

## General Secretary Kim Jong Un presides over third enlarged Politburo meeting



### Gist of meeting: to push land management at local levels so as to remain unaffected by natural disasters

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The Third Enlarged Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the office building of the Party Central Committee on September 2.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, attended the meeting.

Present at the meeting were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

Attending the meeting as observers were officials of the departments of the Party Central Committee, chief secretaries of the provincial, city and

county Party committees, chairpersons of the provincial, city and county people's committees, leading officials of public security and prosecution institutions, complexes and major factories and officials of the Cabinet, relevant ministries and national agencies, armed forces organs and the emergency epidemic prevention sector.

Upon authorization of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee Kim Jong Un presided over the meeting.

Explaining the purpose and significance of the enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau before discussing agenda items, the respected General Secretary referred to the importance for the provinces, cities and counties to fulfil their responsibilities in pushing the

performance of the major policy tasks of the Party and the state, and reviewed and analysed the problems urgent for protecting the safety of the people's lives and stabilizing the people's living.

The General Secretary said that the meeting should take practical measures for vigorously promoting the mid-term and long-term prospective works like preserving land and environment conducive to the eternal prosperity of the country and for successfully carrying out urgent immediate tasks, and presented agenda items to be discussed at the current meeting.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee discussed the presented agenda items and unanimously approved them.

The enlarged meeting of the

Political Bureau importantly studied and discussed issues of thoroughly implementing the Party's policy on land management, taking thoroughgoing epidemic prevention measures as the global health crisis is getting worse day by day, increasing the production of consumer goods and successfully finishing this year's farming.

First of all, the respected General Secretary analysed and reviewed in detail the land management state of the country and clarified the tasks and ways for decisively improving land management by enhancing the roles of the provinces, cities and counties.

Saying that our Party has consistently emphasized land and environmental

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conservation ever since the country’s liberation and has been pressing ahead with the work as a more important political task in recent years, he stressed that land management means just the economic construction and the essential condition for the safety of the people and state development in our country with lots of mountains and rivers and long coastlines.

It is the core idea of the enlarged meeting that all the cities and counties should make their areas remain unperturbed and safe from any natural disasters by vigorously pushing forward land management by their own efforts, he noted.

He called on the Party organizations and power organs in the provinces, cities and counties to be well aware of the importance and urgency of land management and the demand of the Party Central Committee at the present time and go all out for implementing the Party’s policy on land management.

It is most important to maintain the viewpoint and attitude of considering land management as the most priority task in carrying out the Party’s economic policy and concentrating efforts on it, he said, adding that it is urgent to practically uproot even a single underlying dangerous factor obstructing socialist construction at present.

Saying that the viewpoint and attitude to land management is directly linked with the attitude of defending the Party and the revolution and the attitude of loving the state and the people under the situation where disastrous weather is getting ever more pronounced worldwide and its danger is also threatening our country, he asked all the senior province, city and county officials to bear in mind that no success can be expected in their work without land management and to pay the closest attention to it.

He called on the Party organizations and power organs in the provinces, cities and counties to take practical measures and map out correct action programmes for decisively improving land management.

Noting that Songchon County of South Phyongan Province and Unsan County of North Phyongan Province, which had been the repeated flood victims in the past, have exerted primary efforts on land management and are now benefiting from it, he called on all the cities and counties to dramatically spruce up themselves by learning

from the successes and experience of those counties which enhanced the organizing and executive abilities of the Party organizations and power organs implementing the Party’s policy in the arduous struggle for nature-remaking and aroused all the people’s confidence and courage.

He underlined the need to take thoroughgoing measures to overcome abnormal climate the danger of which has become higher in recent years and to work out active and ambitious plans to conclude river improvement, afforestation for erosion control, dyke maintenance and tide embankment projects in the main and enter into their regular management in the period of the five-year plan at least.

The General Secretary elaborated on consolidating material and technical foundations for dynamically pushing forward huge nature-remaking project, taking detailed crisis control measures to minimize natural disasters including flood and typhoon damage and applying control by law. He also detailed the need for leading officials of the provinces, cities and counties to undertake concrete operation and command with full responsibilities for land management in their areas.

Stressing that nothing will be impossible if the strength of our people united in single mind is organized and enlisted and officials fulfil their responsibilities and duties as commanding officials of the revolution, he appealed to all to make redoubled efforts to bring about a decisive turn in implementing the Party’s policy on land management.

Then he mentioned further tightening the nationwide epidemic prevention control to counter the further worsening worldwide health crisis.

Saying that the present dangerous situation of the worldwide pandemic which keeps spiralling out of control demands tighter nationwide epidemic prevention measures, he emphasized that all the Party organizations and officials should reexamine the national epidemic prevention system and the work in this field and conduct an intensive political offensive to strain and awaken the epidemic prevention front once again.

He underscored the need to more firmly rely on the method of ensuring the unity of all the people in thought and will and their high awareness in the epidemic prevention effort and for the officials to maintain full awareness and high responsibilities to fully guarantee

the epidemic prevention security in their areas and units before the Party and the state.

He called for fully providing material and technical means necessary for intensifying epidemic prevention effort, enhancing the professional qualifications and roles of the officials in the field of epidemic prevention and further completing our style epidemic prevention system.

He called on all the officials to bear in mind that tightening epidemic prevention is the task of paramount importance which must not be loosened even a moment under the present situation, and to display high awareness and dedication to actively contribute to reliably safeguarding the safety of people and the well-being of the country.

The General Secretary also set forth tasks to increase the production of consumer goods in the field of light industry.

He said that officials in the light industrial field are required to organize and do the work for carrying out this year’s plan on their own initiative with anticipation and dynamism, adding that they should have their loyalty to the Party and spirit of serving the people verified with substantial results.

Stressing the need to give precedence to providing raw and other materials needed for light industrial factories in decisively increasing the production of consumer goods, he took important measures for it.

He noted that all the fields including key industries should observe strict discipline to provide materials needed for the production of consumer goods on a preferential basis, bearing in mind that the mission of our economy is to meet the people’s material demand.

He said that the provincial, city and county Party committees and people’s committees should take strong measures to provide raw and other materials to local industrial factories to suit to the specific conditions of their areas and that the light industrial sector should conduct recycling in a more active, scientific and technical way, organize the production and supply of consumer goods in a planned and effective way on the basis of the overall and detailed study of the people’s demand in their living and actively conduct the production of daily necessities and August 3 mass consumption goods.

Improving the quality of consumer goods is as important as increasing their production, he said, calling for enhancing the role of scientists and

technicians, raising the level of technical skill of producers and strengthening quality control so as to produce quality goods.

He stressed that the Party organizations in the light industrial sector should conduct another round of ideological campaign to carry out the Party’s policy on light industry and thus fully arouse the enthusiasm of the officials and producers and thoroughly carry out the tasks for the first year of the five-year plan with an innovative surge in the production of consumer goods.

At the meeting the General Secretary set forth tasks to conclude this year’s farming well and attain without fail the planned grain production goal.

Recalling that this year thanks to the powerful assistance from the entire Party, the whole country and all the people the agricultural field has waged strenuous struggle to increase grain production despite unfavourable abnormal climate and though everything was in short supply, he called for concentrating efforts on increasing the grain yield as much as possible before harvesting as an immediate task.

He stressed the importance to arouse all the officials, Party members and other working people in the agricultural field as one and conduct dynamic political information and artistic motivational activities for increased production to give further momentum to supporting rural communities throughout society.

He emphasized the need to ensure as shrewd organization and command as possible to fully mobilize manpower and means to harvesting and threshing, ensure responsible state provision of farming materials and equipment and improve grain transport, processing and supply.

He gave an instruction to the Party Central Committee to take measures to successfully conclude this year’s farming and make a breakthrough in settling the food problem for the people.

Relevant decisions were adopted at the meeting.

The enlarged meeting dealt with an organizational issue next.

Concluding the meeting, the General Secretary stressed again and again the need for all the officials in Pyongyang and the provinces to be deeply aware of their heavy missions before the Party, the revolution and the people and display indomitable spiritual strength, exert strenuous efforts and demonstrate the power of persevering execution in carrying out the decisions and instructions of the Party.

# General Secretary Kim Jong Un has photo session with participants in Youth Day celebrations



## Patriotic youth highly praised for carrying on the spirit and morale of older generations

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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, had a photo session with the participants in the Youth Day celebrations.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for organizational affairs of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central

Committee, Ri Tu Song, department director of the WPK Central Committee, and Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

When he arrived at the venue of the photo session amid the playing of the welcome music, the young vanguard broke into stormy cheers of “hurrah!”

He sent warm greetings of encouragement to the reliable young people who volunteered to the outposts of socialist construction with one dream and ideal of upholding the

intention of the Party, and devote themselves with the mind of loyalty and patriotism.

Saying that the ideological and mental states of our young people are very excellent as they always respond to the calls of the country with intense loyalty and regard their devotion to the future as the greatest honour and pride of life, he highly appreciated the patriotic young people who are firmly carrying forward the revolutionary spirit and fighting traits created by the former generations.

Expressing the belief that the

participants would bear in mind the valuable call as the dependable young vanguard of the WPK as the greatest treasure of their life and demonstrate their name as heroic youth the country and the people are proud of in the worthwhile struggle for hastening the bright future of our glorious country, he posed for a picture with them.

The General Secretary extended militant greetings to the young people, waving for long to them who were cheering at the top of their voices with great emotion.

# General Secretary Kim Jong Un meets young volunteers who responded to the Party's call

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, met young people who volunteered to work at difficult and challenging sectors of socialist construction and started with a clean slate and blessed their bright future on August 30.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for organizational affairs of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

He shook hands with each of the young people who volunteered to work at difficult and challenging sectors with high awareness and enthusiasm to glorify their youth in the van of the worthwhile era, highly praising their deeds and mental world.

The young people, who had been lagging behind others, felt profound



gratitude to the motherly Party and the socialist system that embraced and brought them up and started with a clean slate by volunteering to work at the most difficult and challenging posts. He said he fully supports and is very proud of their decision.

The production of lots of young people heartily responding to the call of the Party and the revolution like them in the era when the arduous struggle

continues to bring about a new victory of the revolution is an expression of the advantages of the socialist system in our country and the demonstration of the noble view on life and the future of our youth, he said, adding it is the greatest pride, asset and wealth for a revolutionary Party to have its reliable successors, reserves and promising young main force.

He earnestly called on the young

people to become a kindling spark and a great fire in the on-going gigantic general advance and youth heroes who exert themselves to bring about prosperity and progress of the country with gem-like patriotism.

He underlined the need for the Party and youth league organizations to take warm care of the work and life of young people who volunteered to the areas and units under their responsibilities and support them and push them forward so that they can lead the most excellent lives.

He had a photo taken with those greatly excited young people, wishing the dependable youth who responded to the call of the Party in

practice out of firm faith in socialism a bright future.

He expressed the expectation and belief that all the young people who volunteered to the pilot sectors of socialist construction would glorify their precious youth with heroic feats for the Party and the country and keep to the path of patriotism to the last, true to the pledges they made at the new starting line of their lives.

They said the letter of congratulation of the General Secretary is the blessings of great love offered by him to all the young people across the country.

They expressed their heartfelt gratitude to him who praised their natural deeds as heroic and put them on the highest place of honour.

Expressing their resolve to work in their posts and workplaces all their lives, regarding them as the frontline trench linked to the courtyard of the Party Central Committee, they called on all young people to keep the trust and love

of the General Secretary as their lifeblood and perform brilliant feats in the van of socialist construction.

Then, led by Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, all the participants solemnly vowed to the respected General Secretary to cherish such honour as the best assets of their careers and fully demonstrate the mettle of the true sons and daughters of the WPK and the socialist patriotic youth in every worksite for implementing the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the WPK.



Young people who volunteered to work in the difficult and challenging sectors vow to demonstrate the mettle of the socialist patriotic youth after receiving the letter of congratulation from General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

## General Secretary's letter of congratulation conveyed

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A meeting was held on August 28 to convey the letter of congratulation sent by Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, to the reliable young people who volunteered to work in difficult and challenging sectors of socialist construction.

Attending the meeting were Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, the young people who volunteered to work in the difficult and challenging sectors, officials of the youth league central committee, chairpersons of the provincial committees of the youth league, exemplary officials of the youth league and officials in charge of youth affairs.

The letter of congratulation sent by Kim Jong Un was conveyed by Ri Il Hwan.

In the letter of congratulation Kim Jong Un highly appreciated the laudable patriotic deeds of the

young people, who volunteered to work in the difficult and challenging sectors of socialist construction in the stirring period when a dynamic struggle is being waged for the rejuvenation of the great state, demonstrating far and wide the revolutionary character and fighting mettle of the Korean youth who go through fire and water in response to the call of the Workers' Party of Korea, and extended warm congratulations and militant greetings to them.

He said that the young people, who left their dear homes and brightly illumined cities to settle in the workplaces, to which others do not dare to go, and in other places strange to them, with the same dream and ideal of supporting the Party's intention, are a great pride of socialist Korea and source of its great strength, as well as young patriots of the era, stressing that the remarkably soaring enthusiasm for volunteering of young people after the Eighth Congress of the Party is an expression of their outlook on beautiful life.

Firmly believing that all the young people, who volunteered to work in the difficult and challenging sectors, will further heighten the patriotic zeal and fighting spirit and exalt their honour of being heroic youth to be remembered by their motherland and fellow people in the vanguard of the advancing rank as befit true sons and daughters of the Party, he wished a bright future of the beloved young people.

At the meeting oath-taking speeches were made by Kim Chung Song, who worked as an instructor at the Ryonggang County youth league committee before volunteering as a farmer of the youth sub-workteam at the Okto Cooperative Farm in Ryonggang County, Pak Un Gyong, who was a worker at the Kwangbok Area Supermarket before volunteering as a farmer at the youth workteam of the Rimok Stock Farm in Sepho County, and Han Hong Sik, who volunteered as a teacher of a school in the frontline mountain village after graduating from Sariwon Ri Kye Sun University of Education.

# General Secretary Kim Jong Un sends letter of congratulation to young volunteers

*Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, on August 28 sent a letter of congratulation to young people who volunteered to work in the difficult and challenging sectors of socialist construction. The following is the full text:*

In the stirring period, when a dynamic struggle is being waged for the rejuvenation of our great state, our excellent young men and women volunteered to work in the difficult and challenging sectors of socialist construction, instilling a firmer confidence and greater fighting spirit in all other people and demonstrating far and wide the revolutionary character and fighting mettle of the Korean youth, who go through fire and water in response to the call of the Workers' Party of Korea.

With an ardent affection for and unshakable conviction in socialism, you have turned out to work bravely for the revolution, defying trials and sacrifice; I highly appreciate your laudable patriotic deeds, and extend warm congratulations and militant greetings to our young people.

My warm thanks go to the excellent parents and teachers, who supported the laudable determinations of their beloved children and students and encouraged them without hesitation, and to the organizations and officials of the youth league, who helped these young people's valuable decisions turn into patriotic minds and inspired them.

I also would like to extend warm congratulations to all other young people across the country, who have greeted Youth Day while demonstrating the stout mettle of the Korean youth with hot blood and soaring passion in every corner of the country.

Though your native homes and the dreams you nurtured in your minds are different, you, with the same dream and ideal of supporting the Party's intention, have settled in the workplaces, to which others do not dare to go, and in other places strange to you; you are a great pride of socialist Korea and source of its great strength, as well as young patriots of our era, beloved of your country and fellow people.

Your deeds are an expression of your thoroughgoing faith to share your destiny for ever with socialism, your ardent love for your state and your outlook on beautiful life of finding the honour and worth of life on the road of working for the Party and revolution.

Amid the remarkably soaring enthusiasm for volunteering by young people in response to the call of the times and their motherland in practice, not in words, the ranks of young people who volunteered to the difficult and challenging sectors have increased rapidly after the Eighth Congress of the Party; this fact showcases the wonderful ideological and spiritual state of our current young men and women.

Young people around the world are flowing into their capital and other cities in pursuance of their avarice and personal pleasure. Only the Korean young people who have grown up under the embrace of the socialist motherland unhesitatingly volunteer to exchange their cards of capital citizenship with notes of dispatch to coal mines, cooperative farms, grand construction sites and islands far from cities.

Our Party identifies, in your beautiful and laudable spiritual world, the patriotic soul and revolutionary spirit which remain unchanged and yet alive no matter how many generations have been replaced.

You volunteered for the posts at which, you knew, you would have to suffer extraordinary hardships away from your dear homes, brightly illumined cities and beloved families. Your lofty spirit is a splendid inheritance of the ennobling spirit of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters who fought shedding blood in the blizzard-swept wilderness after parting with their families.

The red blood of the anti-Japanese forerunners who pioneered the revolution under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung is now running through the veins of the rising generations, and this clearly proves that the lineage of the revolutionary cause of Juche which started in Mt Paektu is being stoutly inherited.

The enemies are now trembling with terror at this

powerful current and spirit.

The imperialists' anti-DPRK attempt to degenerate and undermine the ranks of our young people by means of vicious sanctions and pressure and tenacious ideological and cultural infiltration has vanished like bubbles in the face of this strong current.

It is a wild goose chase to try to pull down the bulwark of socialism by breaking away our younger generations from the revolution.

The revolutionary advance made by you, hot-blooded young people, is heightening the morale of the ranks of the general onward march as the days go by and injecting confidence in sure victory and youthful vigour into the whole country.

To look back, every upsurge of our revolution has begun with the sweeping enthusiasm of the young people for volunteering, and this enthusiasm has always given rise to a revolutionary and patriotic zeal, resulting in a stirring era.

Thanks to the boundless loyalty and devoted passion of the young people, who had settled down on the rugged mountains and wild sea and shed valuable sweat true to the appeal of the Party that had called young people to the mountains, seas and development areas, monumental edifices of the era mushroomed in the desolate areas and a great heyday of the legendary Chollima era and WPK era opened on this land.

Young people courageously volunteered to work on the first lines designated by the Party and revolution when the country was going through trials and demanding another leap forward, and performed undying exploits, shaking the land and sky; these legendary tales are never a thing of the past, living only in memory; they now serve as a driving force that encourage our revolution to advance vigorously.

A state with a huge army of young people, who stoutly carry forward the revolutionary spirit and fighting stamina created by their preceding generations, advances by leaps and bounds full of youthful vigour without knowing any senility for ever.

The communist society, which the hot-blooded young revolutionaries pictured in their minds today 94 years ago at the beginning of the Korean revolution, is not a thing of a distant future, but will turn into reality without fail thanks to the unflinching struggle of the patriotic young people boundlessly loyal to the call of the WPK.

Now we are in the severest-ever trials since the founding of our state, and are overcoming the unprecedented difficulties with an indomitable spiritual strength.

In this situation, the news that our young people volunteered, in groups and one after another, to work on the major fronts of socialist construction is more encouraging than that hundreds of thousands, nay millions, of tons of steel and fertilizer or tens of thousands of sets of machine have been produced.

What delighted me most is that the young people, who had been lagging behind others, reached an excellent decision to devote themselves to their motherland as befits members of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League that has been rallied on the strength of patriotism, and made a new start of their lives by volunteering to work at the difficult and challenging sectors.

When the youthful hearts burning with patriotism fire millions of others' and the fire burns up all sorts of feeble and impure elements that remain and are hindering our advance, the timetabled victory of the Korean revolution will be hastened that much.

The Party expects that you will further heighten the patriotic zeal and fighting spirit that are running high at the moment to become standard-bearers and fighters who achieve breakthroughs in the vanguard of the advancing ranks.

Many difficulties and trials may lie on the road you have to follow from now on.

Of course, you must have set out on this road with a mental preparation to brave difficulties; whenever you vacillate even for a moment, you should invariably follow the road of patriotism to the end, recalling the pledges you made on the day when you volunteered

and reflecting yourselves on the spiritual world of your preceding generations.

When all of you transform the whole country including the remote villages on the communist lines by turning the outposts of socialist construction into theatres of struggle and feats and demonstrating the mettle of the youth shock brigade and youth death-defying corps, the speed of advance of our revolution will be further accelerated and our politico-ideological and class position will be further consolidated.

I am in belief that all the young people, who volunteered to work in the difficult and challenging sectors and are unsparingly devoting their loyal and patriotic sweats at early ages in order to ease the anxiety and agony of the Party and the state as much as they can, will exalt their honour of being heroic youth who are loved by their collectives and comrades as treasures of their workplaces and artists of great feats and who will remain in the memory of their motherland and fellow people.

As a saying goes that suffering borne in youth is more enhance than gold, the worthwhile traces of our young people who devoted their youth, accepting trials with pleasure, in the difficult and challenging sectors will be their most valuable life-long wealth that cannot be bartered with anything else and a precious asset which they can proudly hand down to the coming generations.

Recently, the youth league officials are putting the main emphasis on the league's internal work and ideological education as intended by the Party, and are bringing about a turn in the spirit and manner of their work. As a result, visible changes are taking place in the political consciousness and mental state of our young people.

Youth league organizations and officials should further enhance the atmosphere of the positive begetting another positive by drawing on this experience, and conduct the work with the sentiments and feelings of young people in a substantial way. In this way, they can prepare the ranks of our youth into a collective of steadfast patriots, into a reliable special detachment of our Party, who work with devotion for the prosperity of our socialist motherland.

It is a firm determination of our Party to take each and every young man and woman born on this land to the communist society.

Party organizations should channel their particular efforts into the work with young people, regarding the work of the youth league as part of Party work, so that all the young people can display their youthful wisdom and courage in the struggle for fresh victory in socialist construction.

Party organizations should take maternal care of the work and life of the young people who volunteered to their relevant areas and units, and lead them to live with honour at every step on the road of loyalty to the Party.

They should also hold the families, which sent their children to the difficult and challenging sectors, as patriotic families, and take good care of them.

The millions of young people are a firm cornerstone, which our Party relies on at any time, and a strong force that demonstrates a more formidable strength the harder the times are.

The cause of our Party will win victory after victory by dint of the ardent loyalty of our proud and trustworthy young people and of the full support and trust of all other people.

My earnest request is that you, in good health at new workplaces in strange localities, should add brilliance to your beautiful life by creating new innovations and performing uninterrupted feats without betraying the expectations of your parents, siblings, teachers, organizations and comrades.

I wish a bright future of our beloved young people.

Let us all struggle dynamically for the fresh victory of our revolution and the bright future of our great state.

I firmly believe that you will fully demonstrate to the whole world the heroic mettle of the Korean youth as befits true sons and daughters of the motherly Party.

# Youth Day

## celebrated nationwide

### Homage paid

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The participants in Youth Day celebrations visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance to pay their noble respects to them on August 27.

At the plaza of the palace, they made a deep bow to the portraits of the smiling President and Chairman in

reflection of the unanimous mind of loyalty of all the young people throughout the country.

They made a fervent pledge to fully demonstrate the might of the socialist patriotic youth league in the van of the struggle for carrying out the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress, true to the ideology and leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is ushering in a golden age of the Korean youth movement.

### Dance party

Youth and students held dance parties in different parts of the country to celebrate the Youth Day.

The venues of the dance parties in Pyongyang, the plazas in front of the April 25 House of Culture and the Arch of Triumph, were full

of young people cheerfully greeting the 30th Youth Day.

Circledances of celebration were performed with the playing of song *Glory to General Kim Jong Un*.

Dances to the tune of *Our Comrade Kim Jong Un, Cheers of the People* and

other songs represented the deep reverence for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who drastically raised the position and role of young people in the new era of building a great powerful country and repeatedly bestowed great loving care and favour on them.

Songs reflecting the strong spirit of youth who are opening up a breakthrough at the sites of a great surge added vigour

to the enthusiastic young people.

And those representing the will of young people to firmly carry forward the tradition of loyalty and patriotism displayed by the youth of the preceding generations revved up the atmosphere of the dance parties.

There were similar dance parties in different parts of the country including Sinuiju, Haeju, Kanggye, Hyesan and Chongjin.

### A variety of activities

While staying in Pyongyang, participants in the Youth Day celebrations conducted a variety of political and cultural activities.

They saw the documentary "The Brilliant History of Youth Power" at the People's Palace of Culture.

They also enjoyed artistic performances including

revolutionary drama, opera and music and dance performance given by the artistes of central artistic troupes at different theatres in the capital city, especially the Pyongyang Grand Theatre, East Pyongyang Grand Theatre, Ponghwa Art Theatre and National Theatre.

They enjoyed a good time

of rest at the Amusement Park of Kaeson Youth Park and the Rungna People's Recreation Ground.

They visited Mangyongdae, the sacred place of revolution where President Kim Il Sung was born and spent his childhood.

Hearing the explanations about the materials and relics on show at the Mangyongdae Revolutionary Museum, they remembered with deep emotion the revolutionary career of the President who set out on the road of revolution in his early teens, adopted "The People are my God" as his lifelong motto and devoted his all to the people.

At the Youth Movement Museum they learned about the undying exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who had undertaken a great programme of attaching importance to and loving the youth in the whole period of their revolutionary leadership and led the Juche-oriented youth movement along the road of victory and glory.

Visiting the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong and the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery, they cherished the truth that the revolutionary soldiers who laid down their prime of youth in the sacred struggle for the country and people will live on forever under the care of the Workers' Party of Korea.

They also visited the Phyongchon Revolutionary Site which tells the revolutionary feats of the President and the Chairman who had built the DPRK into an invincible power by opening up a new history of Juche-oriented defence industry.

A Youth Day celebration

performance "We'll demonstrate the might of patriotic youth" was staged on August 29.

Starting with the overture *We Are Successors to Revolution* and *Song in Praise of Youth*, the performance included a variety of numbers including narrative poem, chorus, solo and *kayagum* ensemble.

The stories and songs of the young people, who volunteered to work at difficult and labour-consuming sites of socialist construction out of desire to live up to the ideal and ambition of youth in the course of upholding the intentions and plans of the Party, reflected the noble mentality of the youth in a very impressive way.

When youth heroes of the preceding generations, who lived a worthy life in their youthful days as "red motivator" in the Chollima era and exemplary people of virtue and performed feats in the construction of monumental structures of the era of the Workers' Party, ascended the stage, the participants in the celebrations presented bouquets to them amid thunderous applause.

Their life stories about performing world-startling miracles on the rugged mountains and wild sea under the collectivist slogan of "One for all and all for one!" left an overwhelming impression among the audience.

Excited by their stories, young people came out to the stage and expressed their resolve to become the vanguard and shock brigade in the worthwhile struggle for adding lustre to the era of Kim Jong Un by firmly carrying on the revolutionary spirit created by the preceding generations.

### Gala evening

A gala evening of youth and students was held at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on August 28.

It was seen by Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, officials of the youth league and the participants in the Youth Day celebrations.

When the song *Glory to General Kim Jong Un* was played, the gala evening began.

The participants danced, paying the highest honour and extending the warmest greetings of gratitude to the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who is ushering in a golden age of the Korean youth movement while training the youth ranks as a group of steadfast patriots and the Party's reliable detached force devoting themselves to the prosperity of the socialist country.

Seeing the youth and

students performing lilting dances, the audience felt confident that immensely rosy is the future of the country glorifying the praiseworthy era of youth in the blessings of the great sun.

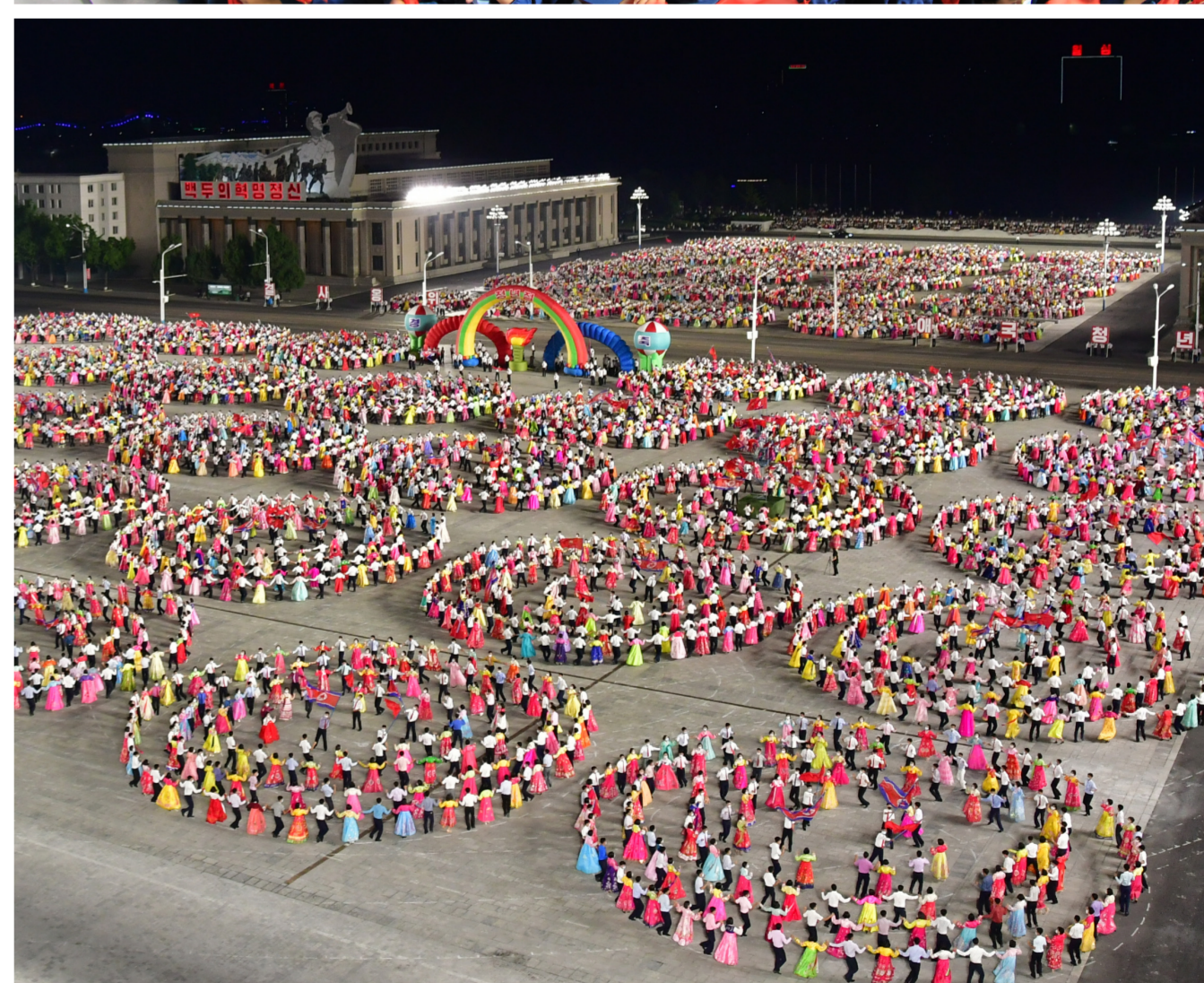
When the atmosphere of the gala evening was revved up, the nocturnal sky was alight with fireworks.

The gala evening reached climax when the song *We Will Defend General Kim Jong Un with Our Lives* was played in the square where the flags of the DPRK and the youth league were fluttering.

Singing the song of devotedly defending the Party Central Committee in chorus and waving red flags vigorously, all the participants were flooded with the zeal of loyalty with which to repay with miracles and feats the great benevolence of the respected General Secretary, who sent a letter of congratulation of love and trust to the youth and ensured that the youth could lead the most worthwhile life.



Young people hold a dance party on August 28 at the plaza in front of the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang as part of Youth Day celebrations.



A gala evening of youth and students takes place at Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square on August 28.



The participants in Youth Day celebrations have a good time enjoying art performances and riding amusement facilities.



# With an eye to educational power

By Kim Kum Hui

The DPRK aims to build a talent and educational power in the near future.

The achievements the DPRK has made in education over the past ten years heralds the rosy prospects for this goal.

The Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea in 2016, the 14th National Conference of Teachers in 2019 and the Eighth Congress of the Party this year were momentous occasions for the development of education.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gave important instructions for developing education as he gave on-the-spot guidance to Kim Chaek University of Technology, Pyongyang Teachers Training College, Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Pyongyang primary and middle schools for orphans, and met the participant in the 14th National Conference of Teachers and other teachers who volunteered to work at branch schools on islands and in frontline and mountainous areas.

Amid the growing state investment in education and the sustainable increase of social interest, the education system to train talents and all other people as sci-tech

talents has further been completed and successes were made in all fields of education including the improvement of educational conditions and environment, innovations at educational contents and methods, and the improvement of qualifications of teachers.

Great efforts have been paid to strengthening secondary general education, the universal 12-year compulsory education has been enforced since 2017 and lots of technical senior middle schools have been built to meet regional features.

The Sci-Tech Complex was splendidly built, Mirae e-libraries and sci-tech learning spaces were set up across the country and online courses established in universities to prepare the working people into knowledge-based ones.

Educational conditions and environment have remarkably been renewed.

The High-Tech Research & Development Centre was built at Kim Il Sung University and Mirae science and technology centre was established at Kim Chaek University of Technology to provide material conditions for realizing the integrity of education, scientific research and production, and classrooms and laboratories

were updated to conduct lectures and experiments by applying modern educational science and technology.

In particular, Pyongyang Teachers Training College was built as a model to put education on a scientific, IT and modern basis at a high level.

Nearly 100 schools were newly built or reconstructed in North Phyongan Province last year and other provinces are competitively changing the appearance of schools.

Educational contents and methods have been innovated in higher education and secondary education as a whole.

The higher education sector made the education content practicable, comprehensive and up-to-the-minute at a high level, while the middle education sector created teaching methods of great realistic significance including theoretical education, experiments and practical training, teaching method combining education by demonstration and the one using AI technology.

National exhibition of educational science, exhibition of educational experimental apparatuses and teaching aids, and education support exhibition were held splendidly to propel the development of education.

# TEN YEARS witness a big stride in education



Pupils at Kim Song Ju Primary School attend the first lesson for the 2018 new school year. The universal 12-year compulsory education was taken into force across the country in 2017.

## Universal compulsory 12-year system kicks off

By Kim Rye Yong PT

The Sixth Session of the 12th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK in September 2012 adopted the law on enforcing the universal 12-year compulsory education.

The universal 12-year compulsory education was implemented all over the country from 2017 after a successful pilot project.

The education system includes one-year preschool education, 5-year primary education and 3-year junior and senior middle school courses.

The new compulsory education is provided free of charge at full responsibility of the state to students at a high level until they reach working age.

The state covers all the expenses for lectures, experiments and practical training, extracurricular activities, study tours and camping in the DPRK.

The enforcement of the universal 12-year compulsory education brought about a great turn in drastically improving the quality of secondary general education according to the demands of the era of the knowledge economy and the worldwide trend for educational

development.

With the introduction of the new education system, the country's secondary general education was further improved in all aspects from teaching contents and methods to training of teachers and provision of educational conditions.

Pyongyang Teachers Training College has renewed the teaching programme in accordance with the one-year increase in the primary school course so as to put the education contents on a practicable, comprehensive and modern basis, while writing new textbooks for kindergarten and primary school on a high level.

In the meantime, the quality of lessons were enhanced at primary schools with the introduction of the subject teacher system and secondary educational institutions are competitively creating and adopting new innovative teaching methods to turn students into active learners.

Kim Won Hui, deputy department director of the Education Commission, said that the achievements made in the course of the enforcement of the universal 12-year compulsory education are associated with self-sacrificing and patriotic efforts of the teachers.



## Making all people versed in SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

By Jong Hyong Chan

Today, many factories and enterprises of the DPRK actively promote technical

innovation to produce raw and other materials, which were dependent on import in the past, with domestic materials.

The Pyongyang Evaporated

Tools Development Company has recently succeeded in making hard alloy by using domestic materials, while the Sungni raw material processing factory developed a

technology for producing high-quality graphene.

"This is the fruition of the campaign for making the people well versed in science and technology," said Pak Ji Song, staffer at the State Commission of Science and Technology

Ri Song Jun, worker of the Phyongchon District water supply and sewage management station, is called "worker inventor". Hanging on the walls of his house are many invention certificates, certificates of original plans and those of registration of sci-tech hits.

"The sci-tech learning space gave encouragement and confidence to me," he says.

Hisnano-silveroxide production method received an invention certificate in November last year.

At present, the number of visitors to the sci-tech learning space like Ri has increased remarkably.

The data diffusion system

transmitting data from the Sci-Tech Complex to terminal units like water flows further encourages the enthusiasm for study.

The Sci-Tech Complex introduces the e-data collecting system, which was developed last year, in order to further expand sci-tech learning spaces.

At present, the system has been introduced into Mirae e-libraries in many cities and counties, fully displaying its vitality.

The study-while-you-work system takes an important role in raising public enthusiasm for study.

More and more people enter online courses of the universities.

Among those who enrol and study in the online courses of the Sci-Tech Complex, the Grand People's Study House and other universities are not only technicians but also leading officials of factories and enterprises and housewives.



The file photo shows working people browsing information at the e-library of the Sci-Tech Complex in 2018.



Among various brands of school things, children and students in the DPRK unhesitatingly pick out Haebaragi brand.

Haebaragi school things are good-looking, convenient to use and diversified in style and kind.

They are produced at the Ryongbong School Supplies Factory inaugurated in August 2017.

# 6 A boy comes back to life in days

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**My son has come back to life thanks to the benefits of the socialist free medical care system and sincere devotion of health workers.”**

Kim Song Hui, mother of Hwang Phygong Gon



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Hwang Phygong Gon, 4 years old, leaves the Okryu Children's Hospital amid the warm send-off of health workers.

By Pang Un Ju PT

One day in early August, an ambulance arrived at the Okryu Children's Hospital, tooting its horn loudly.

The patient brought into its ICU on gurney was Hwang Phygong Gon, a 4-year-old boy.

“At that time the patient was unconscious and stopped breathing due to severe medicinal poisoning. So I doubted if the family brought the dead child with a ray of hope,” said Kim Song Nam, head of the resuscitation and

intensive care department.

After calming down the parents who were so worried to ask for help for their only son, medical workers got on with medical treatment immediately to resuscitate the patient.

Kim Su Ho, the doctor in charge, and other medical workers injected different kinds of analeptics into the patient's body, while giving him a heart massage.

Two, five and 10 minutes passed, but his heart did not beat.

“From the medical point

of view, if this much time passed, life and death of the patient had already been decided. But we did not give up. We conducted an intensive treatment campaign, continuing heart massage,” recalled Kim Song Nam.

A miracle occurred after 16 minutes.

The patient's lips began to flush slightly and the sound of heart beating was barely heard. Doctors and nurses immediately put him on a life-support machine.

Phygong Gon regained

consciousness and was able to breathe himself 19 hours after they started medical treatment.

Measures were taken to improve his nutrition along with the injection of medicines to remove toxic materials.

Phygong Gon got better day after day.

“My son has come back to life thanks to the benefits of the socialist free medical care system and sincere devotion of health workers,” said Kim Song Hui, mother of the child patient.

## Disabled soldier enjoys public respect



RA PHYONG RYOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Ri Kwang Sop (second from left) on a visit to the family of a special-class honoured disabled soldier.

By Kim Rye Yong PT

The Korean people find the worth of their life in devoting themselves to society, the

collective and the country.

Ri Kwang Sop, an honoured disabled soldier living in Suncheon City of South Phyongan Province, is

one of them.

Though he was demobbed as he was injured by an unexpected accident during his military service, he

recovered from the injury with a great effort of will and is now doing good works for society.

He is now in charge of a livestock farming base under a unit.

“It was really an uphill struggle to build the livestock farming base. I had some experience of animal husbandry in the army, but it was quite different from running a special livestock farming base,” said Ri.

He made strenuous efforts to build animal houses and secured breeding pigs, chickens, turkeys and other domestic animals.

In collaboration with an animal husbandry research unit, he markedly increased the proportion of non-cereal feed and invented a feed grass cutter. Several years later a protein feed breeding ground and fish farm appeared.

“The fattening rate of poultry jumped right after the protein feed breeding ground was built. The key to production rise was to

steadily introduce advanced technologies,” he said.

He paid special attention to the anti-epizootic work and positively applied Koryo treatment methods by using locally-available medicinal herbs.

His farm overfulfilled its production plan each year and became an example to other livestock farming units.

“He wanted to repay the favour bestowed on honoured disabled soldiers by the country which gives preferential treatment and offers social benefits to them uninterruptedly even in hard times. He worked harder after our daughter took part in the joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations in celebration of the 66th founding anniversary of the KCU amid the blessings of the whole country and had a photo taken with the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un,” said his wife Kim Sun Hwa.

Ri visited major construction sites, units

of the Korean People's Army and Mangyongdae Revolutionary School to deliver lots of aid materials and other supplies.

Dozens of certificates of assistance he and his family were awarded clearly show his pure conscience and tireless effort for nearly a decade to devote himself to the prosperity of the country.

“As the same honoured disabled soldier, I am really impressed with what he had done for the country. Ri is still living in the spirit of sacrificing himself for national defence without hesitation as he did during his military service. He is just the example to be followed by us honoured disabled soldiers,” said Ri Chang Gyong, a special-class honoured disabled soldier living in Suncheon City.

Ri Kwang Sop, a deputy to the city people's assembly, is now respected by all as a meritorious person of socialist patriotism.

# Mt Myohyang, one of celebrated mountains in Korea



By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Mt Myohyang has been well known as one of the six celebrated mountains and one of the eight beauty spots in Korea since ancient times.

The name being derived from the fact that it is singular and mysterious in geographical features, fragrant and beautiful, the mountain presents superb views in all peaks and valleys.

Most well-known is the scenery of the newly-developed area of Hyangsan in which the chain of

mountain peaks and mysterious rocks rising on both sides of the Myohyang River, Sangwon, Manphok, Chonhae, Chilsong and other valleys and waterfalls are concentrated.

Sangwon and Manphok valleys are comprised of big and small ravines between mysteriously-shaped peaks and steep cliffs of Mt Myohyang.

The acme of Sangwon Valley is the magnificent view around the Inho Pavilion, which is one of the eight famous views in Mt Myohyang.

The view of waterfalls around the Inho Pavilion can be rarely seen in the world as it commands the views of three waterfalls in one place. The over 100-metre-high Ryongyon Falls which looks like a dragon flying high into the sky by wriggling itself slides down the wide rock, the Sanju Falls beside it reminds viewers of an uncountable number of pearls dropping from above, and above the two falls the Chonsin Falls cascades down from a faraway rock like hanging silk towels left by the fairies from the sky.

The pavilion also commands a bird's eye view of the mountain peaks which are called Manmulsang, or the Myriad-shaped Peaks, of Mt Myohyang and all other things at the foot of the mountain where the International Friendship Exhibition House is located.

The name Manphok Valley is said to have been derived from the meaning that as the crystal-clear water flows down from Hyangro Peak over the rocks to form many waterfalls and pools, the number of falls being as many as ten thousand in the valley.

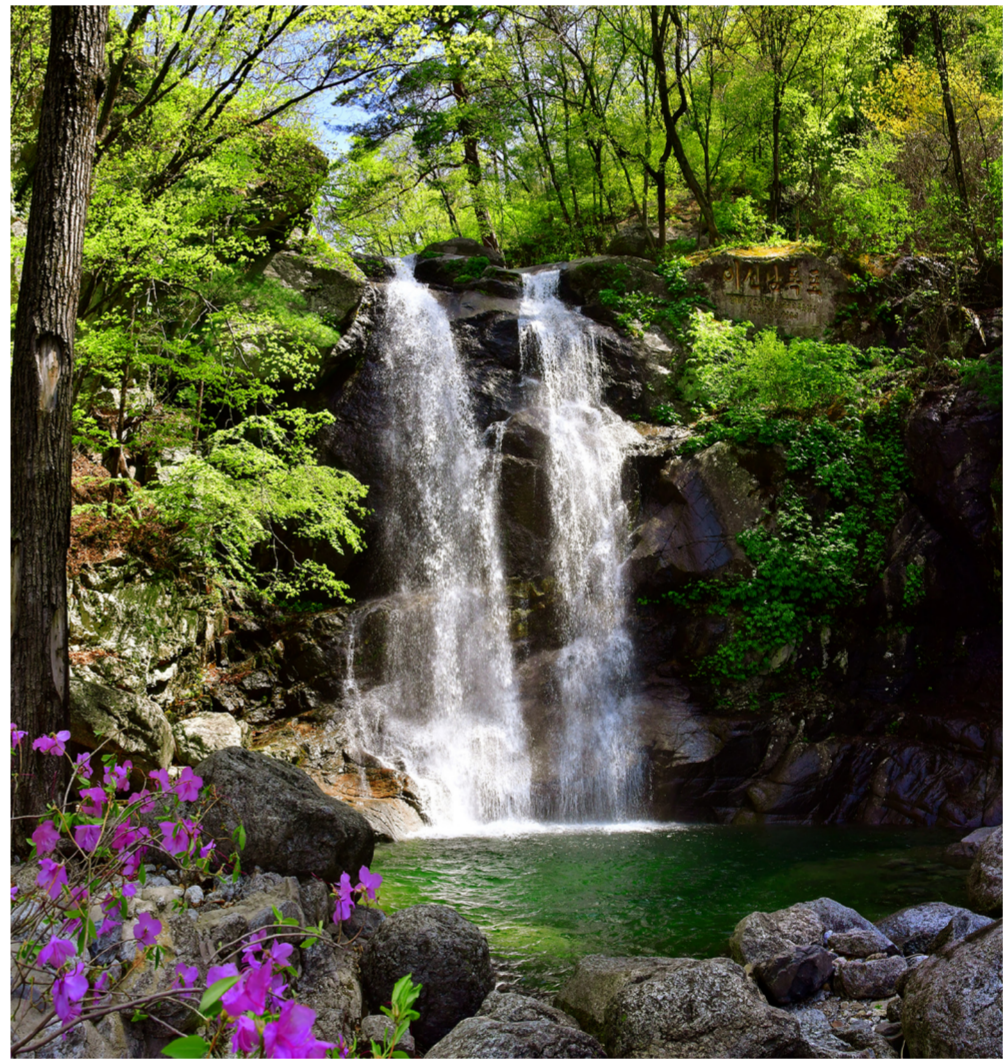
The competition of waterfalls in beautiful scenery begins from the Sogok Falls which is said to herald the start of ten thousand water songs and goes on with the Hamurung Falls flowing down in two streams with open-hearted masculine and gentle and quiet feminine characters and the Murung Falls boasting of thrill and beauty. It climaxes with the Pison Falls which cascades down in lots of

water drops like beads with the sound rocking the valley and the Kuchung (9-storey) Falls flowing down the nine stairs on a slanting bedrock in torrents.

The view of Chilsong Valley down below Chilsong Peak, the second highest peak in Mt Myohyang, is also magnificent.

The valley is deep and very steep and has many scenic spots. It also has many waterfalls including Mangyong, Pidan, Saja and Unsil Falls and such scenic attractions as Sahyang Pond in which a legend says many musk deer of the mountain bathed in pairs in ancient times, the Chilsong marsh which is unfathomable as it is located between cliffs, containing lots of secrets of the mountain in it and Tottae Peak rising high like a mast, which add to the beautiful scenery of Mt Myohyang.

In Mt Myohyang visitors can see different scenery in each season, but in autumn they can see that of all four seasons in a day.



Enchanting views of Mt Myohyang. The mountain is famous for a myriad of rocks and waterfalls.

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Students from Pyongyang University of Publishing and Printing Industry visit their lecturer's home to say Happy New Year to him on New Year's Day in 2020.

## Law gives way to morals as the latter gains ground

By Jang Tae Guk

Growing importance is being placed on the role of morality in social administration and development.

Man, a social being, gives help to or receives it from others during their life. In the course of it, moral qualities of love and respect, requital of favour or kindness and fidelity develop and improve, making human life more beautiful and happier. It shows that morality plays an important part in the existence and development of the state and social system.

It is self-evident that in a country where human relations based on virtue and affection and noble morality prevail a harmonious and sound atmosphere pervades the whole society and everything goes well.

Originally, it is a lawful course of social development that the range of control and application of morality to social life broaden. As society develops onto a higher stage, legacies of the old society disappear and ideological consciousness of the people is raised to a higher level. Eventually, members of society lead all social life including political, economic and cultural life on the basis of high political and moral consciousness. It means

that the extent of control by and function of morality in social life are increased, whereas those of law are reduced.

In the DPRK the whole society forms a great harmonious family and all people live a fulfilling life, helping and leading one another like their own flesh and blood.

A great harmonious family! It is another synonym for the Korean-style social system in which collectivist morality has become the basis of social relations.

In the DPRK all people yearn only for their leader both in happy or hard times and many young people volunteer to work at difficult and challenging jobs in hearty response to the call of the Workers' Party of Korea and tie the knot with honoured disabled soldiers.

Many stories are told about moral virtues of saving others' drowning children before their own and taking care of war veterans, old people who have no children to look after them and tens of parentless children like their own flesh and blood, heroic feats of risking their life without hesitation to save others at a critical moment, admirable traits of carrying students with injured legs on the back to and from the school and donating their own conjunctivas for the patients to

restore their eyesight, and such laudable deeds have become a commonplace.

Therefore, an overseas Korean journalist said in an article:

"...Like a man who wanders about steep mountains and deep valleys with a knapsack on his back to gather rare life-saving medicinal herbs, I planned to collect beautiful stories about moral virtues practiced on this land one by one to fill my knapsack. But it was really surprising for me to see that the flowers of beautiful stories which should hide themselves in deep forest or open field by one or two are in full bloom in countless numbers on the field of the homeland as if covering the whole world like prolific plants."

All the people in the DPRK share joys and sorrows and go through the trying ordeals like members of the same family and all members of society embody the collectivist spirit, be fully aware of their noble moral duty and assume and lead a social life conscientiously and willingly—these are the original features and advantages of Korean-style socialism and the driving force behind its dynamic advance.

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### EDITORIAL

## Shameless act geared to repeating unethical crimes

China and Russia have recently opened to the public the materials related to germ warfare and living-body test committed by Unit 731 of the imperial Japanese army during the Second World War.

The data from China is a statement of the commander of Unit 731, which contains the fact that Japan pushed research into and mass-production of germ weapons and conducted living-body tests in that course.

The data from Russia included the content that Japan passed the Soviet army troops who were captured at the battles of Lake Khasan and Khalkhin-Gol to Unit 731 as guinea pigs.

These are the most recent data among other evidence revealing germ warfare committed by Japan in the past.

As was known, the former Japanese military perpetrated unheard-of crimes including vivisection and germ injecting experiments to develop biochemical weapon through Unit 731, which was headquartered in a region of Harbin, Heilongjiang Province, and murdered over 600 people every year.

According to information available, before their defeat they killed over 400 remaining objects of experiment with potassium cyanide and machine guns in a bid to cover up their crimes, and totally exterminated their corpses.

The past wrongdoings committed by Japan in the past century including the germ warfare conducted by Unit 731 are uncountable.

This notwithstanding, Japan resorts to playing a trick to justify and cover up its crime-ridden

history, rather than making an apology and soul-searching for the past crimes.

Shortly ago, when Japan-based German embassy released an article that "World War II was initiated by the nationalism and militarism of Germany and Japan", the Japanese ultra-right wingers opposed, saying there is no signs of sexual slavery and massacre by Nazi Germany in Japan. Worse still, Japan spun out such sophism that it cannot bear the same responsibility with Germany as it was engaged in the war so as not to reduce it into a colonial state.

Recently, the Japanese ultra-right wingers visited the Yasukuni Shrine again to pledge revenge against their defeat and issued a "defence white paper for children" to infuse territorial and reinvansion ambitions into new generation.

Not content with denying its past shameful crimes and instilling militarism, they are now working to smash the "one-percent line of the GDP", which has been limited in name only, and hell-bent on arms buildup for the preparation of war of aggression including the establishment of a new unit like the second space operation corps and the development and purchase of military hardware.

If Japan's behaviour is allowed, humankind will plunge into another miserable plight and suffering.

Japan is a dangerous state of reinvansion and eternal fascist force that should be punished and condemned by international community.

If Japan continues to commit crimes of trifling and threatening mankind, it cannot escape the miserable plight of destruction.

## JAPAN CAN NEVER EMBELLISH NOR COVER UP ITS SINFUL PAST



Choe Yong Nam  
Columnist for Japanese affairs

An unprecedentedly huge earthquake in the history of Japan happened in the Kanto area on September 1 1923.

Many Japanese, who experienced sufferings due to the catastrophic earthquake, voiced in protest against the government which did not take relief measures. With social disorder continued, the dissatisfaction of sufferers reached an extreme.

A Cabinet meeting which was held at the Prime Minister's residence gave an order to the intelligence agency to resort to every possible means and method in order to stabilize the public sentiment.

According to it, the agency spread groundless rumours that "Koreans set fire" and "poisoned wells" as it fabricated the "theory about insurrection by Koreans". The royal ordinance by the Japanese king on designating Koreans as enemy and mercilessly killing them was proclaimed, followed by the formation of the Kanto Martial Law Command.

Police officers made the rounds of towns holding megaphones to openly incite the Japanese to kill Koreans, while the vigilante corps involving gangsters committed massacre against the Koreans in league with the Japanese army and

police.

They slaughtered Koreans at random using long-barreled rifle, saber, bamboo spear, club, iron hook and other weapons. After setting up checkpoints at street corners, they picked out Koreans by making them pronounce difficult Japanese words and mercilessly cut their necks or ripped their belly open at the site if they were recognized as Koreans. They also gouged out their eyes and cut noses while dragging their corpses after insulting them by stripping them naked.

They bound Koreans into several groups to be shot to death on banks and chained them, before throwing them into burning places. They even disembowelled an embryo from a pregnant woman and trampled it to death.

When the voice of international denunciation grew louder against

such brutal massacre of Koreans, Japan worked cunningly to cover up the truth about the massacre.

The Japanese government shifted the blame for it onto the vigilante corps as if they were excited by Koreans' reckless acts to commit above-mentioned misbehaviours, rather than following the directive of the government. It conducted distortion and propaganda activities as if communists manipulated Korean residents in Japan to raise a riot. In other words, Koreans committed lots of outrages by communists' sedition and many Japanese people suffered damage due to them.

This was a farce aimed at justifying the Koreans' massacre and shirking responsibility for it.

The crime-ridden history, however, can never be distorted nor covered up.

## Israel escalates tension in Middle East

By Song Jong Ho PT

The international community continues to strongly criticize Israel for provoking confrontation and fostering instability in the Middle East.

The Israeli air force mounted a missile attack on Syria from the Lebanese airspace on the night of August 19.

The Syrian Arab News Agency, or SANA, said on August 20 that the Israeli air force attacked Damascus and the surroundings of Homs in the sky over Beirut in the previous night and the Syrian anti-aircraft force shot down most of the missiles.

According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a military base and arms depot belonging to Hezbollah in the

suburbs of Homs were destroyed and four people killed.

The Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates sent letters to the UN secretary general and president of the UN Security Council respectively to strongly demand Israel be punished for invading the Syrian territory.

On the same day, the Lebanese president appealed to the UN Security Council to take urgent steps as the Israeli invasion into the airspace of Lebanon is an infringement of its sovereignty.

A flagrant violation against the sovereign states, the recent Israeli missile attack provoked immediate public protest and denunciation across the world.

The commander of the UN interim forces in Lebanon denounced the Israeli intrusion

into the Lebanese airspace as an infringement of the UN resolutions and on the sovereignty of Lebanon, saying Israel is undermining the efforts of the UN interim forces to achieve detente and keep peace in the region.

The spokesman for Hamas said in a news conference on August 19 that the Israel's missile attack was aimed at creating tension in the Middle East, calling on the international community to take decisive measures to eradicate the Israeli acts of aggression.

However, Israel continues to expand the Jewish settlements, worsening the situation, despite the international efforts to regulate Palestine-Israel relations.

Palestine blamed the Israeli government on August 12 for its plan to newly build 2 200 houses in

the Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

The Palestinian presidential office in a statement said that the plan runs counter to all the legal international resolutions including UNSC Resolution No. 2334 stipulating the construction of Jewish settlements in all the Palestinian territory as illegal.

The statement stressed that the Israeli moves to expand Jewish settlements also violate the Oslo peace agreement concluded between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1993.

Reality shows that if it persistently clings to military provocation and the seizure of other country's territory that disturb peace and stability in the region, Israel will face stronger public protest and denunciation and it cannot evade international isolation and rejection.

KCN

In recent years extreme weather conditions have caused the deadliest natural disasters in intensity and frequency across the world.

A heavy downpour that may occur once in a millennium hit Henan province of China, causing huge human and material losses.

It claimed more than 300 people's lives in 1 663 sub-counties and villages of 150 counties (cities and districts) and over 20 million *mu* (133.34 billion square metres) of

farmland were destroyed or suffered severe crop failure. A total of over 14.5 million people fell victim to it.

Heavy rain triggered an avalanche of earth and rocks in Shizuoka of Japan, causing deaths and missing persons.

The heaviest rain in 40 years hit Maharashtra in western India and Myanmar, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Mongolia also suffered severe damage from heavy rain.

It rained cats and dogs for two days in West European countries, the rainfall being equivalent to that in two months.

In Germany 170 people were killed and about 1 300 others missing due to the worst flood in nearly six decades.

Also serious



Houses partly submerged by flash flood in India.

### Briefly

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Cuba

**Miguel Diaz-Canel expresses pride in Cuban youth**

Cuban President Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez tweeted on August 26 that the young Cuban people are working voluntarily at quarantine facilities to check the spread of COVID-19 and taking part in many activities for solving social problems of looking after needy people.

The youth are carrying out important works in various fields, he said, adding he takes great pride in the fact that the young people of Cuba are always struggling in the van.

China

**Japan's 'Chinese military threat' argument blasted**

A spokesman for the Ministry of National Defence of China said in a press conference on August 26 that Japan has neglected the main principle of international relations for a long time, and steadily made an excuse for expanding military strength while making a fuss about "military threat of China".

His remarks came after the Japanese defence minister picked a quarrel with China, saying it is unilaterally trying to change the present situation of the region by force of arms and threat.

Russia

**Espionage of foreign aircraft checked**

Russian radar stations detected 38 foreign planes engaged in espionage activities in border areas in the past one week.

According to information released by the Russian defence ministry, 29 reconnaissance planes and nine drones conducted aerial reconnaissance near the Russian border.

Iran

**Military official: constant development of defence capabilities vital to Iran**

The chief of the general staff of the Iranian armed forces addressing a ceremony on August 29 said that to constantly expand and develop the country's defence capabilities is Iran's main strategy and clear and inevitable obligation.

Given that Iran is located in a very sensitive region, it can neither ensure peace and security.

East Africa

**East African countries promote cooperation**

On August 27, the East African Community issued a statement in which regional countries agreed to strengthen mutual cooperation in ensuring border safety and, in particular, to honour the agreement on the control of illicit traffic of various weapons and their usage in the region of large lakes and the Horn of Africa.

### BYWORD

## Devoted service for people

In his concluding speech at the Eighth Congress of the Worker's Party of Korea, General Secretary Kim Jong Un solemnly swore that he would be true servant and work for them devotedly even at the risk of his life, regarding the great people as his God.

Devoted service for the people

indicates the attitude and stand of a true servant who dedicates everything to the people by seeing them as the most valuable beings.

It is based on the noble view on the people regarding them as in heaven and the devotion to the people is not an empty word, but a practice and action.

It is also based on the noble sense of mission to repay the trust of the people at any cost.

Today, it is the steadfast stand of the WPK to carefully cherish the people, whom the great leaders regarded as heaven, as their images and hold them in high esteem like the great leaders.

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## Korean artefacts

## 80 000 wooden blocks for printing Buddhist scriptures



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A piece of 80 000 wooden blocks for printing the Complete Collection of Buddhist Scriptures and copies.

KCNA

The 80 000 Wooden Blocks of the Complete Collection of Buddhist Scriptures which are preserved in Pohyon Temple are precious cultural relics showing intelligence and skills of the Korean nation.

The canon of Buddhism widely disseminated in East Asia during the middle ages was called complete collection of Buddhist Scriptures.

The first publication of the collection of Buddhist scriptures commenced in the

11th century during the days of Koryo (918-1392), which established Buddhism as a state religion, and took over 70 years to complete.

The second publication conducted in the latter half of the 12th century enriched the contents of the Buddhist bibliography, but they were burnt down by invaders in 1231.

The government of the Koryo dynasty set up publishing organs in several parts of the country and resumed the publication of the collection in 1236. After 15 years the complete

collection of the Buddhist scriptures, consisting of 1 539 parts in 6 793 books, were published.

The name of the collection was derived from over 80 000 wooden blocks used in printing.

Those blocks and printed books are still preserved.

The printing blocks were made of *Machilus thunbergii*, birch or white birch.

Each block, 24cm wide, 69.6cm long, and 3.7cm thick, weighs about 2.4-3.7kg. It has 22 lines and 14 letters on each line. A letter is roughly 1.5cm<sup>2</sup> in size. The

total weight of the wooden blocks is over 240 tons.

The four corners of the block are framed in brass belts, which are fixed by nails; wooden bars are attached to both ends to prevent twist. The surface is lacquered to prevent it from being rotten or eaten by moth.

The collection is famous not only for its huge volume, correct content, excellent carving of wooden types, but also in attaining the perfection among all other Buddhist scriptures found in the world.

## Kumya ginkgo tree

2 140 years old



Several people put their open arms together around a 15-metre-round ginkgo tree that is 2 140 years old.

By Kim Son Myong PT

Kumya ginkgo tree, found in Tonghung-ri, Kumya County in South Hamgyong Province, is the

biggest and oldest ginkgo tree in Korea.

It is 2 140 years old, 40 metres tall, 16 metres round at the collar and 15 metres round at breast height.

The umbrella-shaped

crown measures 40 metres from east to west and 50 metres from north to south and shades an area of some 2 000m<sup>2</sup>.

Every year the tree bears several hundred kilograms

of fruit and drops two tons of leaves in autumn.

Kumya ginkgo tree was designated as Natural Monument No. 271 in January 1980, and is under good preservation.

## SPORTS CLUB WINS FAVOUR OF ENTHUSIASTS



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Boxing and volleyball players are under intensive training at the Chongchongang Sports Club.

By Han Kwi Hun PT

The Chongchongang Sports Club has achieved notable successes in several sporting events.

Especially, it recorded 13 straight wins in inter-provincial women's football matches, maintaining its status as a power in the event.

Its women's football team, in which newcomers form main forces with the recent change of generation, keeps it as its strategy to hold ball controlling and sudden counterattack based on strong physical preparedness of players.

"Seeing their matches full of youthful vigour, I'm sure that they will, in the future, too, defend the honour of our province," said O Chun Song, resident of Jungdok-dong, Phyongsong, South Phyongan Province.

The sports club also has not conceded the first place in the women's volleyball over the past ten years.

Its volleyball team, which makes free use of

attacking based on fast and low ball, transition from blocking to attack and various attacking tactics by receiving strong serve, is the most fearful team for other opponents.

"Captain Ju Un Hyang, the main smasher, plays a decisive role in scoring for her team. The sudden attack based on swift moving and high jump are my favourite," said Ri Hye Suk, resident of Jungdok-dong, Phyongsong, South Phyongan Province.

Pak Chung Sim, an organizer of the team, was also popular with audiences since she raises the tactical capacity of her side and offers a good opportunity of smashing to players in any circumstances.

The team has produced several national team members.

"It is hard to take and defend honour. Without resting on our laurels, we will continue to strive and live up to the expectations of many audiences who cheer us with sincerity," said An Sun Son, manager of the Chongchongang Sports Club.

