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DPRK leader Kim Jong Un sends greetings to Cuban counterpart

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, sent a congratulatory message to Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and president of the Republic of Cuba, on April 20.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un in the message offered sincere comradely greetings and warm congratulations to the first secretary on his birthday.

Expressing pleasure over the fact that the Communist Party of Cuba has firmly defended the gains of socialism and waged a bold struggle for implementing the decisions of its Eighth Congress, while smashing the heinous anti-Cuba moves of the hostile forces by firmly rallying all the Cuban people under the energetic leadership of the first secretary, he extended full support and solidarity to it.

He noted that it is the unshakable will of the WPK and the people of the DPRK to further develop

the friendly and cooperative relations between the two parties and the two peoples, firmly forged in the struggle for accomplishing the cause of anti-imperialist independence and the cause of socialism, true to the spirit of the agreement made at the summit in Pyongyang in November 2018.

Heartily wishing the first secretary greater success in his responsible and noble work of leading the party, state and people, he sincerely hoped that he and all his family members would enjoy good health and happiness.

Plans and decisions of WPK just mean practice

By Kang Tok Su

Since they set off on a grand march in the new century of the Juche era under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Korean people have continued to experience severe trials and difficulties.

In their advance they have been faced with manifold crises and challenges enormous enough to completely destroy a country or a nation.

They, however, never succumbed but valiantly opened up an era of our-state-first principle with more powerful and civilized features thanks to the plans and decisions of the Workers' Party of Korea, which they regard as the blueprint for their future and the milestone of life and struggle which inspires them to absolutely support, trust and follow the Party in one mind.

Everything WPK planned and decided to do is connected directly with the people's destiny, interests and life and the course of translating them into practice enhances the feeling of kinship between the Party and the people and remarkably consolidates the

single-hearted unity, the greatest national power of Korea.

As the saying goes, a drop of water mirrors the whole universe. The reality of the country can be proved through the people's experience in the year 2021.

Hostile forces' schemes to deprive the DPRK of its sovereignty and rights to existence and development became more violent, recurrent terrible natural disasters swept away a lot of its precious things in a flash and even a worldwide health crisis occurred to seriously threaten the life and safety of the Korean people.

Despite the increasing severe difficulties, there started the construction of apartment buildings for 10 000 families in Pyongyang and the area where there had been President Kim Il Sung's house in the city turned into a modern residential district for working people. And although the situation of the country was very difficult and even a single penny counted, the supply of dairy products to all children of the country at state expense was fixed as the Party's policy, the City of Samjiyon at the foot

of Mt Paektu underwent a sea change as befits an ideal city of people and homes of happiness appeared in the localities which had been afflicted by natural calamities.

This year, too, the WPK held the ground-breaking ceremony for the creation of a large-scale greenhouse farm in Ryonphori in Hamju County, North Hamgyong Province, and that for the construction of apartment houses for 10 000 families in the Hwasong area in Pyongyang as part of the endeavour to provide the people with better living conditions.

The road the Korean people should follow is never smooth, and they might be faced with unprecedented challenges and crises once again.

But there is no change in the people's confidence in victory.

It is the firm determination of all the Koreans to support the plans and decisions of the WPK devotedly as they know the prosperity of the state, their happiness and the bright future of their beloved children lie in translating the plans and decisions of the Party into reality.

Flower basket sent to Cuban President

KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, sent a basket of flowers to Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and president of the Republic of Cuba, on his birthday.

The congratulatory flower basket bearing the name of the

respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was courteously conveyed by the DPRK ambassador to Cuba to an official of the Cuban Foreign Ministry on April 20.

Written on the ribbons decorating the basket were the letters reading "Warm birthday wishes to Comrade Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and president of the Republic of Cuba".

First revolutionary armed force of Korean people

By Jong Chol PT

On April 25 1932, a ceremony was held on the tableland at Tuqidian of Xiaoshahe, Antu County of China, to declare the birth of the first revolutionary armed force of the Korean people.

The guerrillas, dressed in their new uniforms and with their guns on their shoulders, lined up in unit order in the clearing on the tableland surrounded by larch trees, and the people from Xiaoshahe and Xinglongcun were buzzing, as they stood in a group at one edge of the clearing.

That day, Commander Kim Il Sung made a historic speech *On the Occasion of Founding the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army*.

Recollecting the course of founding the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army and his feelings at the time, President Kim Il Sung wrote in his reminiscences *With the Century*:

"As I proclaimed the founding of the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army, the soldiers cheered at the top of their voices and the people applauded them enthusiastically".

In his speech he said the Korean nation with their 5 000-year history and brilliant culture had been harshly exploited and oppressed by the Japanese imperialists and called for waging a vigorous armed struggle against Japanese imperialism to achieve the historic cause of national

liberation.

His speech is recorded in *Complete Works of Kim Il Sung Vol. 1*, telling how the first revolutionary armed force of the Korean people was founded.

The officers and men of the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army, who pledged themselves to dedicate their lives to the sacred cause of national liberation following the President, were all excellent sons and daughters of the Korean people who were tempered and trained in revolutionary organizations formed in the period when the armed struggle was prepared.

Its aim and mission were to overthrow the Japanese imperialists' colonial rule over Korea and achieve national independence and social emancipation of the Korean people.

The founding of the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army provided a motive force for directly waging and leading the armed struggle, the mainstream of the anti-Japanese national liberation movement of Korea, and enabled the anti-Japanese national liberation struggle to develop onto a higher stage.

The guerrilla army was later reorganized into the Korean People's Revolutionary Army with the build-up of the armed ranks and it finally accomplished the historic cause of national liberation.

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Premier Kim inspects construction site of 10 000 flats in Hwasong area, steel giant



Premier Kim Tok Hun inspects the construction site of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area.

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Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, inspected the construction site of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area and the Chollima Steel Complex.

At the construction site in the Hwasong area, he said that officials and builders should bear in mind the intention of the Party Central Committee that stably pushes ahead with the construction of houses in the capital every year and put their wisdom

and efforts into flawlessly building a new modern urban district by making the most of achievements and experience gained in the construction of Songhwa Street.

The field consultative meetings discussed such issues as of offering scientific and technical guidance for construction to ensure the quality of buildings and speed of construction, encouraging officials to unconditionally implement monthly and quarterly production plans with renewed determination, skillful organizational ability and sweeping drive and pushing the work to reduce the production cost of iron and rearrange and reinforce the existing production basis in a planned and far-sighted way and took appropriate steps.

At the Chollima Steel Complex he learned about the production in detail and referred to the necessity to technologically perfect the Korean-style iron production method to ensure the proper supply of various kinds

First substantial outcome of 50 000-flat construction project

By Ri Sung Ik PT

A new magnificent street appeared on the eastern gateway to the capital city of Pyongyang.

The eastern part of Pyongyang has undergone a remarkable change in its looks with the completion of Songhwa Street. Along the broad avenue there stand a modern skyscraper, high-rise apartment blocks, educational, healthcare and welfare facilities and such structures as an elevated bridge and decorations, which go marvellously well with each other by virtue of the application of plastic arts and artistic techniques and the ensuring of reciprocity, connectivity and practicality.

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea held last year decided to build 50 000 flats in Pyongyang for the coming five years and the construction of 10 000 flats in the Songsin and Songhwa area was the first

step towards the goal.

Positive measures were taken to speed up the construction project at major Party and state meetings including the Second Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee and the Fifth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly.

It was a huge project in terms of architectural style, content and scale as it required building in a matter of a year more than 160 blocks of skyscraper, high-rise apartment houses, public buildings and welfare service facilities with a total floor space of well over 1 million square metres in 56 hectares of land.

Burning loyalty and patriotic ardour of all the builders to fulfil the promise the Party Central Committee made to the people in the name of the Party Congress gave birth to a new amazing construction speed from the beginning.

The increased speed

and improved the quality of construction by employing new methods totally different from existing ones to build a large architectural group in such a short time.

The people's happy homes built along the street heralding a new period of development in capital city construction fully demonstrated the stamina of the WPK and the Koreans achieving socialist civilization and rejuvenation by their own strength, wisdom and exertion.

With the leading skyscraper as the axis, high-rise apartment buildings with various graceful curves and distinctive service buildings blend in well with each other artistically as they are welded together nicely in terms of architectural aesthetics.

The owners of the new houses with ideal living conditions are all ordinary working people and received them gratis.

The provincial government

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Cabinet holds enlarged meeting

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An enlarged Cabinet plenary meeting took place on April 20 by way of videoconferencing.

It was presided over by Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK.

It was attended by vice-premiers Pak Jong Gun and Jon Hyon Chol and other cabinet members.

The meeting reviewed

the implementation of first quarterly national economic plans for thoroughly carrying out the decisions of the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee and discussed measures to carry out the national economic plans for the first half of the year.

Pak Jong Gun, vice-premier and chairman of the State Planning Commission, delivered a report.

He said that all sectors

and units of the national economy have adopted

stricter viewpoint over

the implementation of the

national economic plans,

concentrated efforts on

implementing them perfectly

and achieved successes in it

by relying on the capacity of talents and science and technology.

Analysing and summing up with materials the mistakes and deviations revealed in implementing the first quarterly plan in some units,

he stressed the necessity to wage a more intense struggle against formalism, self-protectionism and other wrong practices manifested in carrying out economic policies.

He noted that

thoroughgoing economic planning and command should be done to encourage and amplify the successes and experiences gained in the first quarterly campaign and every possible development potential exploited proactively to fully guarantee the implementation of economic plans for the next quarter.

Speeches were made.

Referring to the experience and lessons drawn in the first quarter, the speakers expressed their resolve to fulfil the responsibility and duty they assume in the effort to glory this year as a year of great revolutionary events to be etched in the history of the country, a year of fresh victory vigorously advancing towards the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism.

It mainly dealt with the

issues of effectively pushing

forward the rearrangement

and reinforcement as

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appropriate measures to this end.

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HOME NEWS

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Kaesong Birthday spread sent to centenarian

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Yang Thae Hui living in neighbourhood unit No. 6 of Poson-dong, Kaesong, on her 100th birthday.

She had worked devotedly in the textile industry for decades and after retirement continued to do work conducive to the economy of the country.

With the leading skyscraper as the axis, high-rise apartment buildings with various graceful curves and distinctive service buildings blend in well with each other artistically as they are welded together nicely in terms of architectural aesthetics.

She is encouraging her children and grandchildren to work harder for the benevolent country, saying the socialist system where doctors regularly come to examine people's health and all people care for and help each other is the best.

The whole village congratulated the centenarian's family on the happy event.

set up a new branch school for primary school pupils studying at Ungchon Senior Middle School and built a school boat for those on junior and senior middle school courses, and took necessary measures to solve problems arising in this effort.

Transport service Trolley bus service starts for Kyongju-dong and Songhwa Street

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The provincial government

South Hwanghae Branch school, commuting boat built for village children

South Hwanghae Province has provided students in Ungchon-ri, Pongchon County, with better educational conditions and environment.

The whole village congratulated the centenarian's family on the happy event.

The provincial government



The flag of the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army used when it was founded.

By Sin Pyol PT

The meeting pointed to the need for all officials to be fully conscious that the national economic plan is the law of the state and work hard to carry out their plans for the first half of the year unconditionally.

It also discussed the issue of continuously directing a great deal of efforts to constantly improving and perfecting Korean-style economic management methods to overcome unsound practices hampering economic growth and properly run the country's economy.

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People's ideal street, flourishing socialist living space in the era of the Workers' Party



Owners of new houses express their excitement

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

A new architectural spectacle has been created on the banks of the Pothong River in the capital city of Pyongyang.

It is just the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District.

The site was originally occupied by Residence No. 5 in which President Kim Il Sung resided for a long period before the then Kumsusan Assembly Hall was constructed.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un thought out a plan for constructing a terraced residential district along the Pothong River, helped designers broaden their horizons and told them the orientations and ways to produce a perfect design for the district.

"It seems as if it were yesterday that we were surprised at the news about the construction of residential quarters for the people, not any important structure of national significance, on the banks of the Pothong River, a place where there was the residence of President Kim Il Sung," Kim Thae Bong said.

"As workers like me received the top-class, splendid dwelling houses at the sacred site, I was overwhelmed by such a blessing that can be found nowhere else in the world," said Ho Myong Gum.

"Love of General Secretary Kim Jong Un" who brought me happiness in the twilight of my life, is so overwhelming and undeserved for me," said Pang Sok Un, who retired from his long acting career and is now nearly eighty.

"I only want to devote my remaining life to repaying the favour shown by the General Secretary who called me to the office building of the Party Central Committee together with labour innovators and persons of merit, who participated in the celebrations of the 73rd founding anniversary of the DPRK last year, and by the Party that gave me a palatial house this time."



Labour innovators and persons of merit in Pyongyang move into new luxury houses in Kyongru-dong.



Skyscraper, symbol of Songhwa Street

By To Kyong Chol PT

Songhwa Street has appeared in Pyongyang in the wake of Ryomyong and Mirae Scientists streets.

At the entrance to the street there stands an 80-storey skyscraper as a symbol of the street visually proving a great golden age of construction which amazes all.

The building consists of some 900 flats with a total floor space of over 160 000 square metres.

The tower, which adds to the hope for more beautiful future, is the reflection of love for the people of the Workers' Party Korea which regards it as its mode of existence.

Amid a fierce competition,

We live in the home filled with all blessings

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hen blasting resounded in Pyongyang to signal the start of construction of 10 000 flats a year ago, I believed that a new street would be built again for the good of the people.

And yet, one year later I could not believe my eyes as I saw the eye-opening reality.

Seeing the wonderful scene of the new street, I think that if there were a miracle in the world, this might be just the one.

It is really unbelievable that ordinary people like me can receive a new, good houses on the splendid street free of charge.

I think the most powerful country is the one where the state holds the people in high esteem as God and the people turn out like one in hearty response to the call of the state to perform miracles.

Jo Sun Sil, worker at the Pyongyang Footwear Factory

Jong Hui Song, worker at the Pyongyang Condiments Factory

Pak Song, lecturer of Pyongyang College of Urban Management

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Citizens move into new flats on Songhwa Street in Pyongyang.

Hwang Jong Hyok / PICTORIAL KOREA

builders tasked with building the 80-storey building found themselves in difficulty from the outset of the project as the natural bedrock was situated deep underground. But since they regard the Party's decision precisely as practice, they dug and dug until they finally found the bedrock and perfectly.

Despite the shortage of everything and manifold trials and hardships, the WPK set it as an affair of fulfilling its greatest desire to solve the housing problem for the people. The lofty intention of the Party inspired the builders to create a new legend of construction.

It was a miracle indeed. Such apartment houses built that way are now ringing with the happy laughter of the people who have moved into them.

I could not take my eyes off

the overhead bridge when I came to the street. The bridge was built in a practical way on the principle of preferentially ensuring the convenience of people to blend in well with different kinds of welfare service facilities.

The petal-shaped 80-storey building, rising high representing fireworks in the air, is really smart and majestic.

As I look at every corner of the street, I keenly realize what it means to preserve the Juche character, national identity, serve-the-people spirit and modernity.

I will devote my wisdom and passion to achieving rapid development of the people-first architecture by upholding the plan of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Pak Song, lecturer of Pyongyang College of Urban Management

Jong Hui Song, worker at the Pyongyang Condiments Factory

Production picks up in various economic sectors

By Yun Kyong Il PT

Various sectors of the national economy are set to implement their daily, 10-day and monthly production plans without fail by upholding the decisions of the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex is operating at full capacity to normalize the daily pig iron production.

Employees of the complex are keen on introducing rational working methods and advanced technology to improve the quality of iron and steel products, while pushing forward with the project for mechanizing the tapping operation.

The complex concentrates on the production of iron and steel products needed for various economic sectors

and major construction projects by ensuring the normal operation of furnaces and widely applying advanced technologies.

At the same time, it pays attention to carefully organizing the check-up and repair of the 100-ton capacity UHP electric arc furnace and introducing a facility for heating ladle by using gas. It also steps up the iron production capacity expansion project, while pushing the current production.

The Hungnam Fertilizer Complex works hard to increase production.

Considerable progress has been made in solving technical problems arising in operating three centrifugal circulating compressors at the same time in collaboration with related units as part of its effort to increase the ammonia synthesizing capacity. It also improves

the performance of the newly added rotating drying furnace to ensure the supply of anthracite coal needed for the operation of gas generators, while operating three gas generators simultaneously, and increases gas output per hour by establishing a rational operating method.

Hydropower stations

across the country regularly check the amount of water secured and the state of hydraulic structures, strictly conduct check-ups and repair of generating equipment and operate them at full capacity to produce more electricity than planned.



RODONG SINMUN

Iron and steel production picks up at the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex.

By pushing land management as all-people undertaking

By Kim Kum Myong PT

Pukchang County of South Phyongan Province has undergone a facelift by pressing on with land administration as an all-people undertaking.

Forests cover 80 percent of the total area of the county and it has many rivers and streams including the Taedong and Piryu rivers. Therefore, it is an important matter for it to plant forests and improve rivers and streams.

Ri said that the county has made marked achievements as it directed constant efforts to turn all mountains into "gold and treasure mountains" and preventing natural disasters by improving the rivers and streams.

According to him, the county set an ambitious goal of sprucing up the county town to match the provincial capitals and has worked hard to attain it.

To this end, projects were undertaken to pave all roads in the county town, refashion the exterior designs of institutions, industrial establishments and houses to meet the modern aesthetic tastes and upgrade the hall of culture, schools and cultural and public service facilities.

As a result, all roads in the county town were paved or renovated and the hall of culture and cultural and public service facilities wonderfully reconstructed.

And cosy modern parks were built across the county town.

All roads connected to other county areas and regions were also paved, safety protection and retaining walls built, technical conditions of roads improved by adding ditches and culverts to them

to strictly ensure their safety and evenness and flowering shrubs and trees of good species planted along the roadsides to improve the modernity of roads.

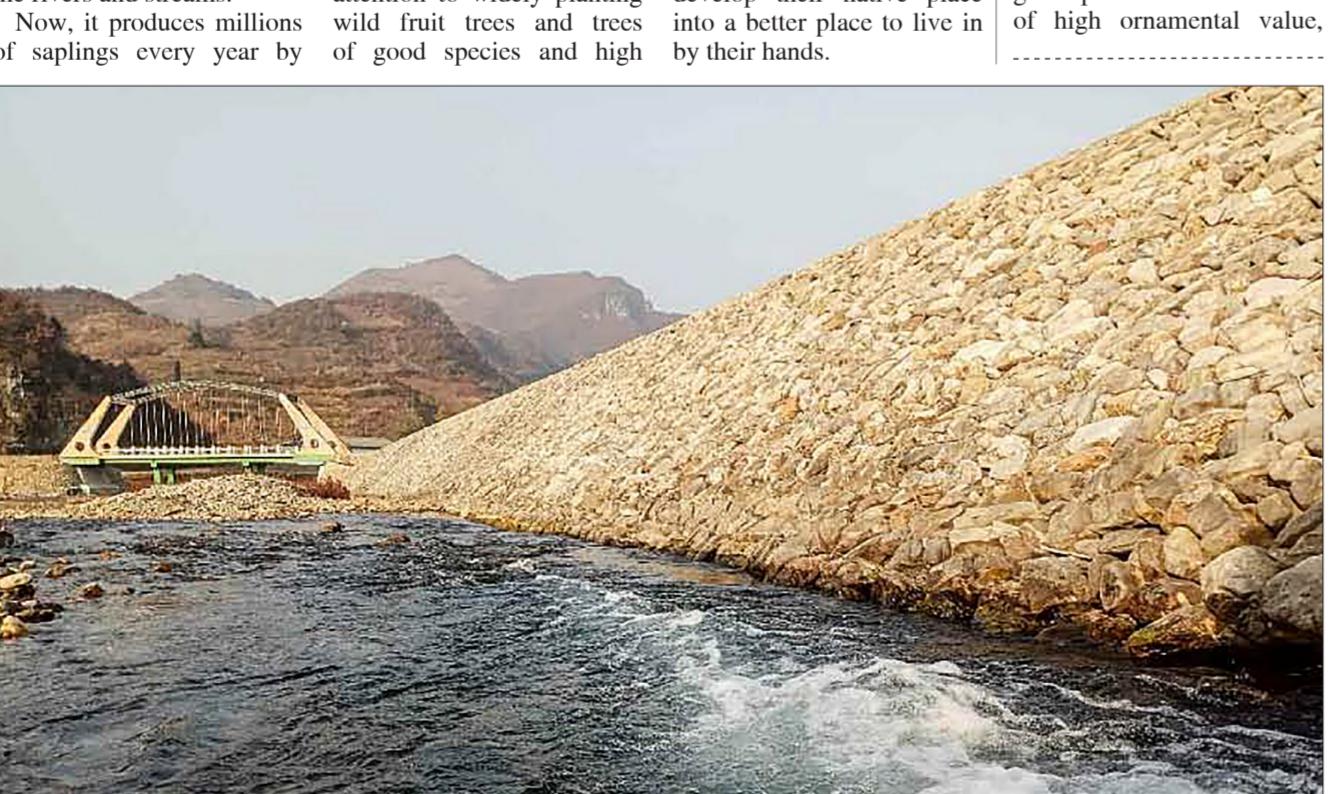
Dynamic efforts are being made to better the appearance of streets and villages in North Hamgyong Province during the spring general mobilization period for land administration.

Afforestation for erosion control and water conservancy are also stepped up including the dredging of rivers and building of embankments to bring dozens of hectares of land under the plough, while protecting land and preventing natural disasters.

Trees are planted as an all-people campaign during the spring and autumn tree-planting periods every year and factories and enterprises are given clear assignments to encourage all people to play the master's role in forest planting and protection.

The county changes its appearance with each passing day thanks to the untiring efforts of its population to develop their native place into a better place to live in by their hands.

According to the provincial plan, they landscape city and county seats and plant more good species of roadside trees of high ornamental value,



A newly-built embankment in Pukchang County, South Phyongan Province.

Streets, villages given a facelift

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

putting their production on a scientific, industrial and intensive basis and increasing the production capacity of tree nurseries including its parent nursery, tree nurseries of institutions, industrial establishments and cooperative farms and those between forests of all mountain workteams.

Dynamic efforts are being made to better the appearance of streets and villages in North Hamgyong Province during the spring general mobilization period for land administration.

All cities and counties in the province are planting and growing more trees in streets and villages, creating beautiful landscape in good harmony with surrounding natural scenery and readjusting sections in a planned way.

Having turned out as one with the ardent love for native land, the working people in the province planted good species of trees in large numbers in the seats of cities and counties and roads, giving a facelift to their regions.

The province is also pushing the work of maintaining streets and villages in a cultured and sanitary manner.

Chongjin City has mobilized residents to step up the painting of building walls according to the plans of general mobilization for land administration. With a determination to give a facelift to streets and villages they live, they carefully work to completely remove the traces of winter, including the painting of walls and ditch clearing.

Hoeryong and other cities and counties have also made progress in sprucing up their areas.

Meanwhile, the province makes the best use of elements to create new lawns and enhance natural beauty.

Thanks to the devotion of local people, the appearance of the province changes for the better day after day.

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More efficient machines developed

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Lecturers and researchers of the building machine engineering faculty of Pyongyang University of Architecture design and manufacture to estimate the quality of pile foundation is being used effectively in construction units as it can scientifically guarantee the foundation of high building even on bed of sand.

Not long ago they completed and introduced an iron-plate sieve making machine capable of raising the productivity and quality of sieve-bottom which is widely used as essential element in selecting materials by size

speed and high quality in producing quick-ignition coal briquette. The static load compression tester they designed and manufactured to estimate the quality of pile foundation is being used effectively in construction units as it can scientifically guarantee the foundation of high building even on bed of sand.

Last year alone they designed over a dozen efficient machines including a mobile vibro-pressure small hollow block moulding machine highly rated at the national sci-tech presentation in the construction sector and a high-speed revolving blade mixer conducive to ensuring

continuity, homogeneity and smoothness in punching and processing holes, while saving much more cost and labour than before.

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To carry out

this task of the times is just the duty of scientists like us," said lecturer and lead developer Kim Jong Sam.



The new method has increased drilling length 1.6 times, lifespan of tools nearly two times

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Materials Engineering Faculty of Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering devised a method of manufacturing hard alloy for rock drills with better technical specifications than the previous ones.

Lecturers and researchers of the university promoted the heterogeneity of the structure of hard alloy and increased the strength of bonding metal by relying on locally available raw materials to develop the highly efficient hard alloy for drilling rock.

The tools made by applying the technique are in wide use in the mining industry as they are popular with users.

For this reason, producing good-quality hard alloys is of crucial significance in increasing cutting speed in the machine-building industry and tunnelling speed in the mining industry.

According to one of lead developers Paek Yong Ryong, PhD and associate professor, the new method increased the drilling length 1.6 times and the lifespan of tools nearly two times, while using less cobalt, as compared to the previous method.

The rock drills made by applying the technique are in wide use in the mining industry as they are popular with users.

They are silver complex salt water disinfectant and citric acid silver complex water disinfectant.

It is said that the disinfectant does not generate any carcinogenic substances and the disinfection effect lasts for a long time.

You can just put five drops of the disinfectant into one liter of ordinary water or 20 drops for unknown water, stir it and drink it after 10 minutes.

Since it has good antiviral, antioxidant and blood-purifying effects, it can cure inflammatory, bacillary, purulent and other common diseases, making it a well-liked household medicine.

Especially, they have inhibitory effects against hundreds of kinds of bacteria.

The new water disinfectants have such a long shelf life that they are quite handy on journeys or for prolonged works.

The exchange centre brought out the silver complex



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Lecturers brainstorm ideas on a new transmission gear at the building machine engineering department of the faculty of building machine engineering of Pyongyang University of Architecture.

A lecturer and researcher discuss how to improve the quality of hard alloy at the materials engineering faculty of Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering.

night, they were completely gone after one week," said Kim Ok Hui, a customer from Central District, Pyongyang.

As it turned out to be highly efficacious in the treatment of various diseases including colitis, food poisoning, cold, empyema, hemorrhoids and skin, spinal and eye diseases, its application range has been actively broadened by users.

Later, the exchange centre developed the citric acid silver complex water disinfectant by improving its first product.

The new product made by complexing silver ion and citric acid adds refreshing taste to water.

It can be used in the same way as the silver complex salt water disinfectant.

The water disinfectants are also effective in the sterilization of fruits, vegetables and utensils, the storage of kimchi and the treatment of scours.

Company takes responsible care of employees

Sincere and genuine affections of company officials encourage employees to make innovations.



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By Jong Chol PT

The Pyongyang Construction Company is a competent and successful business well known for carrying out large construction projects.

Employees of the company say that they could have been successful not because they had lots of materials and good conditions, but because the company officials encouraged them to make innovations with

Officials of the Pyongyang Construction Company visit the house of its employee to look after his family life.

their sincere and genuine affections.

The officials possess warm humanity as their personal trait.

They are looking after the living conditions of many employees with motherly care.

One day in August last year, the foundation of a single-floured house of Ra Kwang Chol, a worker of the company, was submerged in a heavy rain and one of the rooms collapsed.

When Ra was at a loss for what to do, officials of the company were the first to come running to his house.

They offered him to pull down the old house and build a new one and provided necessary building materials.

"Bad luck often brings bad luck, as a Korean proverb goes. I felt like I was dreaming when a larger house with new furniture was given to me. I will always remember the sincerity of the company officials," said Ra.

The company takes constant care of another worker who lives with a younger brother without parents.

When some workers go to work at a distant place for months, the officials care for their living conditions with parental affections lest they should have any inconvenience.

"It is our duty to be responsible," company officials would say when employees express their gratitude.

With kindred affection

By Yun Ki Song PT

Ri Uk Je, a war veteran aged 88, has no blood relations.

However, she lives enjoying the affection that is deeper than that shown by blood relatives.

Therefore, she always says that humans live as they cry and laugh with affection.

A war veteran, she has lived enjoying state benefits and the respect of people.

Shortly ago, she came to have more "relatives" like granddaughters.

She was hospitalized at the Kim Man Yu Hospital for senile infirmity in November last year.

One day, a young woman named Ri Sol A entered the ward she was in. The teacher of Kumsong Middle School No. 2 was on a visit to her sick mother who had just been hospitalized.

As she called on her mother to attend to her almost every day, Sol A familiarized herself with the treatment process of patients in the ward and came to realize that the old woman beside her mother was a war veteran and had no children.

"I felt sympathy for the

granny who dedicated her prime of youth for the country, as I saw her lying on the bed alone," recalled Ri Sol A.

From that day, Sol A showed sincere devotion to the nursing of the two patients.

Saying that her sincerity surpassed kindred affection, inpatients of the ward joined Sol A in tending the war veteran.

Whenever the old woman

declined her favour since she had her mother to take care of while being busy with education work, Sol A continued to look after her more cheerfully. Looking at Sol A, she and all other inmates were deeply moved.

At present, teachers of the school as well as Sol A, who has forged a close bond with her, often visit the war veteran's home.



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'I am a citizen before being honoured disabled soldier'

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A day of worthwhile life is better than 100 days of purposeless existence,"

Yun Jong Hui, a disabled woman

By Chae Myong Rim PT

Yun Jong Hui, living in neighbourhood unit No. 33 of Thongilgori-dong No. 2, Rangnang District, Pyongyang, was diagnosed with life-threatening diseases when she was unexpectedly injured on a military mission some 20 years ago. At the time, she was only 20 years old.

Back home as a special-class honoured disabled soldier, she worried about herself constantly as she could not even move her body without other's help.

"No body will blame her even if she lives a comfortable life receiving medical treatment as a special-class honoured disabled soldier. But she has continued to conduct artistic motivational activities for years," said Ri Kyong Bok, head of the neighbourhood unit.

Afterwards she took an active part in such activities to inspire the workers and builders to perform feats.

Whenever she received bouquets from them, she felt proud of her life.

"What can I do with this frail health," she thought.

"At that time, my father told me that the greatest misery for a person is not to be crippled for life, but to give up one's life, hoping that I would make a right decision this time, too," recalled Yun.

Born as the eldest child of the family, Yun did not apply to university she had so much desired to go when she finished the middle school, but volunteered for military service in March 1993 when the order of the Supreme Commander was issued to the whole country, all the people and the entire army to enter into a semi-war state.

Her parents would positively support the decisions of their eldest daughter who gives precedence to her civic duty of devoted service for the country.

Yun reproached herself for having been feeble-minded even for a short time and collected herself.

After hearing from her father that an artistic motivational team of disabled soldiers was active in the district, she joined it without hesitation.

Last year, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un saw her letter expressing her resolve to work for the country to the last, along with the collection of her literary works.

On May 20 1996 when she left for the Rangnang Cooperative Farm, Rangnang District, where rice-transplanting was in full swing, for artistic motivational activities for

"I am a citizen before being an honoured disabled soldier," she says whenever people admire her resilient effort.

Grandsons of legendary magician CARVE A NICHE FOR THEMSELVES



Kim Kwang Song.



Kim Ju Song.

'The real performers of miracle are just the masses of the people. We only reflect the reality on a show.'

By Ri Myong Jun PT

Although new magic pieces are constantly created, viewers show keen interest in Kim Ju Song's and Kim Kwang Song's magic art. The performers of the National Circus produced magic pieces in a few years,

including a magic "Walking on water wearing a suit and leather shoes" and illusionary juggling "Walking on the air putting one hand on the roof of a double-decker bus" and a functional magic that draws out large and small cards one after another.

Afterwards they have only 4-5 years of creative careers, every magic piece they unveiled is drawing the attention of experts as they are fresh and original.

Both of them are grandsons of Kim Thaek Song who played an important role in the development of magic art in the DPRK in the 1970s, when the period of

the renaissance in the 20th century was ushered in under the leadership of Chairman Kim Jong Il.

The magic performance, which had seemed to be a show of mere trick of hands and cheating, turned out at that time to be a genre of art developing the people's creative faculties and giving spur to their intellectual development.

Kim Thaek Song produced over 200 magic pieces including "Floral basket", "Bumper harvest of apple" and "Mass-production of silk".

As a magic performer who has special skill in interactive magic.

The brothers worked hard to ensure that the magic would be an art reflecting the true and beautiful life of human beings.

In the course of that, they produced and performed many pieces to win the applause of the audience and gain a reputation on international magic stages.

They all won Kim Il Sung Prize and the title of People's Artist.

By carrying on their family tradition, Kim Ju Song (son of Kim Chol) and Kim Kwang Song (son of Kim Kwang Chol) have now become magic performers.

They assert magic should be developed by relying on modern science and technology, and arouse deep interest of spectators by staging a variety of magic pieces according to places

and environment while touring different construction sites, cooperative farms and pleasure grounds where people's laughter ring out.

The spectators lavish praise on them, calling them "performers of miracle", as they see a blindfolded performer treading on broken glass

"The real performers of miracle are just the masses of the people. We only reflect the reality on a show," Ju Song and Kwang Song said.

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Kim Chol (middle), Kim Ju Song (left) and Kim Kwang Song (right) hold a discussion about a new magic piece.

Ri Jin Ho's family grows over 400 plants



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By Ri Sang II PT

Ri Jin Ho's family living in Kosan-dong of Taesong District, Pyongyang, is called gardeners' family by neighbours.

This is because Ri and his wife grow more than 400 plants in their garden that is not so large.

"Ri Jin Ho's garden is like a botanical garden or park as there are growing various attractive plants, including roses and other flowering shrubs and scores of fruit trees, in the garden. The garden also has a small pond, animal sculptures and a resting place," said Kim Hyo Yong, head of the neighbourhood unit.

According to her, a lot of people visit the house to obtain seedlings of

flowering plants or fruit trees or see its garden with an intention to model theirs on it.

As the leader of the pot plant trial workteam under the Academy of Forestry, Ri has lived concerning himself with flowers and trees since his childhood, she added.

"My childhood memories of my father are about his always tending flowers and trees with loving care. As he made efforts to tend them at home and in his workplace, he always told us that a person must lead a cultured life and make emotion permeate it," said Ri.

As he tended flowers and trees with his father in his childhood, he enhanced his knowledge of gardening gradually

took pride in living with him as she saw him putting his heart and soul into tending plants.

As she helped her husband who tended plants early in the morning and would study them in his spare time, she became an amateur gardener unawares.

They now imbue their three-year-old son with the spirit of loving flowers and trees from childhood, and render unstinting assistance to people who visit their home to learn gardening techniques and experience of growing pot plants from them.

"It is my husband's desire to landscape streets of the capital city and mountains and fields of the country like the green scenery of our house," said his wife Kim Kyong Sun.

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Gardeners' family

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'Law on maintenance of public order' basis of Japan's colonial fascist laws

By Song Jong Ho PT

The Japanese imperialists, who had been dead set on continental aggression in the past century, committed numerous human rights abuses by fabricating unethical laws at random.

Particularly, it criminalized great numbers of Korean people by wielding such draconian laws to brutally punish and slaughter them.

Saying that the Koreans should either obey the Japanese law or die, the Japanese imperialists persistently clung to the fabrication of various laws. The "law on maintenance of public order" is a typical example.

It was a fascist law which the Japanese imperialists cooked up and proclaimed in April 1925 to oppress leftist forces opposing the imperialist ruling system in their country. In May that year, the coverage and object of the law were expanded to

colonial countries and regions by a royal ordinance of Japan on enforcing the law in Korea, Taiwan and Sakhalin.

It mercilessly trampled down upon the elementary rights to existence of peoples of other countries.

Lots of the Korean people were jailed under the law which was designed to brand and punish various acts aimed at reforming the state system or denying the private ownership system and all activities of opposing the colonial fascist ruling system.

The number of arrests reached nearly 130 000 in 1922, but it increased to 190 000 in 1925, when the draconian law was concocted, and more than 260 000 in 1926.

According to conservative information released by the Japanese imperialists, the cases of apprehension numbered over 875 000 and the number of the Koreans who were arrested reached millions between 1924

and 1929.

Under the law, the Japanese imperialists shot peaceful demonstrators who marched shouting "Long live the independence of Korea!" to kill and injure more than 160 in Kyongsong (Seoul) in 1926 and rushed to villages of the Pochon area in 1929 to set fire to houses of mountain-side tillers and sweep off them with guns and swords or burn them to death on the pretext that they reclaimed land without approval.

In 1928, the Japanese imperialists revised the law in favour of their fascist colonial rule and it was amended for the worse in 1941 before the Pacific war. The law constituted the basis of fabricating and enforcing different colonial fascist laws and the "law on protecting and observing the Korean political offenders", the "law on preventing and detaining the Korean political

offenders" and other special criminal laws were cooked up on the basis of the law.

The Japanese imperialists brutally cracked down not only the anti-Japanese national liberation struggle of the Korean people under the law but also the progressive ideological movement and even refusal of visiting Japanese shrines and bowing in the direction of the Japanese imperial palace.

As seen above, the law was a political tool for thoroughly liquidating the nationality of the Korean people and murdering them in a legitimate way.

Nevertheless, the current Japanese authorities are trying to whitewash their aggressive past without hesitation while justifying their past wrongdoings and approving distorted history textbooks.

The acts of the Japanese authorities are arousing the great rage of the Korean people and Japan will have to pay dearly for it.

Land management is undertaken as nationwide campaign



Choe Hung Gwon

Deputy department director of the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection

In January units of the land and environment protection sector in all parts of the country held meetings to pledge to thoroughly implement the decisions made at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The meetings expressed the determination to provide the people with more civilized living conditions and environment by making strenuous efforts to turn all mountains of the country into green ones, make the relevant local areas free from damage by any natural disaster, improve rivers and streams and ensure the safety and modernity of roads.

Now land and environment protection is under way as a nationwide and all-people affair in the country.

In the last ten years alone a new history of "gold mountain",

the improvement of rivers and streams, the projects for hillside and streamlet erosion control, embankment repair and coastal dike construction and start the normal management of them and resolutely carry out the plan. Only then will it be possible to protect the lives and properties of the people and speed up the building of a prosperous nation by relying on our growing resources regardless of any rating element.

We need more and more sources of raw materials as the economy of the country develops and the people's living standards improve.

We can steadily push ahead with the building of a prosperous country by relying on our own

only when we push the protection of land and environment, which is aimed at turning our country into a beautiful paradise good to live in, substantially, persistently and in a far-sighted way.

To that end the ministry explored the ways to accelerate the production of wild fruit tree saplings and tree planting and has put in effort to make sure to implement them.

Rural development

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, which clarified the orientation of this year's work, called for putting the country's agriculture on a definite upward stage and opening up a new great era of effecting

drastic development of the Korean-style socialist countryside by pushing the rural development under the uplifted slogan of "For the new victory of socialist rural construction!"

The WPK's goal for socialist rural construction is to model all the rural communities across the country on the Juche idea and make them materially affluent.

To achieve the goal, primary attention is being paid to raising the level of ideological awareness of agricultural workers and projects are under way to make a rapid development of agricultural workforce and bring about a fundamental change in the living environment in the countryside. And stages and goals have been set on a scientific basis and a purposeful struggle is designed and waged under year-on-year plan.

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What is 'opinion hearing' aimed at?

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According to news reports, the Japanese authorities recently organized a "hearing of opinions of erudite" with regard to stipulating the possession of the enemy base attack capability in the national security strategy.

They often hold opinion hearings of the so-called "erudite" mainly on such sensitive issues that may arouse opposition at home and abroad. On the basis of their results, they decide on as

expressing their stand on the past history and expanding conditions for the activities of the "Self-Defense Forces". In a word, hearing of opinions of the "erudite" is nothing but a farce to justify their making of criminal decisions under the cloak of universal social demand.

This time, they selected as "erudite" those who had been engaged in the diplomatic and military fields for a long time and the most crazed fanatics of militarists and held a hearing of their opinions on specifying the possession of enemy base attack capability in the national security strategy. It was as clear as day to what result it would lead. It is not accidental that the public is critical of the hearing, saying the "conclusion had already been drawn".

It is needless to say why the Japanese authorities played such a farce as stealing a bell by covering their own ears.

They aimed to mislead the public to believe that the decision on legalizing the preemptive attack on other countries is the public demand and lend validity and rationality to their moves to realize their bold ambition for overseas reinvasion.

The recent opinion hearing indicates that it is only a matter of time before the possession of enemy base attack capability is stipulated in the national security strategy.

The Japanese authorities plan to decide on this issue at a cabinet ministers' meeting slated to be held at the close of the year on the grounds of the opinion voiced at the recent hearing. It only proves that Japan's attempt at legalizing its preemptive strike on other countries and start of aggressive war on the pretext of enemy base attack is imminent as a real threat.

In recent years Japan's war expenditure has steadily grown, new war equipment continuously been developed and introduced and the scope of activities of the SDF expanded to space and cyberspace as well as overseas.

If the possession of enemy base attack capability is legalized in addition to them, it will open a direct course to the SDF for its overseas reinvasion.

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China strongly denounces military cooperation of 'AUKUS'

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China is strongly denouncing the recent joint statement of the US-led "AUKUS" committing itself to cooperating in the development of hypersonic weapons, raising the alarm of hypersonic missile and nuclear threats by China. Its real intention is to speed up the forming of an anti-China military bloc and gain a favourable foothold for world domination.

The US is stepping up its preparedness for nuclear attack against China by deploying nuclear strategic submarines and nuclear strategic bombers in forward areas on Guam and test-launching hypersonic missiles, while claiming that its military preparedness for the Indo-Pacific region has never changed even in the wake of the Ukrainian crisis.

The US attempts to form a new military bloc and consolidate military cooperation with its allies will face stronger opposition, rejection and denunciation from the countries in the region as they are extremely dangerous acts of causing escalated tension in the Asian region.

to respect China only when China continues to build up its own strength and provides itself with more methods to ensure security, sovereignty and rights to development of the country, and that everything is impossible without strong defence capability.

The Chinese representative to the United Nations expressed serious concern that the action of "AUKUS" might touch off such a situation as dispute in Ukraine in different parts of the world. He also sounded a note of warning that anyone who does not want to see such a situation should refrain from taking any action that might cause a crisis.

Chinese newspaper *Global Times* commented that if the cooperation between the US, the UK and Australia is put into effect, the missiles deployed in Australia will be aimed at China. It also emphasized that other countries will be able

by transferring to Australia the technology of building a nuclear submarine. It is expanding the scope of cooperation with "AUKUS" into the development of hypersonic weapons, raising the alarm of hypersonic missile and nuclear threats by China.

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INCREASING FRICTION BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPAN

By Om Ryong PT

The long-standing territorial dispute between Russia and Japan is escalating these days.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry recently marked the "northern territories" as "inherent part of its territory" in its 2022 diplomatic blue book. It sparked a widespread discontent among the Russians resident on the Kuril Islands and with Japan's additional sanctions, Russia mobilized over 3 000 troops and hundreds of pieces of military equipment to stage large-

scale military exercises on the Kuril Islands.

On March 21, the Russian Foreign Ministry issued a statement that Moscow would suspend talks with Tokyo on a peace treaty, and the Japanese government in retaliation took a measure on March 25 to newly add 25 persons to the list of targets for freezing of assets and put a ban on the export of goods to 81 organizations.

Timed to coincide with the US and Japan's additional sanctions, Russia mobilized over 3 000 troops and hundreds of pieces of military equipment to stage large-scale military exercises on the Kuril Islands.

A high-ranking official of the Russian defence ministry said the recent military exercises included some drills of the Russian anti-aircraft units to detect, identify and destroy enemy planes attempting to make an air raid.

as the days go by.

Mangyong Hill



Mangyong Hill is situated in Mangyongdae District of Pyongyang and is 45 metres above sea level.

It has been called thus since ancient times as it commands a bird's eye view of ten thousand beautiful

scenes of nature.

At the southwest foot of the hill there stands President Kim Il Sung's old home at Mangyongdae.

The hill is covered with evergreen pine forests, and various species of plants grow everywhere, including

light pink azaleas, Korean goldenbells, *Syringadilatata*, apricot and peach trees and ornamental flowering trees as well.

Green woods and flowers appearing according to seasons are the major features of the spectacular

natural scenery of Mangyong Hill.

Particularly, the hill looks like a piece of stunning picture in April when everything comes to life and various kinds of flowers are in full bloom.

The clear blue Taedong

River flows past the foot of its eastern cliff and the Mangyongdae Pavilion on top of the hill commands a bird's-eye view of Turu and Konyu islets in the middle of the river, natural scenes of the Mangyongdae area and

the looks of urban areas of Pyongyang with magnificent structures.

And on the hill there are revolutionary relics associated with the activities young Kim Il Sung conducted to cultivate indomitable will and high aim.

performances and got training in the martial art.

On display in the first room of the Taekwon-Do history hall are a portrait of Tangun, father of the Korean nation and founder of the nation's martial arts, books related to Taekwon-Do and data on the Taekwon-Do players who exalted the honour of the DPRK, the home of the martial art, at the Taekwon-Do World Championships and other relevant international competitions.

The room also houses data on Choe Hong Hui and Taekwon-Do masters in different countries in the world.

At the holy house there took place the Mangyongdae Prize national martial arts championships in several events from April 8 to 18 in celebration of the Day of the Sun.

Taekwon-Do Holy House



By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The Taekwon-Do Holy House is adjacent to the Taekwon-Do Hall in Sports Village on Chongchun Street in Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang.

It was built in the form of a traditional Korean-style house covered with a gabled red-tile roof on April 20, 2012. For the past ten years since then, it has informed

its local and foreign visitors of the history of Korean martial arts and that of the development of Taekwon-Do and served as a venue of different events, all sorts of demonstration performances and martial arts competitions sponsored by the International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) and for Taekwon-Do training.

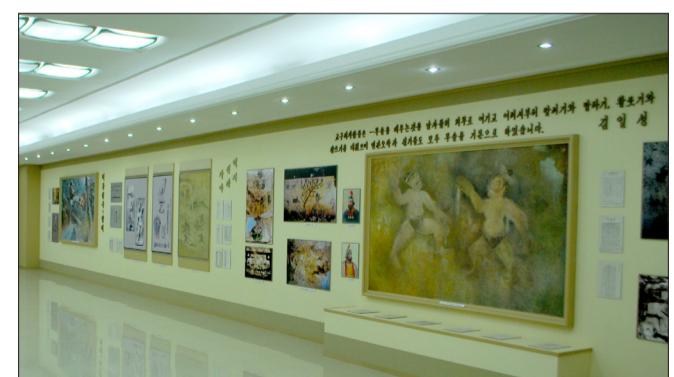
It covers a building area of 6 500 square metres with

a total floor space of 12 000 square metres.

It has the Taekwon-Do history hall with three rooms dedicated to the history of Korean martial arts, the origination and development of Taekwon-Do and the history of the ITF, the Taekwon-Do scientific research institute, training grounds, a sci-tech learning space and a multipurpose hall.

At the holy house there took place various functions including the one to commemorate the 100th birthday of Choe Hong Hui, first president of the ITF.

Over the past decade lots of visitors at home and from abroad listened to the explanation about the history of Korean martial arts and that of the development of Taekwon-Do, saw Taekwon-Do demonstration



Historical materials on show at the Taekwon-Do history hall of the Taekwon-Do Holy House.

