

General Secretary Kim Jong Un inspects site set for building Ryonpho Vegetable Greenhouse Farm



The General Secretary gave instructions to raise the modernization level of greenhouse farm and start its operation next year

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, inspected a site in the Ryonpho area of Hamju County, South Hamgyong Province, which was set for building a large-scale vegetable greenhouse farm.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, and Pak Jong Chon, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un was greeted on the spot by officials of a relevant department of the Party Central Committee and design institution and commanding officers of the units of the Korean People's Army to be involved in the construction.

A preparation for the building of the large-scale vegetable greenhouse farm in the Ryonpho-ri area of Hamju County,

South Hamgyong Province, had already been pushed according to the far-sighted plan of the WPK which struggles for the promotion of the wellbeing of the people by setting it as the supreme principle of its activities.

As he made an on-the-spot survey in April 2019, Kim Jong Un formulated an idea of building a modern greenhouse farm larger than the greenhouse farm in the Jungphyong area of Kyongsong County, North Hamgyong Province, in the Ryonpho area in order to make it contribute to the improvement of the diet of the people in South Hamgyong Province. He gave important teachings related to the construction of the large-scale vegetable greenhouse farm in the area several times, while directing the designing.

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party set the construction of the Ryonpho Vegetable Greenhouse Farm as one of top-priority tasks among major



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General Secretary Kim Jong Un inspects munitions factory



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected a munitions factory producing a major weapon system.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Jong Sik and Kim Yo Jong, deputy department

directors of the WPK Central Committee, and leading officials in the sector of the Academy of Defence Science.

Looking round the room of the factory for the education in the revolutionary history and its various production sites, the General Secretary learned in detail about the recent modernization of technology and production processes done by the factory and its current production from leading officials of the factory.

He highly appreciated the factory

effecting collective innovation and leaping progress in producing major weapons to implement the Party's decisions, being fully armed with the idea of the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Saying that the factory holds a very important position and duty in modernizing the country's armed forces and realizing the national defence development strategy, he indicated the tasks and ways of continuously developing the factory into an iconic one symbolic of the modernity of the

country's defence industry.

He ardently appealed to workers, technicians, officials and military inspectors of the factory to turn out as one in an all-out drive for thoroughly implementing the policies of munitions set forth at the Eighth Party Congress by carrying forward the traditions and history of the country's proud defence industry of safeguarding the Party and the revolution with munitions production, bearing in mind the single intention to defend the revolutionary cause of the Party with powerful cutting-edge arms.

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state construction policy tasks for the year 2022, and decided to complete it by the founding anniversary of the Party this year, before giving relevant assignments.

On the spot Kim Jong Un was first briefed on the master plan for the construction of the farm.

The greenhouse farm to be built in the Ryompo area this time is a project huger than the one built in the Jungphyong area of Kyongsong County, North Hamgyong Province, some years ago in terms of scale and workload, he said, adding that when the 100-hectare greenhouse and district of farm dwelling houses are built in the area, it will bring about tremendous changes to the area and be of great help

to the diet of the people in Hamhung City and other areas of South Hamgyong Province.

Saying that he was determined to assign the construction of the new large-scale greenhouse farm again to the units of the KPA that have already accumulated a lot of experiences in building greenhouse farms, he stressed that service personnel of the relevant units should remain faithful to their noble mission befitting the absolute executors of the plan and policy of the Party and creators of the people's happiness and wage an all-out campaign of loyalty to realize the cherished desire of the Party as soon as possible.

All the merits and demerits of the Jungphyong Vegetable Greenhouse Farm should be considered in the course of developing the draft designs for the

greenhouse farm to be built this time in order to bring about further improvement in terms of science and technology and management, he said, calling for markedly raising the modernization level of over 850 greenhouses covering an area of 100 hectares.

He stressed the need to give precedence to the planting of windbreak forests along the edge of the greenhouse farm to suit the characteristics of the coastal area and distinctively embody diversity in the layout and shape of the dwellings on the farm.

He specified the issues arising in the construction including the matter of organizing a powerful construction headquarters for pushing the construction and sector-specific panels, the matter of completing designs at the highest

level, keeping the supply of building materials and manufacture of greenhouse equipment ahead of construction and strengthening construction guidance and supervision and the matter of planting windbreak forests and carrying out landscaping in a responsible manner.

He also referred to the need to select and train technicians and other employees in keeping with the construction so that the greenhouse farm could start operation from the next year and to simultaneously push the provision of vegetable seeds and farm implements and the securing of farming materials in order to build the most perfect farm that makes a tangible contribution to the diet of the people as early as possible and a model and standard one according to the Party's policy on greenhouse farm construction.

Choe Ryong Hae visits farm construction site



Choe Ryong Hae, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, acquaints himself with the construction of the Kwangchon Chicken Farm.

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Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, learned about the construction of the

Kwangchon Chicken Farm. Making the rounds of different places of the construction site, he referred to the need for the farm to wonderfully complete it into a model and standard of the poultry sector on the domestic front, channel particular efforts into maintaining ideological integrity and political principle in construction and landscape the farm and

turn it into a park at a higher level to meet the regional characteristics.

A consultative meeting

held on the spot discussed the matter of finding out every weak point in construction to take relevant measures,

the matter for those in charge of the manufacture of equipment to prioritize quality and the matter of making full preparations for the operation of the farm.



Premier Kim Tok Hun (centre) learns about the details of production at the Sonamu School Things Factory.

Premier Kim inspects school things producers

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Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee which regards work for younger generations as the most important.

Acquainting himself with the details of production, he emphasized the need to scrupulously organize the technical management of production lines, maximize the operation rate of equipment, diversify the designs of school things to the liking of children and improve the quality of the products steadily.

Earlier, the premier inspected the Sunchon Engine Factory and other units in Sunchon and took relevant measures.



Academy of Defence Science conducts important weapons tests

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The Academy of Defence Science of the DPRK conducted the test-fires for updating long-range cruise missile system and for confirming the power of conventional warhead for surface-to-surface tactical guided missile on January 25 and 27 respectively.

Officials of the Department of the Munitions Industry of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and leading officials of the Academy of Defence Science guided the important weapons tests on the spot.

In the test-fire for updating the long-range cruise missile system conducted on January 25, two long-range cruise missiles flew for 9 137s along the flight trajectory over the East Sea of Korea to hit the target island 1 800 km away from the launch site.

In the test-fire for confirming the power of conventional warhead for the surface-to-surface tactical guided missile conducted on January 27, two tactical guided missiles precisely hit the target island, proving that the explosive power of the conventional warhead complies with the design requirements.

The Academy of Defence Science clarified that the missile warhead institute under it will keep developing powerful warheads capable of performing different combat functions and missions.



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Nutritious, protective soap produced

By Yun Kyong Il PT

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea set it as an important task to reenergize the production of consumer goods. Now our factory is concentrating efforts on increasing the production of soap with improved qualitative indexes, said the chief engineer of the Ryongaksan Soap Factory.

An active technical innovation drive is under way for the production of functional liquid soap with remarkable skin nourishing and protecting effects.

In the course of this, new production processes have been established, including fatty acid methyl ester and fatty acid potash soap production processes, an Evodia daniellii fruit oil refining process and a refined salt production process.

Jong Myong Hwa, chief

of the technical department, said that the esterification of natural oil can remove its impurities completely.

Technicians analysed the effects the qualitative indexes of oil have on the synthetic reaction of fatty acid methyl ester, selected the standard indexes needed for the reaction and a rational condition for the reaction, thus establishing a process for synthesizing various surface active agents with locally available natural oil as the main raw material.

The factory also uses in soap production various functional substances such as biolytic enzyme, anti-discoloration agent, fibre lubricant, stabilizer and skin protection agent and natural essences like those of ginger and lemon.

And it has invented and introduced a method of measuring the washing ability and washing load mass of liquid laundry soap, and those of analysing the

content of anionic surface active agent, effective moisture and so on, making it possible to raise the quality of the product.

Liquid soaps from the factory are favourably commented upon by their users as even a small amount of them has great washing power and they are convenient to use and multi-functional.

A liquid wash soap made from Evodia daniellii fruit oil is popular with both men and women as it is good for skincare and contains various functional elements including vitamin E.

The variety of functional liquid soap is increasing, including a liquid laundry soap based on biolytic enzyme that can easily remove the spots of fruit juice and ink from clothes and a liquid sterilizing laundry soap which prevents moulds and germs from growing in winter clothes.

Regarding consumer demand as yardstick

Idle materials are used to make consumer goods



Employees are busy disseminating sci-tech information at the central light industrial sample products hall.

Sci-tech dissemination gains momentum

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Members of the housewives' workteam of Phyongchon-dong No. 2 make various clothes for children.

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Each of our products reflects the demands of consumers. This is why the demand for our products is increasing, said Rim Son Ok, head of the housewives' workteam of Phyongchon-dong No. 2 of the Phyongchon District housewives' workteam management station in Pyongyang.

The workteam produces garments for adults and children, chima and jogori (traditional women's skirt and jacket) and different kinds of bags. The garments for children are popular with mothers of nursery or kindergarten children for the variety of colours, good looks and stylish shapes, said Kim Hyang, saleswoman of the Phyongchon District Direct Sales Shop.

Notable is the fact that members of the housewives' workteam use idle materials to make such goods on their own.

"Children's garments are characterized by various types and lots of ornaments. We don't throw away scraps from the cloth used to make clothes for adults but use them to make children's clothes. Clothes look much better if they are decorated with patchwork

ornaments or pockets made with the same pieces of cloth," said Ri Kyong Suk, a member of the workteam.

According to her, clothes for children require much more labour than those of adults.

"We are not gifted with skills. We regarded the demands of consumers as our benchmark, and we learned the skills while working. We will pool our wisdom to make better products," said Rim.

Workers produce new kinds of shoes at the Ryuwon Footwear Factory and some of its samples.



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Bottles of detergent roll off the production line at the Ryongaksan Soap Factory.

Factory mass-produces new-type trainers

The factory pushes the production of trainers that are sturdy, light and convenient and meet the aesthetic sense

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

A variety of trainers are produced at the Ryuwon Footwear Factory.

"The production volume of our factory's plan for this year is double that of last year. The task is huge, but we are pushing the production of trainers that are sturdy, light and convenient and meet the aesthetic sense," said Im Ui Ung, chief engineer of the factory.

Among them, there are trainers for adults which improved in terms of wear and cold resistance of sole by using thermoplastic elastomer materials and those for children ensuring the three-dimensional character of decoration with the help of printing decoration effects based on the multicolour screen gauze technology.

According to him, the factory's trainers for adults and children received the medal of quality, which is conferred on best domestic products.

The factory is devoting much effort to the production of designs to produce a new type of trainers while constantly ensuring the high quality of its products.

Kim Yon Sun, section chief of the factory, said that the application of convenient types of

outer rim of shoes, the improvement of the looks of shoes and the ensuring of stability in putting on shoes are important in the production of trainers and therefore these are the main points of consideration in creating designs.

Last year, the factory held dozens of products shows to introduce lots of new products into production.

As among them, there are trainers for adults which improved in terms of wear and cold resistance of sole by using thermoplastic elastomer materials and those for children ensuring the three-dimensional character of decoration with the help of printing decoration effects based on the multicolour screen gauze technology.

At present, the design production office is engaged in the development of over a hundred kinds of new products according to the plan of the factory for this year and the creation

for ensuring the production of dozens of pairs of new-type sole moulds, and excellent designs are timely introduced into production.

The cutting process is increasing the rate of actual output in the cutting of material for outer rims including the outer coating and insoles and the sewing and shoemaking processes are increasing the production abilities per unit time.

The factory also works to ensure the home production of raw and other materials and recycling and to refashion equipment and production processes into labour- and electricity-saving ones as it turns out soles with plastic waste and synthetic leather by-products, remodels hydraulic cutting machine into CNC cutter and introduces various working methods like the direct injection method.

It also presses on with the production of football boots.

More effort invested in strengthening ranks of teachers

By Chae Ok Hyang PT

A series of measures have been taken in the country to strengthen the ranks of teachers.

The education sector has taken it on as a priority and constant task to select students with good school performance including those who received talent education in the stage of secondary education and send them to universities of education or teachers training colleges.

Accordingly, the universities of education and

teachers training colleges focus on training many teachers with high quality and traits as educationists by improving the quality of normal education, while perfecting teaching contents and methods.

As refresher courses for teachers in service play an important part in strengthening the ranks of teachers, the pedagogy faculties in major universities put efforts into improving the quality of in-service training.

"Teachers' in-service training is an important

undertaking to help teachers improve their knowledge and learn about new developments to keep abreast of the developing times in their qualifications now that the sci-tech updating cycle continues to become shorter," said Ri Sun Ae, principal of central in-service training school.

According to her, now the teachers' in-service training has been directed to closely combining basic and professional education, pedagogic theory and educational practice into a coherent whole and the

systems and methods have steadily been improved.

Efforts have also been directed to strengthening the ranks of teachers in local and rural areas including the improvement of qualifications and capacity of teachers in relevant areas by building up their in-service training institutions in provinces, cities and counties.

Amidst such nationwide drive, the ranks of teachers have been built up in many units.

In particular, Anak County of South Hwanghae Province

carefully selects students with high proficiency and qualities as teachers recommend them to universities and colleges in the field of teachers training after working out a mid- and long-term plan for strengthening the ranks of teachers both in quality and quantity.

The county has taken steps to enrol some graduates from technical colleges at online education faculties of universities and colleges in the teachers training field to suit its own conditions in a planned manner, as part of its efforts to strengthen the ranks

of teachers qualitatively and quantitatively.

It also runs refresher courses for teachers in service regularly to help them improve their knowledge and skills and keep abreast of new developments in science and technology.

Teachers across the

country are now redoubling their efforts with much more proactive approach to bring about substantial achievements, significant changes in education by focusing on improving their qualifications.

By raising quality of teachers' in-service training

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Now the demand for talented people is increasing day by day, and rapid progress is being made in teaching content and method. This requires that the qualifications of teachers are greatly improved.

In view of the requirement, the central in-service training school takes a large share in raising the qualifications of teachers as it serves as a base for the improved qualifications of teachers in the sector of higher education, for online in-service training, for the service and spread of educational data and for information management.

The school set it as its main task to make tangible progress this year in improving the qualifications of teachers in the sector by conducting methodologically the work to raise the ability and

qualifications of teachers.

Priority is given to organizing workshops according to school types and subjects so that teachers can be well-versed in teaching content and method and skilfully give relevant lessons.

It is very important to raise the qualifications of the school's instructors in order to increase the ability of teachers," said Kang Yong Il, department director of the Education Commission.

The school also makes consistent efforts to prepare its instructors into masters at creating new teaching methods and able developers of educational resources by arousing their enthusiasm, and to invent and generalize new teaching methods and education-support programs helpful to education in practice.

Besides, it takes practical measures to raise the qualifications of teachers, for example, those to arrange on a regular basis the presentations of data on educational achievements and teaching experiences, symposiums on problems arising in raising the qualifications of teachers.

online in-service training is

provided for instructors of provincial, city (district) and county teachers' in-service training schools and colleges at all levels.

The school also writes reference books that can help instructors raise their qualifications, and has established a new well-organized system for guidance to educational practice in itself and similar schools in provinces, cities (districts) and counties so that instructors of the schools can actively help teachers improve their qualifications on the spot.

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Staff members are involved in the discussion of a new teaching support and consultative system at central in-service training school.



Efforts for building up rural teaching staff

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The teaching staff is being strengthened at rural schools.

"One of the important tasks set for the education sector by the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central

Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea is to strengthen the ranks of local and rural teachers both qualitatively and quantitatively. It is a prerequisite for reducing regional differences in the educational level," said Kang Yong Il, department

director of the Education Commission.

Teachers' in-service training school in Rangnang District, Pyongyang, is intensifying in-service training for teachers at rural schools in keeping with the characteristics of the district

with rural villages.

To this end, unlike previously, the school dispatches competent lecturers to rural schools to actively help teachers improve their actual abilities.

In the past, the school ran refresher courses for rural school teachers for a certain period of time, based on the teaching content it prepared.

But such courses were not so successful as they failed to take into account the educational conditions and environment of relevant units and the preparedness of students.

Therefore, the school takes stock of such circumstances at rural schools to study and introduce appropriate teaching methods, gets their

teachers ready for efficiently using the teaching aids and multimedia which proved effective in practice and arranges lectures on the modern trend of educational development.

Anak County in South Hwanghae Province also presses on with the build-up of the ranks of teachers. The county has long forged ahead with the mid- and long-term plans for strengthening the ranks in quality and quantity.

One of the plans was to train students into teachers by carefully selecting those who can acquire personality and qualification as befits a teacher with excellent scholarly performance.

The county trained such students, who were

selected in anticipation of the replacement of older generation of teachers with new one, with much effort at schools in the township, before recommending them to teachers training colleges.

At present, those who graduated from the higher educational institutions this way are said to form the major part of educators in the county.

The county also enrolls some of graduates from technical colleges at online education faculties of teachers training colleges in a planned way to suit the specific conditions of the area.

It also constantly offers refresher courses for in-service teachers, given that the cycle of updating science and technology gets shorter.

Such specialities as the starch noodles garnished with sliced raw fish as it excels in the dish.

"The restaurant serving specialities of South Hamgyong Province was opened in Pyongyang over 40 years ago in accordance with the state measure to set up catering facilities specializing in special foods of each local area in the capital city," said manageress Jong Yong Suk.

The Hamgyong provincial area on the east coast of Korea has been rich in marine resources and various recipes for fish dishes have developed since ancient times. And potatoes grow well there and so the area has been famous for starch noodles.

The locals who have great

strips with lovely colour. This can be achieved if you add a little alum solution to the sifted starch when it is kneaded with hot water. The broth is made by boiling pork and chicken together and straining the oily matter out to make it clear. Place peppery sliced raw walleye pollack soup, a boiled and cut egg and sliced cucumber, carrot and pear on the coiled noodles in a tray as relish, pour the broth over that and garnish it with shredded red pepper and spring onion before serving," said Kim Myong Ok, who hailed from South Hamgyong Province and has worked as head cook of the restaurant for over 30 years.

Older generations of employees have been replaced with new ones with the lapse of over 40 years and the three-storey building has also undergone a remarkable change in appearance.

But diners are unanimous in saying that the starch noodles of the restaurant remain unchanged in its flavour.

"Our starch noodles are characterized by white, thin, smooth and chewy



Teachers attend a refresher course in Rangnang District, Pyongyang.

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Diners enjoy seafood and other dishes at the restaurant of the Daesong Department Store.

By Han Kwi Hun PT

Restaurants on the third and fourth floors of the Daesong Department Store are popular for their fine environments and moods and the tasty dishes they serve.

The restaurants are frequented by not only shoppers at the department store but also the people who want to try the well-known dishes of the restaurants.

They also say it is especially nice to have a meal in the restaurants while looking down at streets. In particular, the night views of the restaurants are really spectacular, both from the inside and the outside.

According to its manager Kim Sok, it can serve over

400 people at a time, and at noon it is almost difficult to find empty tables there.

Some others say the dishes seem to be tastier for the good environment.

The restaurant on the third floor, similar to a mess hall, can be referred to as a fast food restaurant. It can immediately serve ready-made dishes and staple foods as customers select.

A soft drink hall and several dining rooms on the

fourth floor are different in environment and mood.

The

Tanphung

(maple)

dining room puts customers in an autumnal mood with maples at their best, the

Unhasu

(galaxy)

dining room gives them the feeling that they dine with galaxy in the night sky overhead and the Jangmi (rose) dining room makes them feel as if they are sitting in a garden of roses in full bloom.

The soft drink hall

decorated with swinging ornamental bamboos attracts the customers passing by after having their meals, said waitress

Ri Su Ryon,

adding that in

the naturally well-lit

hall, the customers picture

a bamboo thicket where

the chirping of birds can be heard.

In the hall you can drink famous brands of coffee and tea of different countries in the world.

"Environment, mood and



Eatery better known for starch noodles garnished with sliced raw fish

By Pang Un Ju PT

The Sinhung Restaurant in Pyongyang reminds the locals of starch noodles garnished with sliced raw fish as it excels in the dish.

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The cooks process dozens of kinds of local special foods with sincerity, including its iconic food of starch noodles garnished with sliced raw walleye pollack.

Choe Myong Il, driver

vital power and who are tenacious in nature favour spicy foods.

Cooks of the restaurant made strenuous efforts to retain the original taste of their local special foods.

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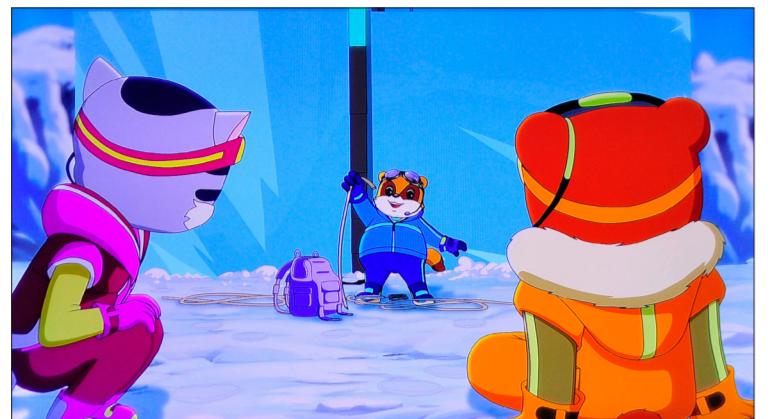
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Visitors have starch noodles garnished with sliced raw fish at the Sinhung Restaurant in Pyongyang.

of the Tongbang transport company, said that whenever he passes by the restaurant, he visits it to savour the noodles.

The Sinhung Restaurant

in Pyongyang is located in Haecun-dong, Phyongchon District, Pyongyang.

Blockbuster cartoon series retain popularity



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Artists are engaged in the production of *The Clever Raccoon Dog* series at the Korea April 26 Animation Studio.

By Yun Ki Song PT

The Korea April 26 Animation Studio has recently produced parts 64-67 of cartoon *The Clever Raccoon Dog*.

The animation enables viewers to acquire broad knowledge through the interesting, witty and edifying stories about the three close friends—raccoon dog, bear and cat.

"*The Clever Raccoon Dog*, which has been released since 1987, is recognized as a popular work that develops

intellectual faculties of children and gives them lessons of life for over 30 years," said Jo Myong Dok, head of the studio.

The representation of the dull yet lovely bear and cute kitty is wonderful and the raccoon dog with a protruding belly and short legs always takes the initiative on the strength of knowledge. Interesting stories of the animation were increasingly popular among the local people as the series gave them smile, knowledge and valuable experiences and

According to Kim Hwa Song, writer of the studio, the cartoon had been televised not only at home but in European countries including France as soon as it was produced and viewers sent numerous requests for producing its serials, saying they were lovely and helpful to developing intelligence.

To meet their demand, 63 parts of the animation, each with an independent story, have been produced.

Since last year, the

studio has buckled down to producing its serials to promote intellectual development and study of students as required by the developing times.

Directors Kim Jin Hyok and Kim Chol Hyon and other members of the production team selected significant and interesting themes from the literature stage and directed great efforts to all elements from original and background pictures to music, speech and screen size.

According to Ri Un Ju, she and other new actresses had

lessons. to put in a great deal of efforts to be used for an ice sculpture festival with the help of a ruler, not by balance.

"As I watched Part 66 'Compass', I came to know how to indicate the compass direction with a watch and the shadow of a stick, not using a compass. *The Clever Raccoon Dog* is liked by all my classmates, as it helps us acquire a variety of knowledge," said Han Yu Jin, second-year pupil of Ryomyong Primary School in Taesong District, Pyongyang.

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By Chae Myong Rim PT

With the lunar New Year's Day just around the corner, many people visit the family of Kim Song Chol in neighbourhood unit No. 37 of Thongilgori-dong No. 2 of Rangnang District, Pyongyang.

They include his fellows at workplace, women's union members of dong, as well as his parents and brothers and neighbours.

When the worker at the Monument to the Three Charters for National Reunification Management Station, and his wife Kim Chun Yong reached middle ages, they became the parents of eight sons and daughters.

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The affection of the couple for their children is great. Especially, Kim Chun Yong takes constant care of their

children with no time to dry her hands and spares no effort in family education.

"I have a lump in my throat at the thought that our children grew up one year more after greeting the New Year. Last year, letters of thanks came in succession from the army units of my daughters, which said that they performed their military service well, and my third daughter became an honour student. The eldest son was admitted to the football class as he had desired, and my fifth and sixth children who are girls started to learn how to play the guitar and handwrite by a brush. The youngest daughter who goes to kindergarten and the youngest two-year-old son are good at singing and dancing. I feel great pride and happiness, indeed, as their mother. All these things are unthinkable apart from the benefits of the socialist system and our harmonious society," said Kim Chun Yong.

A few years ago, she received a treatment card of prolific mother, which enables every member of her family to receive medical treatment at any hospital on a preferential basis. They are given subsidy every month and lots of other preferential treatment by the state.

It is said that the walls and floors of their rooms were splendidly decorated with the help of central, district and dong women's union officials and officials of Kim Song Chol's workshop.

As she said, everything in her house including children's articles was associated with the benefits granted by the state and sincerity of many well-wishers.

She had the honour of

posing for a group photograph

with the respected Comrade

Kim Jong Un at the fourth

national meeting of mothers.

It was seen hanging on a

wall of the couple's room

in the spacious three-room

house.

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Global efforts promote clean environment and sustainable economic growth

By Choe Yong Nam PT

Human life can be claimed to be both the processes of consumption and creation.

Enormous are natural resources that are expended in the course of human life. It not only leads to the draining of natural assets possessed by humans, but also causes a serious problem about protecting ecosystem from waste of all kinds.

Many countries see it as a vital issue to address the problem of waste.

Singapore has set an ambitious goal of increasing the rate of recycling of domestic waste which is beneficial in terms of environmental protection and practical in view of economic profits and directs a great deal of energies to it.

According to a zero waste

and greening programme 2030, it works to improve the rate of reclamation of all goods to 70 percent by 2030.

A system is in operation for collecting various kinds of recyclable materials like paper, plastic, glass and metal.

It also pays attention to the recycling of electronic waste.

Dustbins for electronic waste have been placed according to the producer responsibility scheme for electronic waste established in July 2021 in order to collect and recycle electronic waste.

Russia also puts in effort to reclaim waste materials.

Its Primorsky Territory signed an agreement with an environmental protection management company of the country on the creation of an environmental protection technology park which can recycle selected garbage.

Projects are also under way simultaneously to increase the amount of recyclable raw materials among household waste, set up mobile or fixed garbage collection grounds in residential districts in Primorsky Territory and build an infrastructure that is able to recycle and process waste materials.

Efforts for the protection of clean global environment are of great help in promoting economic growth.

Laos has set a goal of becoming a country with the largest solar power generating capacity in the world and is now pressing on with a programme to this end.

It set a solar power generation target in the past and began to produce solar power in 2020.

The government has reportedly aimed to make 98 percent of the entire population

'We'll make reserve artistes play leading role in creation activities'



Rim Hae Yong
Vice-rector of the Pyongyang Kim Won Gyun Conservatory

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea put forward the task of making an effort to train the new generation reserves of literary persons and artistes to make them play the leading role in the creation activities.

At present, the replacement of old generation with the new one presents itself as a matter

that brooks no delay also in the art and literature field.

Famous works wanted by the times and people cannot be continuously created with the help of only some veteran creators and artistes with a long career.

To train promising reserves of artistes who will shoulder the future of the Juche art, it is important to carry on relevant education under a far-reaching

programme, looking far ahead into the future.

Our conservatory has a well-ordered educational system to train reserves of artistes in a substantial way, and thus good successes have been achieved.

We will train the students into promising reserves of artistes capable of playing the main role in the creation activities by radically improving the level of art education.

BYWORD

Might of collectivism

At the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, General Secretary Kim Jong Un said that the mentality and awareness of all the people desirous of socialist life and development has grown stronger than before, fully displaying the might of collectivism in practice in the course of implementing the enormous

tasks put forward by the Party Central Committee last year.

The word "collective" does not mean a simple integrated body of individual members but a socio-political organism in which all the people are rallied around their leader with one idea and purpose.

Today, the WPK calls on the Korean people to fight under the communist slogan "One for all and all for one!" on the general advance for switching

over to a new stage of socialist construction.

When all the people are fully conscious of being masters of the revolution and construction, display their unusual creative enthusiasm and pool their wisdom while helping and leading one another forward, socialism will advance full of infinite vitality.

OPINION

What does Japan's spreading of rumour about 'threats from its neighbours' aim for?

Kim Jong Hyok

These days, high-ranking political figures of Japan are extensively spreading rumours about the "threats from its neighbours".

What draws attention is that historically the emergence of such an argument was followed by subsequent moves to beef up the military capability in quality, technique and quantity.

It is already known that Japan is going to revise within this year three major documents – "national security strategy", "defense program" and "mid-term plan for maintaining defense capability" – which stipulate its defense strategy.

Extremely dangerous is the fact that Japan is going to include in these documents the possession of "capability to attack enemy base", sharp increase in "defense expenses", and development and purchase of armaments for preemptive attack such as various missiles including long-range missiles, aircraft carriers, patrol planes and new-type stealth fighters.

In a word, the gravity of the situation lies in that the defense strategy of Japan completely turns into an offensive and aggressive one.

Last century, Japan inflicted immeasurable misfortunes, sufferings and calamities upon the peoples of numerous countries including the Korean people by waging barbarous aggressive wars.

Not only the Korean people but also other peace-loving people of the world still remember that Japan is a heinous aggressor and plunderer that militarily occupied Korea, reduced millions of young and middle-aged Koreans to slaves and cannon fodder, subjected hundreds of thousands of Korean women to sexual slavery and plundered its natural resources.

Japan, having once plunged our country and other Asian countries into a sea of blood, is now scheming to emerge once again as a dangerous force of aggression under the signboard of "defense". It arouses grave concern and sharp vigilance from the neighbouring countries.

Japan seeks to revise its defense strategy including "national security strategy" within this year while stirring up public opinion about the unprecedented severity of its surrounding situation. This is an extremely dangerous move to take off the mask of "exclusive defense" and realize at any cost its old dream of the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere".

Japan would be well-advised to reflect on its humiliating defeat caused by the aggressive war of its own ignition and not to act rashly.

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GUANTANAMO BAY PRISON CAMP NOTORIOUS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

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January 11 marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Guantanamo Bay prison camp which is notorious for barbarous human rights violations beyond human imagination.

On this occasion, the group of experts from the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) issued a statement which accuses the US of its continuous operation of such camps violating the human rights and denounces such atrocities committed by the US as cruel treatment of the prisoners with arbitrary summary detention and punishment of the prisoners as intolerable.

The spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry pointed out that

the Guantanamo Bay detention facility is only the tip of the iceberg among numerous secret prisons of the US scattered across the world, which left a dark blot on the human rights history of the world, adding that "black prisons" of the US make the people wise up to the dirty traces of the US in its human rights crimes.

which can never be imagined by humans with their normal way of thinking. Those tortures include forcing prisoners to stay awake for 180 hours, stabbing cigarette out in the ear hole, forced feeding by inserting a tube into the nostril and anus, inflicting electric torture on the genitals and making the legs immovable by putting them in the metal pipe in the shape of boot.

A prisoner who had been detained in the Guantanamo Bay detention facility for eight years exposed the fact that many prisoners became blind, lost their hands and feet and suffered mental illness, saying the camp was indeed a hell.

Some years ago, a report entitled "Description of physical pressure" was made public, throwing the people into consternation. It keeps a record of the facts about ill-treatment of the prisoners by

discrimination of the US has become ingrained and the promises of "providing shelters to refugees" and "respect for human rights" are just empty words, he contended that when it comes to human rights, the US is neither a "human rights missionary" nor a "judge", and that the only choice left for the US is to sit in the "dock".

He stressed that the US should stop the clumsy acting as "human rights defender" and throw away the stick of external interference which it wields at will, and examine critically and correct its crimes in the refugee issue.

As time passes, the US will be unable to avoid a growing curse and denunciation from the international society as it has caused global catastrophe of refugee crisis in the guise of "human rights defender".

Saying that the systematic racial

refugee crisis by committing illegal and brutal armed intervention and inciting "colour revolution" in all parts of the world including the Middle East and Africa.

The international community is

now expressing deep concern over

the ever-worsening situation of the refugees and levelling criticism at

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WORLD

Briefly

President underscores need to develop sugar industry

Cuban President Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez stressed the need to restore and develop the sugar industry to improve the people's livelihood at the talk with officials in the sector of local industry on January 20.

Then more jobs will be created for many people, he said, adding that it is needed to carry out production plans by planting more sugar cane in the future and giving full play to the production capacity of the sugar industry.

China, Russia, Iran
Joint maritime military drill conducted

China, Russia and Iran staged a joint maritime military drill in the Sea of Oman from January 18 to 20.

It was aimed at providing positive force for regional peace and stability by demonstrating the will and capacity to jointly defend maritime security while promoting practical cooperation between the naval forces of the three countries.

During the drill their naval forces carried out various missions including joint formation movement, naval gunfire and annihilation of pirates.

Egypt
FM critical of Israel's moves to seize territory

The Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement on January 20, branding and condemning Israel's moves to seize territory as the blatant violation of the international law on humanitarianism.

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Peru
90-day emergency declared over oil spillage

Huge quantities of oil spilt in Callao, Peru, on January 15, causing serious environmental pollution.

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WEIGHTLIFTER SETS THREE NEW NATIONAL RECORDS A YEAR

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By To Kyong Chol PT

When I was nominated as one of top ten players of the year 2021 of the country, I was so grateful to coaches, colleagues and family members who helped me in every way to achieve it that tears welled up in my eyes, said Ri Song Gum, woman weightlifter at the April 25 Sports Club.

Ri bagged three gold medals each in the women's 49kg category weightlifting of the Mangyongdae Prize Games in celebration of the Day of the Sun and the national championships last year.

Especially, it can be claimed to be her success that she renewed three national records in a year in the

DPRK with a long tradition of the sport and advanced techniques.

She was born in Nyongbyon County, North Phyongan Province, and began to learn weightlifting in the county juvenile sports school. Afterwards, she honed her skills in the Ryomyong Sports Club and then the April 25.

In those years she took part in over a dozen international competitions to attain remarkable successes.

In particular, she won three golds in the women's 44kg category weightlifting of the 2014 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships and established a new junior world record in jerk. For the newcomer, it was an occasion when she showed off her enormous

potential for development.

Later, Song Gum demonstrated her ability as a promising weightlifter in several international events like the world weightlifting championships and Asian Games.

And she broke two junior national records and six national records on the home front.

“Her merit is that she trains assiduously by herself to complete the detailed technical movements as well as the daily training tasks. Such exact demands have made her a weightlifting ace,” said Kye Song Il, weightlifting coach of the April 25 Sports Club.

A winner of Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize and Merited Athlete, Ri Song Gum has set her sights on world title and Olympic gold.

Noble and elegant Korean costume



- Unique ratio
- Elegant contour
- Rhythmicity

By Ri Sang Il PT

There are numerous kinds of clothes in the world that boast beauty and elegance in their own way.

However, the Korean people like to wear their traditional costume.

“The recent survey shows that Korean costume shops are receiving an increasing number of orders. Many people are placing lots of orders for such traditional Korean costume as *chima* (skirt) and *jogori* (jacket) and children's coat with sleeves of many-coloured stripes, on the occasion of the Day of the Shining Star (February 16), the nation's greatest holiday. I feel very proud of myself as a specialist in Korean costume,” said Choe Hyon Mi, researcher at the garment institute of the

academy of light industry under the Ministry of Light Industry.

The Korean costume has a number of characteristics, notably the unique ratio, elegant contour and rhythmicity.

When talking about the unique ratio of Korean costume, it means the one between short jacket and long skirt. The difference in their size is so huge that it can be called a dramatic contrast, but it never looks awkward. Rather, it showcases a special feature in shape. It is because two sleeves with the proper width connected to the short body of *jogori* and two breast-ties hanging from the middle of the breasts supplement the area and weight of *jogori* and sustain a comfortable balance, said Choe.

Korean *chima* and *jogori* are also special in terms of colour and pattern.

From olden times, Korean women loved light and soft colours and mild and natural patterns, rather than colourful patterns on dark bases.

They would usually go for jade green, emerald green, pink and other mild and light colours or neutral tints and embroidered patterns of flowers like azalea, rhododendron and rose and some other small patterns depicting the nature, which gave gentle and plain impressions.

And the Korean costume has a series of differences between causal and holiday wear.

As for casual wear, the skirt is made a little short to provide convenience in movement, whereas that for holiday wear is longer as is seen in wedding clothes.

Chongguyadam, classical literary heritage of Korea

By Jong Chol PT

Chongguyadam is one of the typical collections of stories compiled in the last period of the feudal Joson dynasty (1392-1910). It contains stories that were created and handed down among the Korean ancestors.

From ancient times, the Korean people called their country Chonggu (green garden) as it boasted beautiful mountains and clear water, and tended the land with great sincerity.

Therefore, Chongguyadam means unofficial historical stories of Korea and was compiled with a view to containing the stories created in the past comprehensively.

There are a dozen collections with the same title, and there are considerable differences between the individual collections in the number of volumes and works.

What has been handed down as the original is a single edition consisting of six volumes with six chapters.

Stories from Chongguyadam are those based on the socio-historical realities of the period from the latter half of the 16th century to the 18th century when Korea witnessed a lot of historical events.

Its advantage over the similar collections of stories from the previous period or the same age is that historical stories and legends are put together in it.

Not a few of its contents are those based on the Koreans'

struggle against aggression, for example, the story of Rongae, a kisaeng (or a professional entertainer), throwing herself, taking an enemy commander, into the River Nam in the Jinju Fortress battle during the Imjin Patriotic War (1592-1598).

Some of them depict the noble moral obligation and humanity of the Koreans.

There are also stories in which the heroes regarded others' pain as their own and saved and helped people in misfortune without expecting any reward like in *Ri Jun Jong Who Fulfils His Filial and Moral Duties*.

Other stories related to the good manners and customs of the Korean people include those about dutiful daughters-in-law, filial daughters and faithful women who discharged their filial duties out of their affection for their families, parents and children.

A typical example is *A Bride Takes Hold of a Tiger to Save Her Husband*.

The collection also contains stories of a renowned horse and other animals that did their duties to their masters who raised them.

And it contains satirical and edifying stories about unsound practices in human life and society, mysteries widely talked about and stories of personages.

Chongguyadam is regarded as part of Korea's precious classical literary heritage as its contents reflect the course of social change at that time and the sentiments of the time.

