who reap good harvests

## Artistic motivational activities appeal to employees for increase production

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex is known as a hard-working group with great fighting efficiency and a group full of optimism.

Its employees say that it is unthinkable apart from the artistic activities of its mobile artistic motivational team that always creates a lively atmosphere in their workplaces.

On their way to work every morning, they are greeted by the impressive and appealing motivational activities conducted by members of the mobile artistic motivational team.

The news about feats performed by labour innovators are announced from the loudspeaker van. It, together with songs

sung by the team members, greatly encourages the employees to follow their examples and harden their resolve to overfulfil their daily plans.

"We conduct artistic motivational activities by focusing on making our employees carry on the spirit of the preceding generations, well aware of the long history and tradition of railway workers, and encouraging them to create innovations in all workplaces and lead a fulfilling life," said Kim Yong Su, leader of the mobile artistic motivational team.

The team members give colourful performances in workplaces with numbers on various themes including innovative achievements made by the employees and confetti when he blows on them, and the other cards in his hands become a diary again. He opens the diary and writes down his hope of being a famous scientist bringing honour to the country, and the trick ends with his diary and a certificate of PhD being displayed on the background.

Song Chung Myong was greeted with a big hand from the audience as he vividly represented the looks of a university student burning with the zeal for quest amid the playing of lyric music.

His work took the first place in the amateur division of the magic festival.

He was much influenced by his parents in forging a close bond with magic.

His father Song Ryang Dok skilfully played different musical instruments and showed

## Student magician comes under limelight

By Pang Un Ju PT



Song Chung Myong, third-year university student, performs a magic trick at the magic festival held in celebration of the Day of the Sun.

I looked round the hall of extinct organisms with great interest.

I was surprised to see the dinosaurs moving and roaring as if they were alive and also saw primitive bracken as thick as a mature tree and a primitive dragonfly that is 70 centimetres wide with wings stretched.

The exhibition area showing the living environments of primitive people and the looks of researchers gathering fossils were so lifelike that I was reluctant to leave the place.

He learned the rudiments of magic from his father in his primary school days and surprised teachers and fellow students by flaunting his magic skills in New Year celebration performances during his middle school days.

Many of the audience asked if he had an intention to change his major. He answered that he was so satisfied with that performance, adding that his dream is to be a scientist and he would continue to play at the coming people's art festivals in the future.



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Members of the mobile artistic motivational team of the Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex have rehearsal time.

With an ambition to display his skills through the April Spring People's Art Festival this year, he tried to reflect his dream on his work.

His work is flawless to all appearances as he well preserved the features of magic with his nimble hand movements as skilful as a specialist and artistically depicted the dream of a student," said Kim Chol, department chief of the National Circus.

After looking round the hall of outer space which shows a visual panorama of the creation and development of the earth and the world of the vast universe through lifelike models and videos, I came to have a better understanding of the universe I usually imagined.

And I hardened my resolve once again to become an astronomer.



## We can see history of earth and nature in one place

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By Han Kwi Hun PT

The Natural History Museum stands side by side with the Central Zoo at the foot of picturesque Mt Taesong in Pyongyang.

Inaugurated in July 2016, the museum has a total floor space of over 38 000 square metres and is a favourite haunt of people.

More than 11 000 animals and plants of some 3 500 species are on display there in the form of stuffed and other specimens and model.

It is functionally divided into the areas of exhibition, e-library and collections repository.

On the ground floor there are the entrance, universe and fossil halls.

Entering the planetarium showing the stars in the sky, I felt as if I stood at the centre of the universe.

The planets and the stars I saw there were really beautiful, fantastic and mysterious.

In the fossil hall palaeontological data is on display according to different geological ages ranging from the origin of life to the advent of mankind, so as to enable visitors to have a comprehensive knowledge of the changes in the environment of the earth and the evolution of life.

Animals and plants are

lichen distributed on the earth.

On the third floor there are the zoo-ecology hall showing the zoological environment in nature, the temporary exhibition hall designed to hold various exhibitions and academic exchanges and diffusion, the children's study and experience room, and online reading room, data server room and sci-tech learning space.

The plant hall houses the data of various plant populations and typical species of mushroom and



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# Perilous act of fuelling tension in Asia-Pacific

According to foreign news reports, the US congressmen have recently taken a surprise visit to Taiwan and pledged a strong support for "freedom and democracy", making much ado about a "threat from China".

Concerning this, China aired its readiness to take all necessary measures to safeguard its national sovereignty and territorial integrity, denouncing the above-mentioned visit as a provocative and perilous act of seriously undermining the political basis of Sino-US relations and aggravating situation in the Taiwan Strait.

The Taiwan issue, from A to Z, falls within the internal affairs of China.

The US so often says that it adheres to the principle of "One China" and does not support the "independence of Taiwan".

But, in practice, it does act in contrast to this.

Then, what is the real purpose of the US that is tenaciously set on the Taiwan issue?

It is as clear as day. It is to use Taiwan as an outpost for realizing its Indo-Pacific strategy, the main focus of which is to contain China.

The US is trying to use the Taiwan issue not only as a weapon for containing the rise of China but also as leverage for bringing together its allies to maintain its supremacy in the Asia-Pacific region.

The wild ambition of the US to maintain the world hegemony also entails a potential danger of touching off a delicate situation on the Korean peninsula.

Under the pretext of coping with "threats" from China and the DPRK, the US is hell-bent on bringing all sorts of strategic assets into the vicinity of the Korean peninsula and other Asian countries.

Recently, the political figures and media of the US are making a fuss about "China's invasion of Taiwan", unreasonably linking the

Taiwan issue to the Ukrainian crisis. This is intended to stir up anti-China public sentiment on the international scale, justify its support for "Taiwan independence" forces and step up its strategy for containing China.

It is the same old trick of the US that it pursues its wild ambition of domination and geopolitical interests by deceiving the international society and inciting confrontation and discord between countries while hyping up "threats" from others.

The unwarranted US interference in the internal affairs of other countries undermining peace and stability and aggravating the situation in the Asia-Pacific region is doomed to failure by the strong opposition and rejection of peoples of China and other Asian countries.

**Maeng Yong Rim, president of Korea-China Association for Civil Exchange Promotion**

## 'Believe in the Power of Kindness'

May 8 is World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day. It is also the birthday of Henri Dunant, founder of the international Red Cross movement.

The international Red Cross and Red Crescent movement assumes the humanitarian character of preventing and alleviating pains and sufferings of humans.

The movement embodies humanity, fairness, neutrality, independence, voluntariness, uniqueness and universality as the fundamental principles in its activities.

At present, many people are leaving their native places due to the frequent disputes between religions and nations in several regions of

the world, suffering from hunger and pains.

They also greatly suffer from the world health crises and adverse effects of climate change including global warming.

The international Red Cross and Red Crescent movement still gains strength, focusing on these afflicted regions and people.

The kindhearted and self-sacrificing efforts of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, national societies and volunteers in many countries give hope to many sufferers of disasters and misfortune.

The theme for this year's World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day

O II Hyok,  
department director of the  
DPRK Red Cross Society



is "Believe in the power of kindness".

The DPRK Red Cross Society works hard to give fullest play to humanitarianism, the main spirit of the Red Cross movement.

At the moment, our society directs efforts to saving and protecting the people's lives and properties from all sorts of disasters and crises and building up self-

reconstruction capacity by placing main emphasis on disaster prevention and mitigation.

It also pays attention to preventing all kinds of diseases including COVID-19 pandemic, intensifying the dissemination of first-aid treatment techniques, health information activities and health education and improving ecological environment and environmental hygiene.

## BYWORD

### People-first architecture

The Juche-oriented socialist architecture is, in essence, based on the people-first principle and it is the construction policy of the Workers' Party of Korea to carry out all construction works in the country on the principle of fully satisfying the people's aspirations and demands and promoting their interests and convenience.

It is natural for all construction works to

serve the promotion of the people's wellbeing in the DPRK where the people-first politics is administered and all activities of the Party and state are run through with the people-first principle.

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## OPINION

### Climatic crisis grows more serious

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The World Health Organization recently announced that about 3.5 million people die owing to the climatic crisis in the Western Pacific every year.

An insider of the WHO said that residents of the region suffer damage from frequent droughts, heat waves, floods and forest fires caused by extreme weather.

In particular, it expressed the apprehension that the lives and livelihood of residents on islands in the Pacific are in danger as tropical storms get more frequent.

The Philippines has recently been suffering serious damage from those storms.

Not long ago the central and southern parts of the country underwent heavy rain, landslides and flooding caused by a tropical storm. As a result, 160 people died, 110 went missing, over 580 000 became refugees and 42 000 were evacuated.

At the end of last year, too, an unexpected typhoon swept the country, resulting in a great loss. A strong wind blowing at a velocity of 240 kilometres an hour and heavy rain caused a thousand and several hundred casualties and destroyed over 500 000 houses in 11 regions of the central and southern parts. The victims numbered over 4.2 million in total.

It has been reported there is a possibility that the number of inhabitants of the Pacific Basin prone to negative effects, including submerging in seawater, might become three times as much as the existing estimate.

At present mankind has faced a climatic crisis unimaginable in the past. Abnormal climate phenomena occur everywhere on the earth. In March the temperature rose by 32 to 50 °C as compared with the average in some parts of Antarctica.

In the Vostok base known as the coldest region on the earth as the temperature there was confirmed as 89.2°C below zero in July 1983, the temperature was 17.7°C below zero on March 18, far exceeding the mean maximum temperature (53°C) of the month.

As to this, experts comment that the temperature might be affected by the global high-temperature phenomena following the climatic crisis.

High-temperature phenomena were witnessed in the northern hemisphere of the earth. North America was swept by unprecedented heat waves for two months from June last year, the temperature soaring up to 50°C. Hundreds of people lost their lives in heat waves and fierce heat and houses were enveloped in flames caused by forest and field fires everywhere.

A foreign news agency described the high-temperature phenomena in the northern hemisphere as "fierce heat of death".

Saying that the climatic crisis is mainly caused by accelerated global warming, experts warn that unless immediate measures are taken, disastrous abnormal climate phenomena might keep occurring in unexpected areas.

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# US-RINGLEADER OF CARNAGE AND GENOCIDE

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Not long ago, US President Biden claimed that lawyers should appraise the Ukrainian crisis, likening it to "slaughtered" while eluding to genocides. This aroused criticism from the international community.

Does the US really have any qualification to mouth the word "genocide"?

When genocide is talked about, people first recollect the history of the US that was formed on the pile of corpses of exterminated Native Americans.

George Washington, the first President of the US, and other Presidents in the early years of its "founding" were all criminals against humanity who set massacre against Indians as the national policy while embellishing westward territorial expansion as their

"inherent mission" and took office as Presidents for their "military exploits".

They did not see Indians—Native Americans—as humans, and their land as their territory, but an "unpopulated land" inhabited by animals. And the survivors were all locked up in the "Indian Reservation Territory", which was little short of the concentration camp, and exterminated miserably after suffering grinding toil.

The US massacred more than 600 000 innocent people in the Philippines from 1898 to 1905, more than 2.47 million in Korea from 1950 to 1953 and more than 3.8 million in Vietnam from 1965 to 1973.

While committing these crimes, the bloodthirsty nature of the US, which slaughtered the Indians, was manifested more openly. US congressman Albert, in his speech delivered at the Senate on January 9 1900, said that what the

Jamestown in the southwestern part of the US in the early 17th century, millions of Indians—equivalent to 85% of the total number of Native Americans—were "slaughtered" while eluding like herds of animals. And the survivors were all locked up in the "Indian Reservation Territory", which was little short of the concentration camp, and exterminated miserably after suffering grinding toil.

These violent remarks are only a few examples that show the outrageous nature of the US.

It is the height of hypocrisy that the US denounces the Ukrainian crisis as genocide.

The US, which grows fat and survives at the cost of sacrifice and blood of innocent humans, has no qualification to talk about massacre and genocide under any circumstances.

This is attributable to its sinful past and present.

## Cunning farce of 'name change' to deceive the world people

Recently, the Security Investigation Committee of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan has reportedly discussed the issue of changing the name and interpretation of "total defence".

As to it, it was proposed during the discussion to change "total defence" into an "active defence" which includes the "attack for self-defence" with an assertion that "minimum necessary limit" is not good enough to be a deterrent and defend the nation.

It is a universally recognized fact Japan, however, has forcibly pushed ahead with its bid to become a military power, while changing gradually the interpretation of its Constitution, and persistently pursued the policy of military build-up.

Japan is now arming its ground, maritime and air Self-Defence Forces with latest military hardware under the pretext of "deteriorating renunciation of war, waiver of the

right of belligerency and others. This also constitutes a legal and moral duty Japan, as a defeated nation in World War II, has towards the international society in order not to repeat its past of having inflicted terrible disasters upon humankind with aggression and war.

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## UN

### Natural disasters cause global economic loss

Recently, the UN announced that 350-500 medium and large natural disasters occurred from 2001 to 2020 around the world and the ensuing annual average economic damage totalled US\$ 170 billion.

The Asia-Pacific region suffered the greatest damage.

The UN held that in case such situation lasts due to climate changes, the case of annual natural disasters would increase to 560 by 2030.

## Guyana

### President demands UK apology

The Guyanese President branded slave trade as one of the greatest crimes in human history in a TV interview on April 29.

He said that the nations in the Caribbean formed a regional committee in demand of an apology and compensation for slave trade from the UK.

## China

### Anti-epidemic work intensified

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Poster for the International Day of the Midwife in 2022.

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# Former forward No. 10 still sparkles



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**Ri Un Sim devotes herself to training promising footballers.**

By Kil Chung Il PT

Players of Rangnang District Juvenile Sports School took the first place again in the boy's football event at the national juvenile sports school contest last year, clinching five consecutive wins at the event.

"Ri Un Sim has kept a promise since she was appointed to the school as an instructor for the boy's

football event. She was and is still forward No. 10. I am quite sure that the reserve footballers she has trained will distinguish themselves in the future," said Hong Chang Song, another instructor of the school.

She was a football ace much favoured by spectators.

Born into a common office worker's family in Yangdok County, South

Phyongan Province, she got interested in football in her childhood under the influence of her father and mother, sports fans.

After learning basic skills of football at football groups of her primary and middle schools, she was recognized as a distinguished footballer in the county during the days at Yangdok County Juvenile Sports School.

She was picked to the April 25 Sports Club afterwards and cut a brilliant figure in domestic games including the annual national championships. In particular, she scored a winning goal in the women's football tournament at the 11th Asian Games.

She had played as the captain since the 22nd Universiad in 2003 in which she scored nine goals to flaunt her high skills.

However, every person has their limit in playing career.

"Although my playing career has ended, I will remain in the field. Spectators, who have rooted and encouraged me, will

surely see me again staying in the field," said Un Sim as she left the sports club in 2010.

Since the first day when she was appointed as a football instructor of the school, she has spared no wisdom and efforts in training reserve football players.

Ri pays special attention to making each player display his ability to the full, ranging from the selection of players to training and game.

"Our instructor urges all the players to regard each training as a real game and leads us to give the fullest play to our potentials," said Kim Kum Il, captain of the boy's football team of the school.

Ri Un Sim, People's Athlete and mother of a daughter, strives to make her trainees unfold thrilling scoring scenes by finding a scoring chance, just as she did when she was a centre forward.

"My trainees score goals and receive big hands from spectators. I feel pride in seeing them score goals in place of me," said Ri.

By Yun Ki Song PT

The Ryongaksan ginkgoes grow near the Pobun Temple in Mt Ryongak.

Having grown there for over 500 years, witnessing the long history of the temple, they are 28 metres tall, 3.7 metres round at the root collar and 16.5 metres wide at the crown.

Three ginkgo trees combined with one another to spread lots of branches at the height of 2.5 metres to form a crown in the shape of a broom.

## Ryongaksan ginkgoes, living monument

The trees are associated with a story that three friends who were on a visit to the temple swore to be brothers before planting them on a single spot.

The trees are regarded as a special one and the living monument is of great scientific significance and adds beauty to the scenery of the mountain.



Gingko trees on Mt Ryongak go back to 500 years.



## Turtle ship, world's first armoured battleship

By To Kyong Chol PT

Turtle ship, the very first iron-clad battleship in the world, was built by Koreans led by Admiral Ri Sun Sin, a patriotic general of the feudal Joson dynasty (1392-1910), on the basis of the previous shipbuilding techniques in the period before 1592.

The ship fully demonstrated its combat power at several naval battles during the Imjin Patriotic War against Japanese Invasion (1592-1598).

It was 35m long, 11.8m wide and 5.2m high, with ten oars on each side and more than 70 gun ports.

The hull was oval-shaped like a tortoise shell, but the immersed part was somewhat longish so that the ship can sail fast.

With its deck covered with iron plates so as to repel waves, the ship looks like a submarine. The interior is designed to give the facility for combat actions and commanding and ordering.

The prow was constructed in the shape of a dragon's head and sulphur and nitre were burnt inside it to send out smoke through the mouth, which created a smoke screen around the ship.

Two collapsible sails were placed in the rear part of the deck to get additional propulsion from the wind, and

there were two fins at the stern that balanced the ship when it pitched or rolled and also ensured fast and safe voyaging.

The deck was covered with pins and blades to keep off the enemy, except the cross-shaped path which was so narrow that only its crew could walk through it.

Among 26 compartments on the vessel, two were filled with pieces of iron to ensure stability of its movement and three were used to store guns, bows and arrows, gunpowder, knives and other weapons.

Nineteen of them were cabins for sailors and the other two were for the captain and other officers.

As the ship was designed to place combatants and combat equipment inside, the enemies could not see what was going on inside the turtle ship while those on the ship could see the outside. Therefore, it could even make a dash at hundreds of enemy battleships and open fire at them.

With a simple, solid and stable structure, fast speed, and excellent firearms, the turtle ship was a powerful battleship which was suitable for both hand-to-hand fighting on the deck and artillery engagement at that time.

