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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un pays congratulatory visit to Kim Il Sung Military University

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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, paid a congratulatory visit to Kim Il Sung Military University, the highest institute of military education in the DPRK, on April 25, the 92nd founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

All the teaching staff and students of the university were greatly excited and delighted at the highest honour and privilege of meeting the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on their campus on the founding anniversary of the first genuine armed forces of Korea at a time

when the powerful and matchless self-defensive capabilities of the revolutionary armed forces, which reliably guarantee the prosperity of the country with arms, are being fully demonstrated to the whole world.

When Kim Jong Un arrived at the university, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" for the great Supreme Commander, symbol of the mightiness of Juche Korea and ever-victorious banner were raised, rocking the sky in auspicious April.

He received a salute from the president of the university.

He was presented with bouquets by an educator and a student of the university

in reflection of the boundless reverence of the officers and men of the entire army.

Acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers, he warmly encouraged all the teaching staff and students who are faithfully upholding the Party's ideas and cause of building a powerful army at the university which is linked with the precious name and glorious history of our revolutionary armed forces and constitutes the inexhaustible motive force for their heroism and invincibility.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kang

Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, commanders of the services and large combined units of the KPA.

He made a speech during his congratulatory visit to the university.

"Teachers, researchers and students of Kim Il Sung Military University,

"Comrades,

"On the significant anniversary of the birth of the first armed forces of Korea, I have visited Kim Il Sung Military University, the 'eldest son' institution of military education in the country and a reliable 'pedigree' institution for

training core cadres of our army. I am very glad and moved to meet you comrades.

"Today, we are significantly celebrating the anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army and are looking back upon the profound meaning of its founding with due respect. When its founding was the beginning of the prominent and sacred history of our army, the founding of Kim Il Sung Military University and the history of its development are a proud course that laid an ever-victorious cornerstone for the army's vigorous advance.

"Thanks to the core role played by competent military personnel, our revolutionary armed

forces have followed only the road of victory for over 90 years, and Kim Il Sung Military University has stood in the vanguard of the efforts for achieving those brilliant exploits.

"There is no other military academy or comprehensive military educational and scientific base in the world than this university, founded in the days of a fierce war, has made distinguished contributions to the strengthening of the military capability and to the revolutionary cause, maintaining its traditions and history as the combat

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ranks most faithful to the Party.

“Numerous military commanders, sturdy ‘sons’ born of this university, are now defending all fronts and posts firmly in various parts of the country and adding dignity and honour to the exploits of legendary victories performed by the Korean People’s Army. This fact alone is enough for praising the name of the university forever.

“On behalf of the Central Committee of the Party and the government of the Republic, I highly appreciate and express sincere thanks to all the teachers, researchers and officials of Kim Il Sung Military University, who have firmly guaranteed the mightiness and invincibility of the heroic Korean People’s Army and have remained boundlessly faithful to the Party’s ideas and leadership from one century into the next and from one generation into the next with their matchless patriotic devotion and outstanding educational and scientific achievements.

“Comrades, “A powerful army represents the pillar and future of a powerful country, and the existence and prosperity of a state depend entirely on the strength of its military capability.

“Just as a house does not collapse when its pillars are strong, so our powerful People’s Army and military capability can be prepared only when the forces that constitute the hard core of the army are firmly prepared.

“In view of the sacred mission of defending the country’s sovereignty and ensuring peace and security that our army has shouldered and the high sense of responsibility for the future of the country and revolution that our

army should shape in the vanguard, it is the main duty of Kim Il Sung Military University to train a larger number of military talents fully prepared for modern warfare and reliable military commanders of the army of the Party.

“The more faithful the university is to its sacred duty, the greater our army’s militant might will grow in every way and, in direct proportion to this, the greater the enemy’s uneasiness and fear will become.

“As long as this military university, the cradle for growing our army and the base for guaranteeing victory of our army, remains firm as a university absolutely loyal to the Party, as a base of a revolution in war tactics that would decide the destiny of a revolutionary war and as a base for training military talents, the wheel of history following the victorious road will never turn back.

“Comrades, “The first generation of our armed forces recorded sacred ideals and the truth of invincibility in the sacred red flag. Our generation has shouldered an extraordinary mission to bring into bolder relief the ideals and truth in our era and in the history facing us with a great victory in war.

“At this time, when we feel keenly once again the sacred duty of our army before the times and the revolution, together with the profound historic meaning of the founding of the KPRA, I ardently appeal to all the teachers, researchers and students present here on the significant occasion.

“For our beloved state and for the far-reaching plan of our army, which will demonstrate its strongest might in the world for ever, let us faithfully serve with a steadfast revolutionary spirit, with a transformation in military education and with a passion for studying.

“Glory to the bright future of the university!”

When the speech was over, all the teaching staff and students paid the highest tribute to the peerlessly illustrious commander who is ushering in a gigantic new heyday in building a prosperous country with a strong army while glorifying the dignity and the history of heroic victory of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK originated in Mt Paektu at the climax of the greatest strength and honour.

Kim Jong Un again extended warm congratulations to the teaching staff and students celebrating the truly significant and glorious anniversary for the WPK, the state and the people with great pride in the sacred history and will of succession.

He went round the revolutionary museum and the room dedicated to the history of the university.

He recollected with deep emotion the immortal historic achievements of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, who founded the university during the life-and-death hard-fought Fatherland Liberation War and, through energetic leadership, developed it into a world-class university with the history and prestige of adding an invincible spirit and grandiose fame to the brilliant victorious history of the armed forces of the DPRK and into a centre for training the core backbone of the KPA.

He called on the university, which has shared the intention and pace with the Party single-mindedly in the days of both glory and ordeals, to invariably glorify the history and tradition of loyalty and more creditably train a larger number of competent commanding officers who would firmly guarantee the eternal history of an independent and powerful country by force of arms.

After seeing a class at lesson in a lecture

room and a seminar at a room for studying educational methods, guided by senior officials of the university, he learned in detail in the combined teaching control room about the updating of education and expressed great satisfaction over the educational achievements made by the university.

Noting that the military educational front is a bulwark and outpost for strengthening the core position of the army of the Party, he said that when the future of the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered on Mt Paektu depends on the mightiness and matchless fighting efficiency of the KPA, the fighting efficiency of the KPA to be steadily developed in conformity with the present era should be guaranteed by high abilities and excellent teaching results of the university teachers.

He set forth important tasks and ways for putting the educational work of the university onto a new high, stressing the need to train all students to be intelligent and brave all-round commanding officers possessed of absolute loyalty to the Party and the revolution and high military qualifications by consistently holding fast to and thoroughly implementing the Party’s four-point line on building a powerful army and the Party’s policy on putting the military educational contents on an actual fighting, comprehensive and modern basis.

He had a photo session with the teaching staff and students in commemoration of his visit to the university.

All the teaching staff and students extended deep gratitude to the great teacher and benevolent father who clearly indicated the road ahead of the university with his gifted ideological and theoretical wisdom and rare scientific insight and repeatedly showed deep love and trust.

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He expressed expectation and belief that the university would, in the future, too, invariably demonstrate the dignity and honour of having guaranteed the eternal prosperity of our revolutionary armed forces with the proud successes of military education, and lead a new period of surge in building a powerful army.

When the photo session was over, the participants broke into stormy cheers of “Kim Jong Un” and “Death-defying Defence.”

Then Kim Jong Un watched a football match between the teams of Kim Il Sung Military University and Kim Il Sung University of Politics held on the occasion of the founding anniversary of the KPRA.

The stadium was full of joy and optimism of the cheering persons and the players who were to play a match in the presence of the respected Supreme Commander whom they had yearned for so much.

The match ended with the victory of the team of the military university.

That evening the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK hosted a reception

in congratulation of the teaching staff of Kim Il Sung Military University greeting the holiday.

Present there on invitation were senior officials of the WPK Central Committee.

Minister of National Defence Kang Sun Nam made a speech at the reception.

The reception proceeded amid a soaring will of the participants to remain loyal to the Party’s idea of building a powerful army through a rapid development of military education.

The congratulatory visit to Kim Il Sung Military University paid by

Kim Jong Un on a significant holiday in the army-building history will shine long in the history of the country as an occasion which injected an endless vitality into the glorious journey of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK which are steadily carrying forward the ever-victorious tradition of the revolutionary army of the Party, which was born with the two pistols loaded with the idea of Juche, with eternal heroism and great fame and are victoriously developing with an aim to possess the world’s strongest self-defence capability.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sees test-fire of 240mm shell of multiple rocket launcher



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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, saw the evaluation test-fire of 240mm shell of multiple rocket launcher produced at a newly established national defence industrial enterprise under the Second Economy Commission on April 25.

Through the test-fire, the flight features, hit and concentration indices of the shell were evaluated very satisfactorily.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un

stressed the need for the relevant enterprise to carry out the munitions production plan for this year without fail and in a qualitative way.

He affirmed that the 240mm multiple rocket launcher system with new technology would bring about a strategic change in bolstering up the artillery force of the Korean People’s Army.

Pak Jong Chon and Jo Chun Ryong, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kim Jong Sik, vice department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Ko Pyong Hyon, chairman of the Second Economy Commission, guided the test.

Report on participation of 600 mm super-large multiple rocket sub-units in first combined tactical drill simulating nuclear counterattack Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guides combined tactical drill simulating nuclear counterattack



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There took place a drill on April 22 to operate super-large multiple rocket units that are to play an important role in substantially strengthening the prompt counterattack capacity of the state nuclear forces and raising a war deterrent under the state's nuclear weapon combined management system "Nuclear Trigger" for the first time.

The drill, whose main purpose was to demonstrate the reliability, superiority, might and diverse means of the DPRK's nuclear forces and to strengthen the nuclear forces both in quality and quantity would be a clear warning signal to the enemies as it was conducted at a time when the enemies' military confrontation racket against the DPRK is being committed with extremely provocative and aggressive nature.

The US and the ROK puppet military warmongers have staged a "combined

joint formation drill" with more than one hundred warplanes of various kinds in the Kunsan Air Base of the ROK from April 12. They have incited extreme war fever through one hundred sorties on a daily average, openly talking about an "advance" towards the DPRK after completely taking off their mask of "defence" and "deterrence" worn during their previous drills.

Not content with frequently introducing nuclear strategic assets into the surrounding area of the DPRK and staging war drills with its vassal forces, the US is giving publicity that this drill is aimed right at the DPRK. Such military provocations of the US are scheduled to last till April 26.

On April 18, the US and the ROK special units staged a "joint airborne infiltration drill" for the purpose of rapidly infiltrating any region to "remove a target."

The security environment of the DPRK

is seriously threatened by the hostile forces' ceaseless military provocations to stifle the DPRK by "force." This reality which cannot be overlooked urgently requires the DPRK to more overwhelmingly and more rapidly bolster up its strongest military muscle capable of actively controlling the situation to ensure the security of the country and the regional peace.

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, guided a combined tactical drill simulating a nuclear counterattack involving super-large multiple rocket artillerymen.

He was accompanied by Kim Jong Sik, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Jang Chang Ha, general director of the DPRK Missile Administration, commanded the drill.

The drill was conducted, divided into an actual drill for making units be versed

in the procedure and process of switching over to a nuclear counterattack posture at a time when the "Volcano Alarm" system, the state's greatest nuclear crisis alarm, is issued and a drill for operating the nuclear counterattack commanding system. It was also conducted according to the order of making the sub-units assigned to the nuclear counterattack task be practiced in the process and order and of carrying out their tasks and firing shells of super-large multiple rocket launchers tipped with simulated nuclear warheads.

Through the drill, the reliability of the system of command, management, control and operation of the whole nuclear forces was reexamined in a many-sided way and the action order and combat methods for making the super-large multiple rocket units rapidly switch over to a nuclear counterattack were mastered.

A firepower assault company selected

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Second workshop of officials in field of information work of WPK held

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The second workshop of officials in the field of information work of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang from April 20 to 23.

The workshop was aimed at enhancing the ideological spirit and mode of activities of the officials in the field of information work of the Party that should orient the inexhaustible strength and enthusiasm of all the people's loyalty and patriotism to the building of a thriving nation, as required by the great era of change when the important revolutionary undertakings for accelerating the advance and development of Korean-style socialism are launched one after another, and at taking measures to bring about marked and substantial improvement in the Party's ideological work.

The workshop dealt with the urgent and pressing issues arising in clearly establishing the main line of Party ideological work at

present and giving full play to the might of the ideological campaign.

Present there were officials of the Information and Publicity Department of the Central Committee of the WPK and relevant departments including Ri Il Hwan, Ju Chang Il, Ri Tu Song and Ri Hye Jong, officials of the information and publicity departments of the provincial, city and county Party committees and the Party committees performing similar functions, information officials of ministries, national agencies, institutions, industrial establishments and farms, officials in the fields of preservation of revolutionary relics, literature and arts and media, and officials of Party cadre training organs and working people's organizations.

Instructions given by Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, on improving the ideological work of the Party were courteously

conveyed.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a report.

The reporter said that the second workshop of officials in the field of information work of the WPK was of weighty significance in making all the information workers of the Party deeply recognize once again the importance and urgency of innovating ideological work and dynamically wage the ideological campaign to glorify the great era of Kim Jong Un with fresh awareness, insight, earnest inquiry and courageous efforts.

He stressed that the proud history and reality, in which the country makes uninterrupted innovations and successive leaps toward a bright future after achieving eye-opening successes in the building of a thriving country with strong army, braving all challenges and difficulties with firm faith in independence and the

Korean-style way of creation, are the precious fruits of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's leadership based on ideology-first principle.

The respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un set it as the basic duty and general orientation of the Party ideological work to further strengthen the driving force of the Korean revolution by putting the modelling of the whole Party and society on the monolithic idea on a new high stage, and clarified in detail the tasks and ways for giving full play to the might of information and motivation, he said.

Noting that the ideological work that fail to meet the requirements of the development of the times and revolutionary practice cannot be faithful to its historic mission, the reporter said that the Party ideological work of the present era should be oriented to further cementing the single-minded unity of the whole Party and society centred on the Party Central

Committee and inspiring all the people to the struggle for implementing the Party policies.

The report sternly analyzed the fact that Party organizations and officials in the field of Party information work failed to make clear improvement in the information and motivation work for their passive response to the rapidly changing reality.

It stressed that if officials in the field of Party information work do not strive to acquire a high degree of political consciousness and versatile ability with the firm viewpoint and stand that they should be responsible for the ideological life of the Party members and other working people and the mental growth of the younger generation before the Party and the country, they can neither sense the aspiration and demand of the times nor find effective remedies for changing consciousness of people.

The reporter underlined the need for them to be well versed in the revolutionary ideas of Kim Jong Un and intensify the ideological campaign to make the great truth the unique guidelines and precious mental pabulum for all the people's life and struggle.

When all the fronts of the ideological work of the Party, ranging from the fields of education, lecture and motivation to media, literature and arts, rise up with fresh appearances and vigour to lead the ideological spirit and revolutionary spirit of the masses, our own strength will grow stronger and the present phase will be put on a steady track of improvement, he said.

He called on the Party information workers to bring about substantial innovations and changes in the Party ideological work under the revolutionary slogan "Let Party information workers become powerful loudspeakers and hi-fi amplifiers faithful to the Party Central Committee!" and thus strengthen the ideological and volitional

unity and cohesion of the whole Party and society with Kim Jong Un as the one and only centre in every way and make a tangible contribution to achieving the victory of the socialist cause of our own style.

A short course was given during the workshop for the information workers to enable them to bear deep in mind again the important mission and duty, entrusted by the times and the revolution, the Party and the people, in accomplishing the sacred cause of imbuing the whole Party and society with the revolutionary ideas of Kim Jong Un and to grasp the theoretical and practical issues arising in bringing about substantial innovations in the overall ideological work.

Lectures were given by Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, deputy directors of the Information and Publicity Department of the WPK Central Committee, and educators of Central Cadres Training School of the WPK.

All the participants attentively listened to the speakers with high political enthusiasm to fulfil the role of vanguard fighters of the times and buglers for advance who unite the revolutionary ranks more firmly in line with the intention and will of the Party Central Committee and powerfully inspire the masses to the struggle for the comprehensive development of socialist construction, true to the ideology-first politics of the respected General Secretary.

Through the course, the participants grasped again the main duty and core tasks for the Party ideological work at present, learned effective methodology and the best methods for bringing about improvement in the present information and motivation activities, and further cultivated their political and practical qualifications and practical ability.

A letter of pledge to Kim Jong Un was adopted at the workshop.



The second workshop of officials in the field of information work of the Workers' Party of Korea is held at the People's Palace of Culture between April 20 and 23.

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from a relevant combined unit participated in the drill and commanding officers and soldiers of relevant units and sub-units watched the drill conducted under the "Nuclear Trigger" system for the first time and the salvo drill.

The artillerymen of super-large multiple rocket launchers fired in salvo, with steadfast hostility toward the enemy and thoroughgoing viewpoint on the archenemy. The super-large multiple rocket launchers accurately hit the target islet within 352 km range, fully demonstrating their matchless might and perfect actual war posture.

Expressing great satisfaction over the

result of the drill, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appreciated the high and accurate hit of the super-large multiple rocket launchers, saying that it seemed that he had seen the firing of a sniper's rifle and that the Korean-style tactical nuclear strike means boasting of the formidable might, the most powerful in the world, have strictly prepared themselves to be faithfully mobilized in carrying out their important strategic task in contingency in a rapid and consistent counterattack posture.

He appreciated with satisfaction that the combined tactical drill simulating a nuclear counterattack involving even artillerymen of super-large multiple rocket launchers was successfully conducted

and, thereby, the plan of the Party Central Committee for building up the nuclear forces to expand the operational space of tactical nuclear attack and diversifying it has been translated into reality.

Stressing the need to continuously complete tactics and operation in the orientation of steadily enhancing a pivotal role of the nuclear forces in all strategic aspects of deterring and fighting a war and to perfect the regular combat readiness of the nuclear forces, he clarified the principled matters to be taken as a guideline in the struggle for strengthening the strategic nuclear forces of the country.

He said that through the combined tactical drill, the might and effect of our

nuclear combat forces involving even super-large multiple rocket launchers have remarkably increased and all sub-units are full of great confidence and the drill served as an important occasion in thoroughly preparing our nuclear forces to be able to rapidly and correctly carry out their important mission of deterring a war and taking the initiative in a war at any time and in any sudden situation.

The nuclear forces of the DPRK will keep the war posture with their more developed capacity, thoroughly deter the moves and provocation of the enemies and carefully watch them and carry out their important mission without hesitation if the enemies attempt to have recourse to armed forces.

Premier Kim inspects agricultural sector of North and South Phyongan provinces

KCNA

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 agricultural sector in North and South Phyongan provinces.

Going round farms in Jongju and Sunchon cities, Pakchon, Unjon, Kwaksan, Sonchon, Uiju and Unsan counties and other areas, the premier met agricultural officials and workers to learn in detail about the farming situation.

He urged the agricultural guidance organs to ensure the sci-tech guidance over farming processes in conformity with the regional features, decisively improve the guidance methods of officials and, in particular, conduct the work for preparing agricultural workers as masters of scientific farming with a correct methodology.

He stressed the need for farms to properly manure and tend wheat and barley on the basis of a correct analysis of the effects of abnormal weather on the growth and yield of crops, take responsible care of rice seedling beds according to varieties and finish the ploughing of paddy and non-paddy fields in the right time.

He called for qualitatively accelerating the irrigation project by concentrating efforts and means,

ensuring the timely supply of materials needed for the project at relevant units and taking thorough measures for irrigation of the first crops for the present.

Visiting the Jongju Tractor Parts Factory and the Sonchon County Organic Compound Fertilizer Factory, the premier stressed the need to conduct a brisk technical innovation movement for enhancing the precision of processing products and produce and supply enough quality organic fertilizer to farms.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issues of taking thorough sci-tech steps to overcome the effects of the disastrous abnormal weather and ensure high and stable yield, increasing the area sown with wheat in relevant areas in a planned way and pushing ahead with the work to breed and introduce varieties with short growth period and strong resistance to drought and salinity at agricultural scientific research units.

Meanwhile, the premier visited the regional-industry factories under construction in Songchon County. He encouraged the soldier-builders speeding up the project while ensuring the construction quality as required by the design and building methods and urged the county to effectively push ahead with the work for creating raw material bases necessary for the operation of factories.

33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival closes

KCNA

Boundless reverence of the world progressives for President Kim Il Sung, the elder statesman of the world and great sage of the revolution, was fully represented as the noblest and most beautiful artistic picture, adding to the auspicious holiday common to humankind.

The 33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival, attended by famous art organizations and celebrated actors and actresses of different countries, marked a significant occasion in recording a significant chapter in the history of art of mankind and further strengthening friendship, unity and cultural cooperation between nations.

Watching the performances prepared by the participants in the festival with sincerity on the Korean Central TV, the Korean

people keenly felt the great pride and honour of being citizens of the socialist country holding in high esteem the peerlessly great men ardently revered by the whole world.

The festival was held on the occasion of the auspicious holiday common to mankind. It gave great encouragement to the Korean people who are demonstrating the dignity and might of the DPRK to the whole world while creating a history of fresh victory in the overall national rejuvenation under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and made positive contributions to boosting friendship, unity, cultural cooperation and exchange with the peoples of different countries.

The festival organizing committee decided to post on its website the results of the examination of the 33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival.

Moscow Zoo donates animals

KCNA

The Moscow Zoo of Russia donated animals to the Central Zoo of the DPRK.

The head of the delegation of the Moscow Zoo of Russia on a visit to the DPRK handed the certificate over to an official concerned on April 25.

Evil doer's audacity can never work on us

KCNA

Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, issued the following statement "Evil doer's audacity can never work on us" on April 24:

The regional situation has been plunged deeper into a dangerous vortex due to the US-led hostile forces' ceaseless military moves.

The US, as ever, doesn't miss the chance for making stereotyped far-fetched assertion with evil doer's audacity terming our activities pertaining to our right to self-defence a "violation of UNSC resolution" and a "grave threat to regional and international peace and security".

The world should understand the issue correctly.

The US, together with Japan and the puppet ROK, are ceaselessly staging military exercises under various codenames against the DPRK almost every week. Witnessing such muscle-flexing alone, one can easily understand the reason why tensions are soaring in the region like a kindled detonating fuse.

The US, which kicked off its madcap war drumbeats in the new year through a "joint combat firing drill" with the gangsters of the ROK puppet army on January 4, has frantically staged war drills under various codenames such as "drill of neutralizing CBR weapons storage facilities", "allied cyber training" and "joint special operation drill".

From January 15 the US, together with Japan and the puppet ROK, conducted a "joint maritime drill" with the involvement of its nuclear carrier Carl Vinson for four days in

the waters off Jeju Island.

On the first day of the drill, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff of the ROK puppet army appeared on the nuclear carrier to make a false show of power, saying, "ROK-US-Japan maritime drills have made a core contribution to deterring and coping with the ever-escalating nuclear and missile threats from the north."

In February the US, together with the gangsters of the ROK puppet army, were hell-bent on such drills as "joint marine corps drill", "winter joint drill", "joint air drill" and "commanding communication drill". Not content with this, it staged 48 rounds of extremely offensive and provocative war exercises day and night in March, including "joint air strike drill", "joint tactical live-firing drill", "joint drill for air-to-air firing and air-to-ground bombing", "Ssangmae joint air drill" and various outdoor manoeuvring drills, under the signboard of Freedom Shield, a large-scale joint military exercise.

In April, too, the US, Japan and the puppet ROK have ceaselessly staged reckless military drills with the involvement of US nuclear strategic assets.

On April 2, a tripartite air drill involving US nuclear strategic bomber B-52H was staged. A few days later, a naval drill was kicked off with the US nuclear carrier Theodore Roosevelt involved.

A "joint airborne infiltration drill" was staged on April 18. Furthermore, a "combined joint formation drill", which was launched on April 12 with more than 100 warplanes involved, will last till April 26.

In August last year, the summit

meeting of the US, Japan and the puppet ROK, held at Camp David in a suburb of Washington, specified, planned and formulated all these nuclear war provocations against the DPRK and decided to stage tripartite military drills annually, and all the above-said drills that have accordingly been staged are "rehearsals" designed to put the US nuclear war scenario against the DPRK into practice.

Entering this year, the US has staged more than 80 rounds of military drills with its lackeys and those individually staged by the ROK puppets total more than 60. This evidently shows who the arch criminals straining the regional situation are.

Nonetheless, the US and its stooges are behaving like a guilty party filing the suit first.

Who are the real criminals disturbing peace and stability?

We will continue to build up our overwhelming and most powerful military capabilities to defend our sovereignty and security and regional peace.

No one can break our determination.

If the US persists in its moves to threaten the security of the DPRK, boasting of its strength by rallying its stooges, the security of the US and its allies will be exposed to greater danger.

The US should stop fostering the reckless bravery of its top-class minion ROK.

Of course, a scared dog barks louder, but the bosses of the ROK puppet military gangsters have gone too far in their barks recently.

If they attempt armed counteraction against the DPRK counting on their master, they will be immediately annihilated.

DPRK Foreign Ministry official issues press statement

KCNA

The chief of the Foreign News Section of the Department of Press and Information of the DPRK Foreign Ministry issued the following press statement on April 24:

A spokesperson for the US Department of State on April 22 talked about international counteraction, terming the DPRK's military drills for self-defence a "violation of the resolution" of the UN Security Council and "threats".

We express strong discontent with the remarks made by the spokesperson for the US Department of State and strongly urge the US to be prudent in its words and deeds and stop going farther along the wrong and dangerous road.

The war drills frequently staged by the US and the ROK under the unreasonable and impudent pretext to steadily deteriorate the security

environment of the DPRK and the situation of the surrounding region can never be overlooked, and they constitute a serious threat to be contained with a strong hand.

The combined tactical drill simulating a nuclear counterattack conducted by the DPRK's armed forces is an exercise of the legitimate right to self-defence to deter the outbreak of a war as it sent a clear warning to the US and the ROK unilaterally escalating the military tensions on the Korean peninsula.

It is essential to take serious note of the negative impact of the ongoing US-ROK joint military drills on the regional situation and clearly discern who seeks confrontation and aggravates the situation.

There is a reason why the situation on the Korean peninsula has reached the present phase.

We resolutely oppose the US behaviour of forming exclusive military blocs and pursuing confrontation between camps to

compromise strategic security of other countries, seized by the Cold War way of thinking.

The irresponsible and worrisome muscle-flexing of the US and the ROK pushing the situation on the Korean peninsula to an unpredictable phase should be stopped at once.

The DPRK will never overlook such habitual abnormal behaviour as terming illegal its bolstering of the capabilities for legitimate self-defence, which is indispensable for defending itself. And it will firmly defend its sovereign rights and legitimate interests with stronger and more evident actions.

The DPRK will never cave in to the US threat and pressure.

The international community should grasp what complicates the Korean peninsula issue and send a clear signal to the US and the ROK, the root cause of ever-escalating regional antagonism and contradiction, to stop at once their provocative confrontational moves.

Anniversary of KPRA commemorated

Senior Party and government officials visit Korean Revolution Museum

KCNA

Senior Party and government officials visited the Korean Revolution Museum on April 24 on the occasion of the 92nd founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

Among the visitors were Choe Ryong Hae, member of

the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, and other senior Party and government officials and senior officials of ministries and national

agencies.

Being briefed on the fact that President Kim Il Sung led the anti-Japanese armed struggle to a shining victory and achieved the historic cause of national liberation, the participants looked round various rooms of the hall dedicated to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

Song and dance ensemble of defence ministry stages performance

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The Song and Dance Ensemble of the Ministry of National Defence gave a music and dance performance at the Ponghwa Art Theatre in Pyongyang on April 25 in celebration of the 92nd anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

Among the audience were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, other senior Party, government and military officials, service personnel of the armed forces organs, officials of ministries, national agencies and Pyongyang Municipality, working people and

the teaching staffs and students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School.

Starting with prelude "Song of Founding of the Anti-Japanese Guerrilla Army" and revolutionary song "Guerrilla March", the performance included such numbers as male quintet and chorus "We Love Party Flag" and orchestral music "The Arms of Mt Paektu Will Answer"

The performers sang highly of the unshakable revolutionary faith, patriotic spirit, matchless heroism and indomitable mettle of the armed forces of the DPRK which have led the great turn toward a wealthy country with a powerful army, while always supporting the Party's

ideology and cause, the inviolable sovereignty of the glorious DPRK and the people's honour by dint of matchless arms by inheriting the brilliant tradition of the anti-Japanese war.

The audience was filled with strong emotion as the song "Dear Father" resounded in reflection of the boundless reverence of all the people who have been charmed by the image of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as a great man who brings into full bloom the eternal happiness and joy of the great harmonious socialist family with his warm love and devotion.

The performance ended with finale "We Will Defend General Kim Jong Un with Our Lives" and song "The Revolutionary Song".

Oath-taking meetings

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Workers and members of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea held an oath-taking meeting at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang on April 23 to mark the 92nd founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

Present at the meeting were trade union officials and workers and trade union members in Pyongyang.

Choe Jong Chol, vice-chairman of the GFTUK Central Committee, read out a resolution.

The resolution said that after President Kim Il Sung founded the KPRA, the

revolutionary armed forces of Juche type, the Korean people came to have their genuine revolutionary army led by the outstanding leader for the first time in history, the glorious history of the Korean revolution advancing by dint of arms started and a rosy future of the Juche revolution opened up.

It extended the noblest respect to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, who developed the revolutionary armed forces into the most elite revolutionary army, and expressed firm belief that the Korean People's Army would demonstrate the noble name and dignity

of the ever-victorious heroic army forever thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The resolution called on the workers and trade union members to become staunch vanguard fighters defending unto death Kim Jong Un, who has brought the status of a powerful country to the DPRK and brought about a rosy future of a prosperous country with a powerful army.

Officials and members of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea held a pledge-making meeting at the Kuksabong Revolutionary Battle Site on April 24 on the same occasion.

Nation celebrates anniversary of KPRA



Officers and men of the Korean People's Army visit the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong to pay homage to the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters on April 25.

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The Korean people including service personnel in all parts of the country celebrated the 92nd anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

A constant stream of people flowed to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance.

At the plaza park, they paid the noblest respects to the President and the Chairman, founder and builder of the Juche-based revolutionary armed forces and ever-victorious banner.

The people and service personnel visited the statues of the great men in all parts of the country to pay homage

to them.

Many people visited the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong which implants the noble spiritual world of revolutionary forerunners who dedicated everything to the liberation of the country, the people's well-being and victory of the socialist cause.

Congratulatory performances were given at theatres in Pyongyang and local areas.

Performances were given by the central artistic information team for increased production, central youth artistic information team, central workers' artistic information team of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, central women's union artistic information team, artistic information team of the railway sector and mobile artistic motivation teams,

women's union artistic motivation teams and art groups in different districts including Tongdaewon and Songyo districts in different places of the city.

Performers praised the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great men who defeated two imperialist powers in one generation and demonstrated the country's sovereignty and dignity to the world on the stages in North Phyongan and Kangwon provinces, Nampho and Kaesong cities and elsewhere. Public catering amenities including Okryu and Chongnyu restaurants in Pyongyang and Kyongamsan Noodle House in Sariwon seethed with diners.

Happy laughter of working people, youth and students resounded through the Central Zoo, the Natural History Museum and elsewhere.

Dance parties

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Young people held a dance party in all parts of the country on April 25 to celebrate the 92nd anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

The venues of dance parties including the Pyongyang Grand Theatre overflowed with the joy of the young vanguard who greeted the day of history when the first revolutionary armed forces of Juche type were formed in the glorious course of ushering in a new era of a prosperous and powerful socialist country under the leadership of the great Party.

Participants danced as they extended highest respect and everlasting glory to President Kim Il Sung who set an epoch-making example of building revolutionary armed forces in the era of independence to give birth



Women's union officials and members hold a dance party at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph on April 25.

to the invincible Korean revolution by dint of arms.

Profound reverence for the peerlessly illustrious commander, who clarified the philosophy that victory of the revolutionary cause and the country's dignity and prosperity hinge on matchless arms and made a brilliant history of Juche-based revolutionary army building, was shown on the faces of young people who

displayed dance rhythms to the tune of revolutionary songs.

Similar events took place in all provincial capitals, cities and counties.

Women's union officials and members held a dance party at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph on April 25 to celebrate the 92nd anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

Korea's first revolutionary armed forces

By Ri Sung Ik *PT*

The first revolutionary armed forces in Korean history were founded on April 25 1932. In order to defend the dignity of the nation and the destiny of the people, the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army, the first armed ranks of Korea equipped with only some 100 rifles, declared death-defying resistance against Japanese imperialism armed with airplanes, tanks, warships and other modern weapons.

Birth of army, shout of hurrah resounds through forests

The founding ceremony of the first revolutionary armed forces of Korea was too plain.

There were neither military band music nor fireworks display nor gun salute.

The armed ranks were composed of only some 100 fighters wearing uniforms made from cloth dyed green in water and boiled oak-tree bark and caps with a five-pointed star insignia and carrying rifles.

However, they were sky-high in their will and spirit to achieve the historic cause of national liberation by fighting life-and-death battles against the Japanese aggressors.

Twenty-year-old General Kim Il Sung made an inspiring speech before them at the ceremony. When he proclaimed the founding

of the AJPGA, all the soldiers raised cheers of hurrah at the top of their voice which resounded through the primitive forests. It was an eruption of Korean revolutionaries' indomitable faith and will to fight against the Japanese imperialists to the last and achieve national independence and the people's freedom and liberation by their own efforts.

The AJPGA was later developed into the Korean People's Revolutionary Army in the course of the fight to destroy Japanese imperialism. The development was a grand momentous event declaring the death-defying resistance against imperialism under the uplifted banner of national liberation and independence by national efforts and a historic event which heralded a new era of the Juche revolution relying on powerful revolutionary armed forces.

Everlasting history of resistance

History clearly demonstrated that the Korean revolutionaries were absolutely right in their choice and determination to shape the destiny and future of their people.

Japanese imperialism, hell-bent on a war to conquer the whole Asian continent while styling itself the "leader of Asia", resorted to every means and method to nip the KPRA in the bud, describing it as a "drop in the ocean".

The Korean fighters unyieldingly followed the road of struggle despite ceaseless battles, severe starvation, deadly diseases and biting cold around minus 40 degrees centigrade as they kept the faith that the Korean revolution would surely emerge victorious under the commandship of Kim Il Sung as their lifeline.

Those who were arrested by the Japanese imperialists defended the security of the headquarters at the cost of their lives though they were subjected to unimaginably brutal tortures and the combatants fought every battle as the bullet-proof human wall to safeguard the General.

The Korean guerrillas secured foods, clothing, weapons and everything necessary by themselves as they had neither state backing nor support from a regular army.

In the spirit of independence and self-reliance that masters of the Korean revolution are just the Korean people and the revolution should be carried out by relying on their strength, they solved all the problems arising in guerrilla warfare in a unique way and armed themselves by making Yongil bombs at the arsenals in thick forests and seizing the enemy's weapons.

During the anti-Japanese war, the source of tremendous strength of the KPRA was the boundless human love and comradeship of Kim Il Sung

who always shared destiny with his men and the positive support and encouragement of the people.

His outstanding military stratagem, original guerrilla tactics and seasoned art of command were the main factors behind the KPRA's victory in every battle. The protean tactics of marching a long distance at a go, attacking in the west after making sounds in the east, allurements and ambush and disappearing into nowhere and appearing from nowhere, incessant surprise attacks, combined operations by small and large units and operations of harassing the enemy from behind smashed the numerical and technological superiority of the aggressors, shook their colonial rule to its very foundation and dealt a deadly blow to their wild ambition for conquering the Asian continent.

Horried by the surging advance of the KPRA and the all-people resistance mounted in all parts of Korea at the same time according to the order of General Kim Il Sung to launch a general offensive, the Japanese imperialists declared unconditional surrender on August 15 1945 and the historic cause of national liberation was finally achieved.

World-recognized powerful army, elite revolutionary armed forces

The armed forces of Korea that

were formed with two pistols as the asset are now demonstrating their might as a powerful world-class army and invincible elite revolutionary armed forces.

The military parade held in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the KPRA on April 25 2022 clearly showed off to the world the advanced feature, modernity and development of the Korean People's Army which became incomparably stronger than in those days when the AJPGA was built up.

The parade involved the columns of the latest tactical missiles with great manoeuvrability and annihilating striking power, mainstay tanks, artillery pieces, anti-aircraft missiles, extra-large ICBM Hwasongpho-17 horrifying the imperialist enemies and other strategic missiles and new advanced weapon systems and the formations of fighters decorating the sky with dazzling fireworks. The stormy cheers of hurrah going up from the columns of elite units marching in a fine array holding the colours of feats with the pride of having defeated the US imperialists who had boasted of being the "strongest" in the world by inheriting the anti-Japanese tradition rocked heaven and earth with the will of the Korean people to emerge victorious forever under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.



The Korean People's Army, an elite revolutionary army.

Anti-Japanese revolutionary spirit carried on

By Han Jong Ho *PT*

The anti-Japanese armed struggle was a revolutionary war to defeat Japanese imperialism and achieve the cause of Korea's liberation and a historic event that produced great ideological and spiritual wealth guaranteeing forever the uninterrupted victory of the just cause of the Korean revolutionaries.

The armed ranks composed of the excellent sons and daughters of the Korean people created the indomitable spirit and built up the strength to defeat imperialist tyranny and established great traditions of fundamental and lasting significance in the development of the Korean revolution.

The spirit of defending the leader to

the death, the most important element of the ideological and spiritual wealth of the Korean revolution, the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and revolutionary optimism were born in the battlefields of the anti-Japanese war, and the indomitable revolutionary spirit and army-people unity were handed down by the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners.

In the initial days of the revolution, the anti-Japanese guerrillas held Kim Il Sung in high esteem as the centre of unity and leadership and staunchly defended the headquarters of the revolution.

It is also the spirit of defending the leader to the death that is firmly kept in the hearts of the Korean people at present.

As they possessed this spirit, ordinary people dedicated their

lives to protecting the portraits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il by preventing even a single drop of water from going into them in the rough seas and service personnel of the Korean People's Army protected slogan-bearing trees, which constitute a treasure of the anti-Japanese revolution, by covering them with their own bodies though they were engulfed in blazing flames.

Apart from this spirit, there can be neither the spirit of defying death in carrying out the lines and policies of the Workers' Party of Korea nor the spirit of becoming a human bomb, the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and revolutionary optimism.

Herein lies the reason why the spirit of defending the leader to the death form the kernel of the ideas and spirit created by the anti-Japanese

revolutionary predecessors.

The revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters, who repaired their weapons and made bombs in primitive forests with the indomitable will to defeat the enemy no matter how often they might have to die and achieve national liberation, enables all the people to become fighters who do not know the word "impossible" in socialist construction.

The great army-people unity, which was created during the anti-Japanese armed struggle and is steadily being carried forward, now serves as a powerful guarantee for defending the country and the revolution and a driving force of construction of a powerful socialist country.

Today the service personnel of the

Korean People's Army find out and do more good things for the people and defend their lives and property at the risk of their lives, just as the anti-Japanese guerrillas who fought for the people by relying on them under the slogan "As fish cannot live without water, so guerrillas cannot live without the people".

It is the excellent trait of the DPRK for the army to bring the people happiness and the latter to regard offering the former assistance as patriotism and assist them with all sincerity.

The revolutionary spirit of the anti-Japanese war with eternal viability is reliably carried on generation after generation and decade after decade and dynamically propels the victorious advance of the building of a powerful socialist country.

Golden age of construction

The DPRK was given a total facelift through epoch-making changes in construction in the past 10-odd years

By **Kim Il Jin** PT

A meeting was held on March 25 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Architects Union of Korea.

Referring to the proud history of Juche-oriented architecture, the reporter highlighted the fact that the DPRK brought about epoch-making changes in construction under the wise and seasoned leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un in the new century of the Juche era.

As a Korean saying goes, "Ten years is an epoch." The DPRK has undergone an enormous change in the past 10-odd years since the beginning of the new century of the Juche era.

In "Let Us Usher in a Great Golden Age of Construction by Thoroughly Applying the Party's Juche-Oriented Idea on Architecture", a historic letter sent to those attending the first grand short course of officials in the construction sector in December 2013, Kim Jong Un put forward an action programme for the development of Juche-oriented architecture with the people-first principle as the core.

He wrote in the letter: "Juche-oriented socialist architecture is, in essence, based on the principle of giving first and foremost importance to the masses of the people, who

are responsible for the country's architecture. It is the people themselves who create it and benefit from it. So it is a natural requirement in construction to give top priority to the aspirations and demands of the people and their convenience and to ensure its perfect ideological and artistic value and usability in conformity with their emotions and aesthetic sense."

In accordance with the great construction programme codifying the Juche-oriented architectural ideas and construction policies of the Workers' Party of Korea in the new era, models and standards of the people-first architecture giving top priority to the aspirations, demands and convenience of the people and perfectly ensuring the ideological and artistic value and usability in construction have continued to be provided.

A radical improvement was effected from architectural design. As a result, the Juche character, national identity and modernity were properly combined in all aspects such as the quality, content, architectural style of structures and the principles of diversity and formative artistic representation was fully embodied.

Saying that when providing the people with anything, we should give them the best thing, General

Secretary Kim Jong Un personally examined and completed a great number of mock-ups.

A world-class ski resort rose up in the mountainous area of picturesque Masik Pass as a perfect combination of designs and construction of all buildings and service facilities, selection of building materials and distribution of structures.

The Yangdok Hot Spring Resort, another proud creation, was also built as a model and standard of the architecture based on the people-first principle, according to the plan of the General Secretary to make all people enjoy a cultured life to their heart's content as they have a spa bath, having skiing and riding horses.

Baby homes, orphanages, primary and middle schools for orphans, schoolchildren's palaces and children's camps have wonderfully been built or renovated as cradles of affection and happiness for children in different parts of the country.

The Sci-Tech Complex, a multi-functional temple for all-people learning on Ssuk Islet, is flawless in terms of architectural aesthetics and practicality for the unique and novel style.

The level of civilization the Korean people are enjoying can clearly be seen through the Natural History Museum built on the

principle of ensuring scientific accuracy, practicality and kindness and the Central Zoo offering a nice blend of immediacy and formative arts.

After taking measures to build new streets in Pyongyang in succession, including Mirae Scientists Street and Ryomyong Street, Kim Jong Un made sure that the successful settlement of the housing problem in the capital city was adopted as a decision of the Eighth Congress of the WPK and at the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang in March 2021 he delivered the historic speech "Let Us Make Our Capital City Even More Splendid by Building 50 000 Flats" to provide another milestone in the history of the construction of the capital.

Looking round the construction site of 10 000 flats in the Songsin and Songhwa area, where skyscrapers and high-rise apartment houses of various styles, including a modern 80-storeyed apartment building, rose up in a distinctive way achieving artistic harmony, he said with pleasure that the street is a real sight to behold and that the Party's idea of architectural aesthetics on thoroughly applying the Juche character, national identity and modernity was correctly

implemented there.

Hwasong Street taking shape on the northern gateway to Pyongyang is a masterpiece in the era of the Workers' Party created under the wise leadership of the General Secretary who intends to build every structure to be flawless even in the distant future at an extraordinarily fast speed.

According to his plan to open up the efflorescence of civilization in the era of the WPK and a new period of development of socialist construction from the first village at the foot of Mt Paektu, the cradle of the Korean revolution, the City of Samjiyon was refurbished in a nature- and environment-friendly way in conformity with the characteristics of the mountainous region.

The change of regional areas, which started with the renovation of Samjiyon to provide regional people with civilized material and cultural life, has led to a new phase of rural development and the gigantic implementation of the Regional Development 20x10 Policy.

All the Korean people are visualizing the future of a prosperous power as they witness the eye-opening reality of the country which changes every day amid the grand construction campaign making the whole country bustle.

Pyongyang undergoes sea change

By **Jong Hwa Sun** PT

Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, is taking on a new appearance day after day.

For any country, the capital is the image of the state, a criterion for measuring the national power and an epitome of its civilization.

The prosperity of the capital means the country is thriving.

The Korean people call Pyongyang the heart of the DPRK.

The soldiers of the People's Army who are faithful to the mission of defenders of Pyongyang and the patriotic

working people at industrial establishments, farms and fishing villages are burning their hearts with a special attachment to and great pride in the capital city.

It is a great ambition of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to transform Pyongyang into the most beautiful city in the world.

He unfolded a grand blueprint of a long-term plan for the construction of Pyongyang some 10 years ago and gave instructions on turning it into an ideal city for the people in his works.

At the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, he advanced the capital

construction plan reflecting the idea of believing in the people as in Heaven and the Juche-oriented idea on architectural aesthetics of the Party. At the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, he stressed the need to bring about a new revolution in construction and to carry on the heyday of the capital construction.

When the construction of Songhwa Street was in full swing, he visited the construction site and said it was the core problem in the construction of the capital to build it as a city of the people, the heart of the country, with

distinctive characteristics by preserving the Juche character and national identity and thoroughly applying the people-first principle. He enthusiastically said "For our Pyongyang" in his significant speech "Let Us Further Glorify the Golden Age of Capital City Construction by Bringing about a Sea Change in the Hwasong Area" at the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area.

At the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new street in the Sopho area last year, he said, "For the eternal prosperity of our socialist state and our capital

city of Pyongyang".

Under his wise leadership, the ideal streets of the people is rising up every year and monumental edifices are being built in succession, including Unha Scientists Street, the Ryugyong Health Complex, the People's Open-air Ice Rink, the Munsu Water Park, the Okryu Children's Hospital, the Sci-Tech Complex, Mirae Scientists Street, Ryomyong Street, Songhwa Street, Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District and Hwasong Street.

The structures associated with his guidance from the idea to the design, construction and finishing are

diverse and efficient in spatial composition in keeping with their mission, character, functional requirements and surrounding environment and constitute the acme of architecture as they are well-defined and refined in architectural aesthetics.

The WPK is now leading the construction of new modern streets including the construction of the third stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area, extending Pyongyang's urban area to the east and west and to the north.

Structures symbolic of socialist development and future will continue to rise up in Pyongyang year after year.



Hwasong Street in the northern gateway to the capital city of Pyongyang (left) and Songhwa Street in the eastern gateway (right).

Sincerity brings patient back on feet

By Kim Hak Chol PT

In August 2022, Nam Kwang Hyok, a doctor of the Hamhung Orthopaedic Hospital, took charge of a patient with a terrible illness.

The patient was an honoured disabled soldier in his 30s. And as he had suffered chronic osteomyelitis of femur for a long time, one of his legs had already been shortened 16cm.

"Though I believed that I had rich clinical experience, I had never been confused that much before. Because I had never treated a patient with that much serious leg bone deficit and, moreover, I

had never found a reported case of its complete cure," recalled Nam Kwang Hyok as he referred to his feelings at that time.

If he followed the conclusion of modern medical science based on the medical condition of the patient, there was only one solution, amputation.

The patient was already prepared for it.

Seeing the disabled soldier continue to stroke his leg to be cut off, Kwang Hyok changed his decision.

Nam said that he could not tell the patient who had injured his leg during military service that it should be amputated.

He read many modern medical books without wasting time and synthesized clinical data and experience related to femur operation. And he conceived a treatment method suitable for the physical constitution of the patient and introduced it into treatment.

But the way to success was not easy.

The medical workers of the hospital helped Kwang Hyok who made strenuous efforts to carry out the difficult task.

Over a dozen big and small operations were performed and treatment continued with tender love and utmost sincerity. Finally,

the patient got back on his feet.

The treatment period was over 500 days.

As he left the hospital, the disabled soldier could hardly hold back tears welling up in his eyes, saying that the medical workers devoted their all to him, but he did nothing for them.

"The days of your military service and feats dedicated to the country and all of us cannot be compared with 500-odd days we spent for your treatment. It is the natural duty and moral obligation of medical workers to restore honoured disabled soldiers to health," Nam Kwang Hyok told the patient.

Research findings help improve medical service

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The public health sector has recently made valuable research achievements helpful to improving the quality of medical service.

Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences has developed new diagnostic and treatment methods by introducing advanced medical techniques to cure a variety of internal diseases which have been recognized as incurable.

One of them is a method of efficiently treating encephalomalacia caused by carbon dioxide poisoning by applying stem cell technology.

In general, when the brain softens due to coal gas poisoning, the stroma of the brain tissue undergoes a change, leading to the paralysis of the brain function. Therefore, it has been recognized that the patients in this condition cannot perform mental activity even if their life is guaranteed.

Researchers of the university found out that an advanced treatment method was being applied to the treatment of such patients around the world, a technique for restoring the softened brain tissue by transplanting stem cells, and carried out research into it to complete a new method, thereby fully curing many serious cases.

The university expanded the scope of laparoscopic surgery to complete a tumour surgery as well as the operation on the colon. It also established a method of treating emergency cases with abdominal pain of unknown origin as well as hernia known to be difficult to operate.

Laparoscopic surgery brings great clinical benefits as surgical wound and blood loss are very small and the patients can leave hospital 1-2 hours after operation. At present, the university performs laparoscopic surgery for the treatment of 27 kinds of abdominal surgical conditions.

It established 10-odd advanced diagnostic and treatment methods including a method of treating heat stroke using the patients' quantized myelomonocyte and introduced them into clinical practice. It also completed guidelines and reference books for treatment and sent them to preventive and curative institutions across the country.

In the past, medical workers of Kim Man Yu Hospital established a method of treating 20-odd abdominal diseases using the one-hole method, a cutting-edge technology in laparoscopic surgery. They have recently completed an operation method for not only gastric cancer but also cholecystic cancer to restore many patients to health.

They applied a new original method to the operation for lower bile duct cancer, which had taken long hours, thus establishing a new operation method capable of reducing the time of operation by half, shortening the treatment period and lightening physical burden on patients.



A glimpse of the general pharmacy under the Moranbong District medical supplies management station. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

General pharmacy, called 'small hospital'

By Pang Un Ju PT

A standardized general pharmacy was built in Moranbong District of Pyongyang and opened in early March.

Covering a total floor space of some 900 square metres, it was so designed to make viewers feel modern aesthetic taste and a sense of security at first glance with a soft mixture of silver grey and green colours.

The two-storey pharmacy is divided into sections for sale, basic tests, consultation and

prescription, drug analysis, storage, drug-making and others.

The most noticeable when visitors enter the pharmacy is the Koryo medicinal herb counter.

They are gratified even to see the medicinal herb drawers with hundreds of kinds of rare medicinal materials, including insam, *Ganoderma lucidum*, root of milkweed and oyster shells, filling all the walls.

On the counter are seen directions for the use of Koryo medicinal materials for various diseases written in plain language, which provide convenience for

the visitors.

According to Kim Un Sun, a saleswoman, they have sold a large amount of Koryo medicinal materials since its opening less than a month ago as the demand of the customers for Koryo medicines suited to the constitutional features of Koreans is very high.

Saleswomen at the western medicine counter are also busy kindly explaining the directions of medicines to customers.

The pharmacy also provides medical consultations and technical and order-delivery

service for customers.

Tests are conducted and remedial measures are taken according to the demands of customers in the lab equipped with a 9G MRI medical examination analyzer and a 6G bio-resonance medical examination analyzer.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un grasped the point that the pharmacies failed to be designed and furnished to fully perform their functions and gave instructions to standardize them as he inspected those in Pyongyang in May 2022 when COVID-19 broke out in the country, said Ri Un Gyong, head of the pharmacy. "Accordingly, a standardized general pharmacy has been built here, a place easy of access and with a high density of population."

The pharmacy runs in a 24-hour service system.

Highly efficacious molecular target anticancer medicine

By Chae Myong Rim PT

The norcantharidin injection (national standard 35536:2019) produced by the Mannyon Pharmaceutical Factory is drawing the attention of those who want to treat and prevent cancer.

As a derivative of cantharidin which is a toxic substance in the body of a medicinal insect, norcantharidin is recognized worldwide as a pharmacological constituent highly efficacious in treating cancerous diseases.

In particular the injection made of norcantharidin can be used as a molecular target anticancer drug that selectively kills only cancer cells without affecting normal cells or tissues, unlike general chemical anticancer drugs that have a serious negative effect on the human body.

The technical group of the factory made painstaking efforts together with researchers of the Chemical Biology Institute of University of Sciences for a long time to ensure the domestic production of the

highly efficacious norcantharidin injection.

Norcantharidin, the primary constituent of the injection, is a specific repressor of signal transfer-related enzymes of cancer cells, which specifically manifests itself on only cancer cells to inhibit cancer cell proliferation by means of a pharmacological mechanism that blocks signal transmission pathways and induce apoptosis, thereby causing the diminution and necrosis of cancer tissue.

It produces almost no side effects which are common in the

use of anticancer drugs.

Clinical trials over the past decade proved that the medicine is markedly effective in treating not only cancerous diseases of different organs but also malignant brain and bone tumours and preventing metastasis and recurrence of cancer before and after surgery and that in particular, local injection of the medicine is very effective in treating tumours.

The injection, registered as a national sci-tech hit, drew the attention of many visitors at the International Trade Fair-2023 held at the Pyongyang Underground Store in November last year.

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US military aid to Ukraine is just mind-bending drug

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Im Chon Il, vice foreign minister of the DPRK in charge of Russian affairs, released the following press statement on April 24:

The US House of Representatives reportedly passed a bill on offering additional military aids amounting to over 60 billion US dollars to Ukraine recently.

So it can be said that the US large-scale additional military aid package to Ukraine debated long in the US political camp has actually become a matter of time.

Media of the US and other Western countries are widely advertising that Washington's such decision will add fresh strength to Ukraine's fight against Russia's "invasion".

The recent bipartisan support for the passage of the military aid bill for Ukraine through the US House of Representatives clearly proved once again that the US remains unchanged in its ulterior purpose to inflict a strategic defeat upon Russia at any cost by continuously egging Ukraine on despite the latter's serious defeats on battlefield.

The great irony is that more than one third of the US aid fund amounting to over 60 billion US dollars will be spent in the US mainland for supplying new

weapons and ammunition to the US forces.

Thus, it has been fully revealed once again that lurking behind the "rescuing hands" given by the US touting military assistance to Ukraine is the sly and sinister intention of the US to use the Ukrainian crisis as an opportunity for fattening up its munitions monopolies and for further tightening the shackle it put on Ukraine to make the puppet Zelenskiy clique its henchmen for paving the path for carrying out its strategy for deterring Russia.

It is no accident that experts comment that the US benefits most from the Ukraine crisis and the Biden administration is making enormous profits while feasting on "blood-mixed wine."

Russian political figures, being fully confident of victory, ridicule the passage of the new military aid bill as the one for making the US richer but reducing Ukraine to greater piles of ashes, saying although the US lavishes tens of billions of dollars on security assistance to Kiev, satisfying the wild greed of munitions tycoons, Russia will surely emerge victorious.

The US transfuses blood into the Zelenskiy regime to prolong its existence at stake but this can never change the dreadful fate awaiting the puppets on deathbed.

The Ukrainian battlefields have long been a "graveyard" of various weaponry bragged about by the US and NATO.

But Zelenskiy has gone so mad as to express his will to continue the "death-defying resistance" against Russia to the end, making deep bows to his American masters for the decision of new military aid. This cannot but be viewed as sheer hysteria of a "Don Quixote in the 21st century" utterly ignorant of his opponent.

Zelenskiy must be a "star" acting his part well according to the film script written by the US, rather than president of a country.

I affirm that the US additional military aid package act is just a mind-bending drug for buoying up even for a moment the Zelenskiy clique gripped with fear resulting from its ever-worsening position on battlefield and making it tilt at windmills.

The pro-US lackeys are bound to meet death and ruin for having completely sold off the people and all valuables of the country to become cannon fodder of their master, unable to judge what is right and what is wrong.

No US military aids can block the advance of the heroic Russian army and people all out in a sacred war of justice for safeguarding the sovereign rights and security of their country.

'Building our future with innovation and creativity'

By Yun Ki Song PT

April 26 is World Intellectual Property Day.

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was established with the aim of ensuring cooperation between states and regions and promoting the protection of intellectual property worldwide.

Marking the day, many countries have conducted diverse activities to make people understand the importance of intellectual property rights and more briskly create intellectual wealth.

The theme for this year's World Intellectual Property Day is "IP and SDGs: building our future with innovation and creativity".

The DPRK joined WIPO in August 1974. It is directing great efforts to increasing intellectual wealth and protecting it by developing science and technology.

It amended and supplemented provisions stipulating the deliberation, registration and protective relations of intellectual property.

With progress being made to attain the national IP development goal, intellectual wealth is being created continuously and the number of awardees of the WIPO medal of inventors and certificate is on the increase.

The prosperous and civilized future will be brought earlier thanks to the efforts of the DPRK.

What is Washington's scheme to extend sphere of alliance aimed at?

KCNA

Kang Jin Song, an international affairs analyst of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on April 25 issued the following article titled "What is Washington's scheme to extend the sphere of alliance aimed at?":

The US is now intensifying its scheme to expand and strengthen military blocs in the Asia-Pacific region.

As is known, the US-the UK-Australia tripartite defense authorities talks on April 8 made public a joint statement on examining a proposal for promoting cooperation between AUKUS and Japan in the field of ultra-modern technology. And Biden confirmed Japan's participation in AUKUS at the US-Japan summit held in Washington on April 10.

It means that the extension of AUKUS and the preferential participation of Japan have become formal.

The US defends itself saying that cooperation between AUKUS and Japan is limited to the field related to eight core defense technologies, including artificial intelligence and cyber, and it's not aimed at increasing the number of AUKUS members, but the danger of Japan's

participation in AUKUS is making the whole international community tense, not to mention the regional countries.

In September 2021, AUKUS was forged as a tripartite security cooperation body involving the United States, the UK and Australia. Since its founding, it has been called a nuclear mine planted in the waters of the Asia-Pacific as "the Anglo-Saxon nuclear submarine alliance" for seeking nuclear supremacy in the region by detouring the international nuclear non-proliferation system.

Judging from the fact that the extension of AUKUS has become formal and the first candidate for its membership is Japan, an aggressor and war criminal state which tried to develop nuclear weapons during the Second World War and has covertly beefed up its capability for manufacturing nuclear weapons after the war, this poses a serious problem in terms of security environment of the whole world including the Asia-Pacific region.

When the issue of extending AUKUS appeared on the table, Britain and Australia reportedly took a skeptical view, pointing out that Japan failed to fully protect sensitive information.

Although Canada and New Zealand, members of "Five Eyes", an information-sharing body of Anglo-

Saxons, were potential candidates for "AUKUS+", Japan has been designated as a candidate member of AUKUS, which is attributable to the US pressure and persistent persuasion, according to experts.

Clear is the intention of the US that persists in involving Japan in AUKUS.

It is the sinister intention of the US to make Japan, a vanquished country which revised the "pacifist constitution" and is making frantic moves to beef up the forces of aggression under the cloak of "possessing counterattack capability", obsessed by nationalism, a crewmember of a confrontation ship called AUKUS and put it at the outpost line of the anti-China pressure and push the nuclear minefield in the Asia-Pacific region closer to China.

Most experts comment that the technical cooperation between AUKUS and Japan, promoted under the control of the US, will lead sooner or later to its full membership and to the additional admission of other potential candidate countries.

The Biden administration recently held a tripartite summit of the US, Japan and the Philippines in the wake of a US-Japan summit to call for the strengthened security cooperation between Manila and Tokyo, and Canberra and Seoul.

This is mainly aimed at building double and triple infrastructure for implementing the "integrated deterrence strategy" against China by ultimately putting together tools designed for achieving supremacy existing in the Asia-Pacific region in a "latticed" way.

The reality goes to prove once again that the "competition accompanied by dialogue" with China and the "installation of a guard rail" in bilateral relations, heard from US public officials, are nothing but deceptive slogans and their thinking and practice are oriented to anti-China confrontation from A to Z.

Owing to the establishment of a "small group" of the US whose arch enemy is China and its ceaseless attempt to expand the group, the Asia-Pacific region, where opportunities and potentials for development are richer than any other regions of the world, is turning into a theatre of muscle-flexing and a touch-and-go nuclear minefield, and the ensuing immediate and prospective security burden has been heavily placed on the regional and international communities.

The peace camp in the region and the rest of the world should heighten vigilance against the reckless moves of Washington to frantically expand its alliance sphere without limits, targeting a certain state.

Briefly

Russia

Military muscle built

Russia is steadily channelling efforts into defence buildup to protect national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

At a council meeting of the Ministry of Defence on April 23, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said that NATO's expansion has escalated military tension in the strategic directions of the western and northwestern parts of the country and such moves of the Western countries have compelled his country to take countermeasures.

Russia would further increase the production of essential weapons and technical equipment to cope with the threats by the US and its allies, he declared.

Venezuela

Vice president calls for economic independence

In his speech to mark the 214th anniversary of the start of struggle for national independence on April 19, the Venezuelan vice president appealed to achieve economic independence against the US blockade.

Saying that the US' unilateral and high-handed actions make the Venezuelan people harden their will to unite and build a new diversified economic system, he noted that Venezuela will counter the vulgar and immoral blockade with self-sufficiency in the economy.

China

FM censures US over human rights report

A spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, in a press conference on April 23, decried the "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2023" published by the US State Department.

The US found fault with human rights situations in nearly 200 countries and regions over the world, but did not mention its human rights situation, he said. This is another revelation of hegemony, tyranny, violent nature and double-dealing of the US whose conduct disagrees with its words, he added.

If the US is truly interested in human rights, it should appropriately solve its own problems in the country, he said.

League of Arab States

Israel urged to discontinue slaughter

Ahmed Abu al-Gheit, secretary general of the League of Arab States, on April 17 said that massacre committed by Israel should be halted in the Gaza Strip first in order to resolve escalating tension in the Middle East.

In order to prevent the security situation from deteriorating continuously, it is needed to stop Israel's massacre being perpetrated almost every day, he said, emphasizing again that political settlement is the best way to achieve peace for all.



Me Paektu in spring

Korean wrestlers qualify for 33rd Olympic Games

KCNA

The 2024 Asian wrestling Olympic qualification tournament took place in Kyrgyzstan from April 19 to 21.

Choe Hyo Gyong, Mun Hyon Gyong and Pak Sol

Gum beat all opponents to be qualified for the Olympic Games in the women's 53kg, 62kg and 68kg categories and Ri Se Ung in the men's Greco-Roman 60kg category.

Meanwhile, An Chang Ok finished runner-up in the women's vault of the FIG

Artistic Gymnastics Apparatus World Cup held in Qatar, and Mun Song Hui and Kim Kwang Chol came second and third in the women's 70kg category and the men's 73kg category respectively at the 2024 Asian Judo Championship held in Hong Kong, China.

Sea Kumgang Gate—natural monument

By Kim Jin Hyang PT

Sea Kumgang Gate is situated about 20 kilometres away from the county town of Kosong in Kangwon Province.

The area abounds with fish, shellfish and seaweeds and big and small hills, peaks and cliffs add a special touch of beauty to the gate.

At the entrance to the gate, myriad shapes of scenes are unfolded in the vicinity of one kilometre.

That was why people named it thus long ago as it looked like an estuary of Sea Kumgang.

The right rock of the gate is

large and flat, and pines grow densely on it.

The seawater in the hollow inside the gate is blue and calm like a pool, but when wind blows hard on the shore,

mountainous waves roll in and hit the gate to send a cloud of spray up to the sky.

Sea Kumgang Gate is of academic value and also adds to the beautiful shorescape.



Sports roundup

Football matches of 2024 Spring National Sports Festival

By Song Jong Ho PT

Though the 2024 Spring National Sports Festival ended, memory of it is lingering.

Of course, football matches are the main topic of conversation among sports fans.

The men's group A league matches, which produced unexpected results, drew the interest of experts and fans as it was hard to anticipate the ranks to the last.

In the group league matches, the Rimyongsu and Kigwancha teams were the same in terms of disparity between gains and losses and score and therefore their rankings were decided by the number of warnings and send-aways.

The Kigwancha team, in the long run, failed to advance to the next stage due to more numbers of warnings.

The matches of group A

taught a lesson that they should not neglect foul moves in the ordinary training and they can gain better results only when they strictly observe rules in the matches.

In this season, some teams benefited from the 11m penalty kick. A typical example is the Rimyongsu team, which was placed third in the men's matches.

It scored four 11m penalty kicks among five goals in five matches and that played a decisive role in advancing to the last four.

Meanwhile, the Jebi and Kigwancha teams fully displayed their higher physical, technical and tactical abilities at the 2023-2024 DPRK women's premier league matches. They also demonstrated changed looks in the first-stage matches.

They attached importance to attack by getting rid of the previous defence-oriented

tactics and created scoring chances while employing diverse tactics in keeping with changing situations.

They have still some weak points including scoring abilities, but experts comment that they might bring good results in the forthcoming games with strenuous efforts of players and coaches pooling strength and wisdom to overcome their weakness.

As the men and women's matches ended, top scorers were produced.

Top scorers included Pak Kwang Chon, forward No. 16 of the Ryomyong team, and Kwon Hyok Jun, midfielder No. 17 of the Amnokgang team. They scored five brilliant goals respectively while playing the role of captain and pillar of their teams.

Kim Kyong Yong, forward No. 12 of the Naegohyang team, scored seven goals in women's matches to be the top scorer.

