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Leader Beloved of People

FRONT COVER: Successful launch of the artificial satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2

It is not so long since Kim Jong Un took his official posts of the Party, the state, and the army.

However, he has already won the admiration of the world progressive people as well as Koreans by his personality and qualifications, and exploits he performed.

Among the Korean army and people many anecdotes are being told from long ago about his personality as a great man.

He has been praised as “a great successor to the revolutionary cause of Juche,” “the respected general,” and “our General Kim” by the people, full of

joy and pride in upholding another great man of Mt. Paektu, and the song “Footsteps” is in much vogue across the country.

During the December days in 2011, when they suffered the bitterest national loss over the sudden death of Kim Jong Il, the Korean people once again etched deep in their mind that Kim Jong Un, who aroused the grief-stricken people from sorrow and encouraged them to bring about a turning point in the Korean revolution, is the very destiny and the ever-victorious banner of the country, revolution and people.

When it was announced at the Fourth Conference of the Workers’ Party of Korea and the Fifth Session of the 12th Supreme People’s Assembly of the DPRK held in April 2012 that Kim Jong Il was acclaimed as the eternal leader of the revolution and General Secretary of the WPK and the eternal Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission, Koreans keenly felt his faith and will to hold great leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il in high esteem forever and safeguard and add lustre to their ideas and exploits.

They also witnessed his courage and grit of a brilliant commander to inherit

and bring to completion the Songun-based revolutionary cause of Juche, without slightest changes, when he inspected Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of the Korean People’s Army on New Year’s Day of 2012.

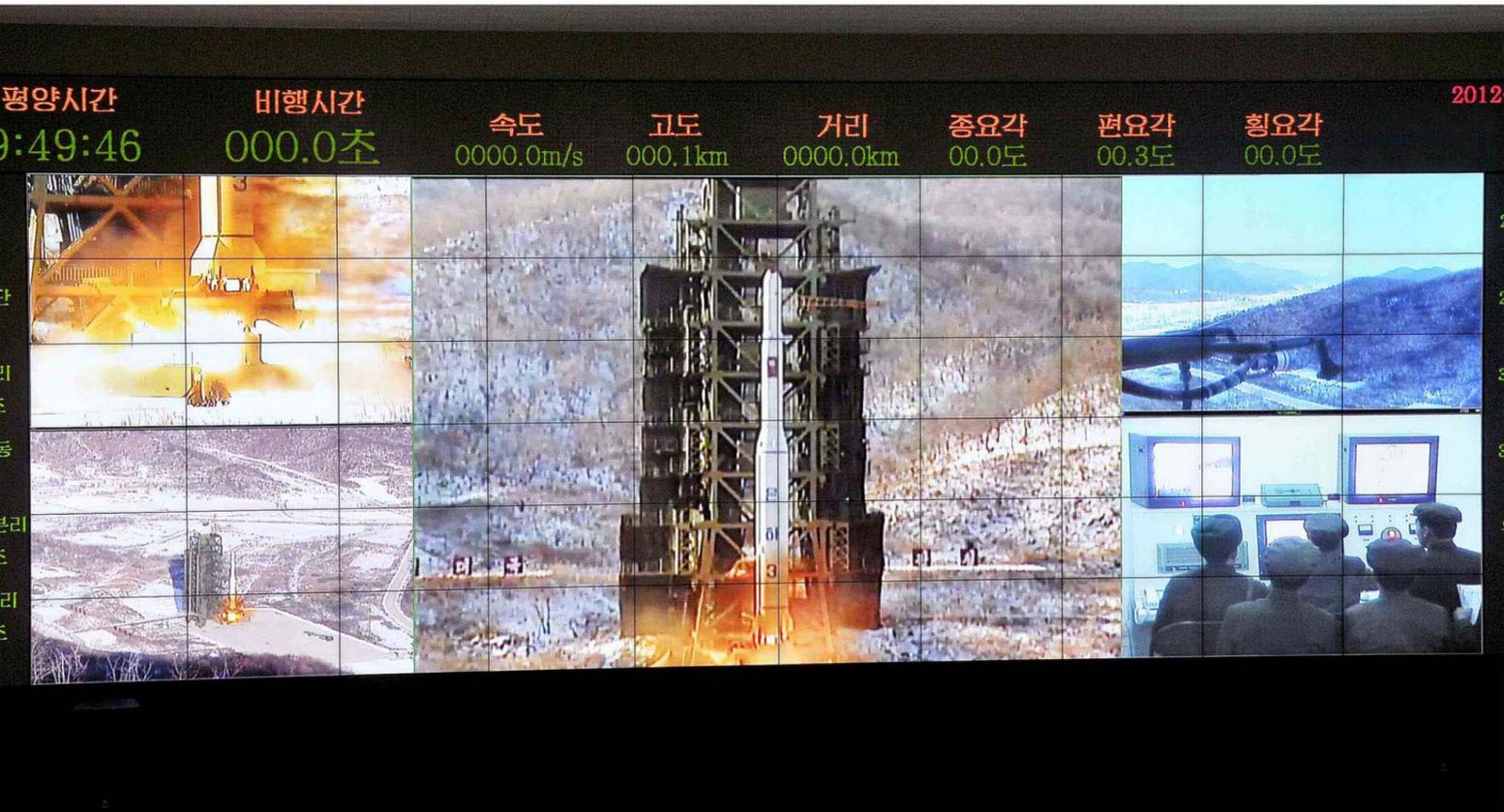
World-startling successes achieved at present in the fields of the national economy and culture are eloquent of his manifold and profound knowledge and abilities.

Modesty and open-mindedness of his personalities also captivate Koreans.

Today all the service personnel and people of Korea are giving fuller play to the spirit of defending the leader unto death, holding aloft the slogan “Let us defend with our very lives the Party Central Committee headed by the great Comrade Kim Jong Un!”, united firmly around him in ideology and purpose, morality and obligation, and making miracles by leaps and bounds in the building of a thriving nation.

There are many countries and nations on this planet; however, only in the DPRK all its service personnel and people are holding in high esteem and devotedly supporting their Supreme Commander and leader.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho



The respected Marshal Kim Jong Un visits the Satellite Control Centre to observe the lift-off process of the satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2 (December 2012)

Successful Launch of Artificial Satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2

On December 12 last year the DPRK successfully launched the artificial satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2.

Reporting on the event, the KCNA stressed that the scientists and technicians of the country brilliantly implemented General Kim Jong Il's instructions on launching an application satellite in 2012, the year that marked the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

The successful launch of Kwangmyongsong 3-2 demonstrated that the DPRK opened a broad avenue for exploring outer space, reaching the acme of cutting-edge science and technology. This is a result of the far-sighted wisdom and leadership of the President who blazed the trail in building the foundations of the country's independent economy and of the General who spared no effort to give full play to the potentials of the country's Juche-based industry by dint of his Songun politics.

It is also a fruition of the peerlessly great Kim Jong Un's ennobling loyalty and moral obligation, matchless courage and clairvoyant wisdom. Fully determined to implement the instructions of Generalissimo Kim Jong Il, Kim Jong Un resolved all problems related with the satellite launch and inspired the scientists and technicians with confidence and trust, bestowing great affection on them.

At 8:00 am, December 12, 2012, he gave a final autographed order to the Korean Committee for Space Technology as to the blast-off of the satellite, and visited the satellite control centre at 9:00, an hour before the lift-off.

He got familiar with the arrangements for the satellite launch and gave order to blast it off. He observed the lift-off process closely.

The launch vehicle Unha-3 carrying Kwangmyongsong 3-2 was launched at 9 hrs 49 min 46 sec. The first, second and third motors were separated suc-

cessfully and the satellite was placed in its orbit at 9 hrs 59 min 13 sec, 9 minutes 27 seconds after the blast-off.

Extremely happy with the successful launch, Kim Jong Un spoke highly of the space scientists and technicians and gave thanks to them on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

He visited the Sohae Launching Site in Cholsan County, North Phyongan Province, and congratulated the scientists and technicians there.

Loaded with devices needed for earth survey, Kwangmyongsong 3-2 is travelling the polar orbit. It will be used for assessing the distribution of forest resources, the effects of natural disasters, the estimated grain yield and for collecting information needed for weather forecasts and prospecting for resources.

The satellite is a domestic product of the DPRK, from its design, manufacture, assembling and launch to the monitoring after its take-off.

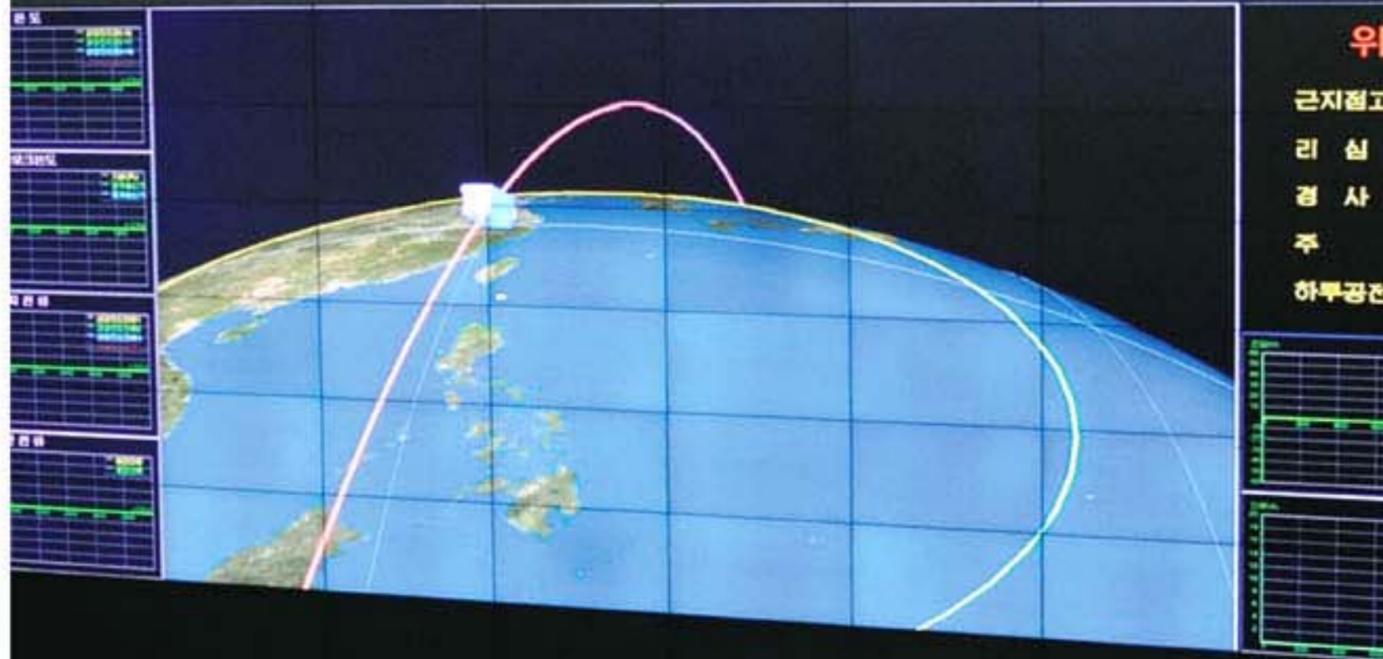
The news of the successful launch has thrown all the soldiers and civilians to boundless ecstasy, and a festive mood now pervades the whole country.

Army-people rallies were held in Pyongyang and provincial seats in congratulation of the successful launch of the satellite. Speakers extended warm thanks to the scientists and technicians who raised their country's technology of exploiting outer space for peaceful purposes to a new level and demonstrated its national strength to the world. They all expressed their resolve to accelerate the building of a thriving nation with the mounting national pride and achieve greater innovations and successes in 2013, the year marking the 60th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and the 65th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho
Photos: Kim Song Chol



All the people across the country are overwhelmed by excitement and jubilation



I Feel Proud

I take greater pride in being a scientist of Korea than ever before.

It is wonderful that our country manufactured the launch vehicle and artificial satellite entirely through its own technology and effort; more wonderful is that it launched the satellite in winter conditions and inserted it into orbit by changing its trajectory. It is little short of a miracle, indeed.

Now I am more optimistic about the future of the country because it has a large contingent of scientists and technicians who were trained in the socialist system to which Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il devoted all their lives and who remain invariably faithful to Marshal Kim Jong Un's leadership as his companions in the revolution.

It will not be long before world-startling innovations are made in all the sectors of the country's science and technology.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the scientists and technicians who contributed to the manufacture and launch of the artificial satellite.

People's Scientist, Professor and Doctor Ri Kun Yong, lecturer at the Faculty of Resources Survey Engineering at Kim Chaek University of Technology

Splendid Result

Fresh energy and courage surge up from the bottom of my mind.

My heart seems to be flying in the sky together with the artificial satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2.

The success of scientists and technicians who have implemented Kim Jong Il's instructions on launching an application satellite in 2012 that marked the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung is a fruition of our people's unshakeable faith and a proud result of last year that has won only victory under the guidance of the supreme leader Marshal Kim Jong Un.

Cherishing the pride and self-confidence in being a dignified citizen of Songun Korea, I will make effort to bring about a great upsurge in production at my working place to improve the people's living standards.



Kim Hong Sik, worker at the Pyongyang Rayon Yarn Mill



The army-people rally was held in Pyongyang to congratulate the successful launch



On the Occasion of the First Anniv. of the Demise of Kim Jong Il



The respected Kim Jong Un attends the National Memorial Service on the occasion of the first anniversary of the passing of the great leader Kim Jong Il

In December 2012, a year after Chairman Kim Jong Il of the DPRK National Defence Commission had passed away to the great sorrow of the whole country, the Korean army and people had memorial services with great reverence and yearning for him.

The national memorial service took place in Pyongyang on December 16.

Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, First Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, attended the meeting.

Also present there were officials from

the Party, military and government organs, public organizations, ministries and national agencies, heroes, persons who met and are related with the Chairman and meritorious persons from across the country, service personnel of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Internal Security Forces, officials in the fields of science, education, literature and the arts, public health and the media, families of revolutionary martyrs and working people.

The scientists, technicians, workers and officials who contributed to the successful launch of the artificial satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2 also attended it.

Present there were visiting overseas Korean delegations and persons who are related with the Chairman from Japan, the General Association of Korean Residents in China and the International United Confederation of Koreans in Russia and the representative of the Pyongyang Mission of the Anti-Imperialist National Democratic Front.

Also seen there were foreign diplomatic envoys, representatives of international organizations, military attachés and other foreigners in Pyongyang.

After the meeting was declared open all the participants observed a minute's

silence to the memory of Kim Jong Il.

In the meeting, which opened to the strains of the immortal revolutionary hymn, *Song of General Kim Jong Il*, Kim Yong Nam, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, delivered a memorial address.

He said in his address: Chairman Kim Jong Il who had always opened up the bright future for the Korean people and given them infinite strength and courage had suddenly passed away to the greatest loss to the Party and revolution

and the bitterest sorrow of all the Korean people at home and abroad. During those days all the service personnel and people frequently visited the portraits of beaming Kim Jong Il growing yearning for him and devoted their all to his immortalization and the implementation of his instructions with loyalty as pure as white gem and a noble sense of moral obligation.

Stressing that his career was a brilliant one of a great revolutionary who had pushed through rough untrodden path holding high the red flag of the revolution with iron will and strength beyond human imagination and of a peerless patriot who

had devoted his all to the country and people, he added that Chairman Kim Jong Il had performed great exploits for the prosperity of the country and happiness of the people, national reunification and independent cause of mankind with ardent love for and in the spirit of devoted service to them, and his ennobling career would shine forever as the supreme model of life and struggle for all the Korean people and the most valuable treasure of the Korean revolution.

He noted that it was the greatest fortune and honour of all the Korean people to have elected Marshal Kim Jong Un to the top posts of the Party, state and army and Chairman Kim Jong Il would be immortal in the hearts of the service personnel and people of Korea with the victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche as they were led by Kim Jong Un. He then called upon the Korean people to vigorously advance towards the final victory of the cause of the building of a thriving socialist nation, the revolutionary cause of Juche, to the end under the leadership of Kim Jong Un as befits the descendants of President Kim Il Sung and the soldiers and devoted followers of General Kim Jong Il.

Those who took the floor following Kim Yong Nam made oath that they would hold Kim Jong Il as the eternal leader of the Party and revolution and dynamically struggle to accomplish the historic cause of building a thriving socialist nation and national reunification and successfully complete the revolutionary cause of Juche under the leadership of supreme leader Kim Jong Un.

Memorial services and remembrance meetings were held in provinces, cities, districts and counties on the day.

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the demise of Kim Jong Il, Kim Jong Un visited the refurbished Kumsusan Palace of the Sun with his wife Ri Sol Ju and paid a high tribute to him.

He was accompanied by senior Party, state and army officials, head of a friendly party, other officials from the Party, military and government organs, the Cabinet, public organizations, ministries and national agencies, heroes, persons who met and are related with Kim Jong Il and meritorious persons.

Kim Jong Un bowed a deep bow in honour of Kim Jong Il who had turned socialist Korea into a single-heartedly united political power, world-class military power, nuclear power and space power and laid everlasting foundations for the prosperity of the country.

The Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, rebuilt into the supreme sanctuary of Juche, was inaugurated on December 17.

The palace where the great leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il lie in state



Kim Jong Un pays reverence for Kim Jong II

was rebuilt into a grand monumental edifice for the immortality of the leaders, solemn and flawless in content, style and scale thanks to the ennobling loyalty and wise leadership of Kim Jong Un, who is writing a new chapter of history of the immortalization of the leaders and to the utter sincerity of all the Korean service personnel and people.

Kim Jong Un arrived at the palace together with his wife Ri Sol Ju.

Representatives of the KPA, workers, farmers and intellectuals cut the ribbon to inaugurate the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun.

Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju entered the hall where the statues of the President and the Chairman stand.

They were accompanied by senior Party, state and army officials.

He paid a high tribute to the statues together with senior Party, state and army officials.

Then the inauguration ceremony of the palace was held in a solemn atmosphere.

Kim Jong Un came out to the platform in the plaza of the palace.

KPA General Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and director of the General Political Bureau of the KPA, made the inaugural speech.

The ceremony took place amidst overflowing revolutionary enthusiasm of the participants to hold up Kim Jong II as the eternal leader of the Party and people, add brilliance to his revolutionary life and immortal exploits down through genera-

tions and dynamically step up the building of a thriving country under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

On December 17 floral baskets, flower bouquets and flowers were presented in front of the statues of the leaders, including those on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang, and the portraits of their beaming images across the country. Mosaic murals of smiling images of the peerlessly great men of Mt. Paektu were erected in several units to mark the first anniversary of the demise of Kim Jong II.

In the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun a rally of the KPA ground, naval, air and air-defence forces was held, at which the participants paid homage to the leaders and swore allegiance to Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un. Similar meetings of workers, trade union members, farmers and women's union members and a remembrance meeting of young people were held respectively.

A Fine Art Exhibition titled "The Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong II Will Always Be with Us" was held and a new documentary film titled "The Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong II Is Immortal" (Part 4) was broadcast.

Those ceremonies held on the occasion of the first anniversary of the passing of Chairman Kim Jong II manifested that the history of the Sun of Songun Korea would continue for ever on the land of Korea which advances under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon
Photos: Kim Song Chol and by courtesy of the KCNA



The inaugural ceremony of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme sanctuary of Juche, is held



Flower baskets, bouquets and flowers are laid before the statues of the great leaders and murals carrying their beaming images



All the Korean people observe the three minutes' silence at 12:00 am on December 17 in memory of Kim Jong Il



Kim Jong Un looks round Taedonggang Tile Factory whose production capacity was expanded (September 2012)

Considering People's Conveniences to Be Absolute and the Highest Priority

The respected Kim Jong Un endowed with absolute love for and trust in the people is leading the Korean revolution that has now entered the period of a new historic turnabout.

It is his revolutionary creed to consider the people's conveniences to be absolute and the highest priority.

All the Korean service personnel and people felt it keenly in the mourning period over the death of General Kim Jong Il, the father of their nation, in December 2011.

Competent medical teams were sent to the mourning places across the country and stands were made where the mourners could warm themselves and drink hot water. Though he felt bitterest of all, he took these measures, considering the people's conveniences to be absolute and the highest priority. This was precisely his declaration showing his revolutionary will.

This will was more clearly proved by his speech delivered at the military parade in celebration of the centenary of the birth of Generalissimo Kim Il Sung in April last year.

"It is the firm determination of our Party to ensure that our people, who are the best in the world and who have remained faithful to the Party in the face of all manner of difficulties, do not have to tighten their belts again, but enjoy all the benefits of socialism."

This was an expression of the firm political creed and will of Kim Jong Un

who would shoulder the destiny of the people to the end and a proclamation of his great revolutionary strategy to regard it as the most important national affair to defend and realize the people's interests.

His inspection tour from January 1 to December last year was a clear testimony to his ennobling viewpoint and attitude with which he considers the people's conveniences to be absolute and the highest priority.

Saying that there could be no perfection in the work for the good of the people, he frequently visited the construction sites on the bank of the Taedong and earnestly instructed the builders that they should devote their sincere efforts to the building of structures as they would do their own houses and their parents' and brothers'.

He felt the water in the wading pool of a kindergarten to know how warm it was and went up to the top floor of a high-rise apartment building under construction to examine if there was something imperfect.

His lofty politics of respecting and loving the people has brought one good result after another throughout Korea.

Seeing the bright future of the country and nation in Kim Jong Un's love for and devoted service to them, the Korean people are vigorously stepping up the building of a thriving nation, united single-heartedly around him.

Article: Choe Il Ho
Photos: Kim Kum Jin

The pledge-taking rally of the KPA men of three services is held





Kim Jong Un visits Breast Tumour Institute of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital (November 2012)



Kim Jong Un looks round Ryugyong Health Complex (November 2012)



Mansugyo Meat & Fish Shop, Rungna Dolphinarium, Changjon Street and many other structures have been built to contribute to the betterment of the people's living

Happy New Year!

Seeing in the hopeful New Year 2013, the Editorial Board of the Korea Pictorial offers its best greetings to the dear readers.

Last year, the first year of another century of Juche Korea, many marvellous events were recorded in its history, showing the might of single-hearted unity of the Korean army and people who are firmly convinced of the validity of the socialist cause and Songun politics.

They celebrated splendidly the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung as the greatest national jubilation. It

marked an important point in demonstrating the stamina of the Korean people to advance vigorously towards the final victory of the building of a thriving nation under the leadership of Marshal Kim Jong Un, venerating President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il for all ages.

We hope that the readers of our pictorials, this year, too, will continue to express sympathy with the changes being wrought in the DPRK, deepen your understanding of and give support to the Korean people advancing with full confidence.

Editorial Board of the Korea Pictorial





The officials and workers of the Chollima Steel Complex are expediting their vigorous advance in the new year, being proud of giving a powerful stimulus to the development of the country's economy with the increased steel production.

The complex set definite goals by stages to upgrade production processes.

It is encouraging the producer masses to actively introduce advanced technologies into production and give fullest play to their creative zeal.

The officials, workers and technicians of the steel workshop are pooling their efforts and wisdom to turn out more molten iron.

The smelters have introduced a new charging method that can reduce the melting time and increase the number of tapping, while ensuring full operation of UHP electric arc furnace, thus markedly increasing the production.

Those who are in charge of pouring ladles and ingot-moulding are pushing ahead with a mass technical innovation campaign, effectively conducting the management of equipment and technical guidance.

The workers and technicians of the rolling workshop are increasing to the maximum the capacity of heating furnaces and rolling mills through heated emulation campaigns of workteams.

The mill workshop is bubbling with the climate of aiding the next shift beforehand; they fully secure spare parts and keep machines under good maintenance by regularly checking and repairing them, thus always operating them at full capacity.

The units in charge of the supply of raw and other materials are ensuring efficient supply work, stimulating the productive zeal of the workers.

Now the Chollima Steel Complex is seething with an increased production drive for the new year.

*Article: Choe Kwang Hyok
Photos: Jin Yong Ho*



Steel Producers

—At the Chollima Steel Complex—

To Transport More Goods



Members of the Jongju branch of the Kaechon Railway Bureau set out for the new year's advance

Officials and workers of the Jongju branch of the Kaechon Railway Bureau are increasing rail transport, fully conscious of being in the vanguard of the national economy.

The railway section under the charge of the branch occupies one of the important links in the development of the north-

western areas of Korea.

The officials of the branch are devoting their wisdom and zeal to fully satisfying the growing demand for rail transport as the economy develops.

They are organizing rail transport scrupulously.

As the volume of traffic increases, they



More locomotives are being repaired

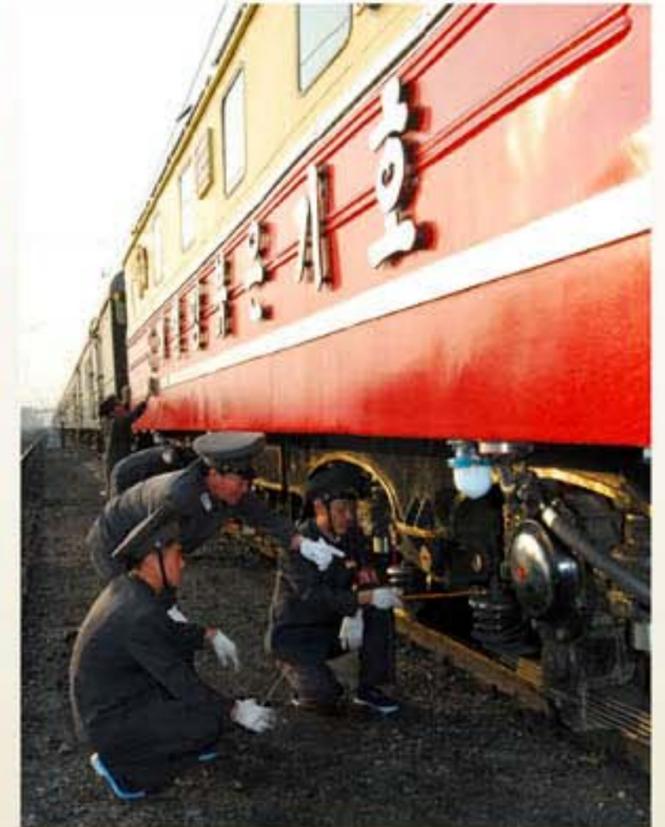
are ensuring that locomotives and freight carriages are provided in time, while going down to the locomotive corps, passenger and cargo carriage corps, and trackmen's team so as to inspire the engine drivers to an increased haulage and work together with trackmen to increase the rail strength.

All the work in the branch are being put on a regular and normal footing.

Thanks to it, an atmosphere of volun-



They ensure routine repair and maintenance of the railway tracks and locomotives



tarily observing the railway discipline and orders is prevalent in the branch.

All the units in the branch are fulfilling their responsibilities for transporting more freights to the sites of socialist construction.

The Jongju Locomotive Corps is increasing haulage.

The crews of the locomotives are increasing the rate of engine operations by strictly observing technical regulations in

driving and managing them and overhauling the goods. Those in charge of repair and maintenance of locomotives and carriages are pooling their creative wisdom to ensure normal operation of more locomotives.

The officials and workers at the Jongju Passenger and Cargo Carriage Corps repaired scores of more carriages than they had planned by their own strength and technologies, while those at the Jongju

Trackmen's Team are intensifying the railway strength by keeping railways in good state through regular repair and proper technical management.

Now all the officials and workers of the branch are making strenuous efforts to carry out the tasks set forth for the new year.

Pyongyang Vegetable Research Institute

Pyongyang Vegetable Research Institute, located in Hwasong-dong, Ryongsong District, Pyongyang, has expanded its capacity after reconstruction.

It was built two years before, occupying a total area of 500 000 m², and today it is nearly trebled in scale, covering an area of 1 435 000 m².

Its floor space increased from 186 000 m² to 575 000 m², and

its hothouse area from 100 000 m² to 400 000 m², and thus vegetable production has increased nearly four times greater.

The institute has research and experimental bases including state-of-the-art hydroponic hothouses and large PVC-covered hothouses, bioengineering and other research rooms and experimental bases.

Thanks to the introduction of the advanced technological

production system in the hydroponic hothouses, such procedures as supplying nutrient-enriched water, watering, adjusting temperature and humidity and supervising growth of the vegetables, are automatically controlled by computers, doubling the production of highly nutritious vegetables.

Tens of PVC-covered hothouses have increased into hundreds. They can raise the temperature more than 5 degrees higher than previous solar-heated ones so as to grow a variety of vegetables, saving the large quantity of fuel as well.

Bioengineering research room for breeding new species and establishing cultivation technology was built splendidly, so that new species of vegetables with high yield and nutritive value can be grown.

There are storehouses with hundreds of tons of storing capacity that can keep vegetables fresh all the year round and the wholesale house equipped with modern transport devices.

The institute is now bringing about great changes in the research of new breeds of vegetables based on efficient and profitable management system, strong technical force and high capacity of production. By so doing, it is greatly contributing to the realization of the Party and state policies of paying primary attention to the improvement of the people's living standards.

Article: Choe Kwang
Photos: An Chol Ryong



Culture ground



Cultivation of new species of highly productive and nutritious vegetables

Fourth National Meeting of Mothers



The congratulatory delegation from the Korean Children's Union recites the poem

The Fourth National Meeting of Mothers was held on November 15 last year in Pyongyang.

It was attended by women who gave birth to many children and took care of orphaned children, wives of army officers who are faithful to the Songun-based revolutionary leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, persons of meritorious deeds, women officials, other exemplary and overseas Korean women.

Authorized by the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Ki Nam, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made a speech in congratulation of all mothers across the country and delegates to the meeting on Mother's Day.

The meeting discussed the tasks and ways for the Korean women to fulfil with a high patriotism their responsibility they assumed for the prosperity of the country and harmony and well-being of society and families.

Ro Song Sil, chairperson of the Central Committee of the Democratic Women's Union of Korea, delivered a keynote speech. She was followed by other speakers.

The speakers referred to the facts that the great leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il wisely led the mothers and other women of Korea to fully perform the responsibility and duty they assumed on behalf of the times and the revolution at every period and stage of the developing revolution, and, as the revolutionary cause of Juche has entered a new phase of its development, called on them to demonstrate the spirit of the Korean women on the march of the new century of the Juche era under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

A congratulatory delegation of the Korean Children's Union recited a poem "Congratulations on the mothers' meeting."

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

Kim Jong Un saw to it that birthday parties were arranged for the delegates who greeted their birthdays during the meeting, sent gifts to all the delegates and took photo sessions with them.

Official commendations were given to delegates.

Receiving warm congratulations and welcome from the Pyongyang citizens, the delegates saw a concert "Songs dedicated to mothers" given by the Unhasu Orchestra and the song and dance performance of the Wangjaesan Art Troupe, and enjoyed a good time at the Rungna People's Pleasure Park and different places in Pyongyang.

The Fourth National Meeting of Mothers marked a turning point in decisively raising the position and role of mothers and other women in building a thriving socialist nation and accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Article: Choe Song Jun
Photos: Kim Chun Hyok, Son Hui Yon



The delegates to the meeting pay floral tribute to Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il before their statues on Mansu Hill



The delegates visit Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae



At Pyongyang Kyongsang Kindergarten

I'll Train Pupils to Be Stalwart Pillars

This meeting is my second participation.

In the past the state highly appreciated me that I took care of orphaned children, and called me to the meeting.

My deeds, however, were inconceivable without the concern of the state and society.

I'll never forget the impressions I had during the meeting.

When I return home, I'll tell my children and pupils about the affection of the country shown for me.

I'll redouble my efforts to bring them up into fine personnel who will shoulder the future of the country.



Won Kum Bok, teacher of primary school under Sinhwa Secondary School in Anbyon County, Kangwon Province



At Rungna Amusement Park

More Successes in Scientific and Education Work



It is still fresh in my memory how I felt entering the venue of the meeting.

Thanks to the benevolent affection of the Party and the state that defend and bring into full bloom the women's wishes and talents, I have worked as a lecturer for over 30 years.

The recent meeting of mothers is of great significance in making our Korean women and mothers possess a high grade of intelligence and modern civilization suited for the era of knowledge-based economy to become excellent teachers, fine advisors and aides to the younger generation.

Always bearing in mind the trust and expectations of the Party which puts forward our women as a powerful force of the revolution and construction, I'll dedicate myself to the educational work to train more able persons.

Dr. Sin Pun Jin, lecturer at Law College of Kim Il Sung University

I Feel Pride of Life in National Defence

As a delegate in military uniform, I felt more proud. All my family members, my husband and two daughters, are officers of the Korean People's Army.

This time I felt keenly again that the Party places great trust in and expectations on our women and we are taking an important share in national defence.

I'll never forget the love of Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un who makes the life of our women defenders of the country worthwhile and fruitful, and do my best to bring up my descendants to be loyal to his Songun-based revolutionary leadership in the army.



Jong Tan, officer of the Korean People's Army

First Mother's Day Celebrated



Stamps and cards are issued to celebrate Mother's Day

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea designated November 16 as the Mother's Day last year and celebrated it as a holiday.

Stamps and cards specially designed for the day were newly issued.

All mothers across the country visited the statues of the great leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and in other localities and the portraits of their beaming images to lay baskets of flowers, bouquets and flowers and pay tribute to them.

Dancing parties were held in the plazas of the Party Founding Memorial Tower, the Tower of the Juche Idea and the Arch of Triumph and other places in Pyongyang in celebration of the mothers' holiday.

Flower shops and stalls were full of people who bought flowers for their mothers.

In theatres and cinemas people watched light comedies and films portraying the beautiful and noble mentality of Korean mothers.

Celebration performances, stages for telling prides and sports and amusement games were held in various places, and kind services at public catering facilities delighted mothers.

Various events were also held in celebration of the day in all provinces, cities and counties of the country.

Article: Choe Ui Rim
Photos: By courtesy of the KCNA



They enjoy the concert "Songs dedicated to mothers" given by the Unhasu Orchestra in celebration of Mother's Day



Family of Educationists Blessed

The family members of Sim Tong Su, who live in Jongno-dong, Central District in Pyongyang, are all teachers. Sim Tong Su is a lecturer in the designing faculty at Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering and his wife, Han Un Sun, teaches physics at Pyongyang Tongdaewon Secondary School. Sim's daughters, Son Yong and Hye Yong, are teachers of mathematics at Pyongyang Saesallim Secondary School and Phyongchon College of Technology respectively.

When Sim graduated from Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering 31 years ago and was appointed as a lecturer at his alma mater, he was apprehensive about his qualifications. His mother was also a lecturer, so the terms mother and lecturer were closely associated notionally, and he entertained a deep respect for lecturers. Whenever he thought of the trust of the state which brought up an ordinary boy from a mountainous village in Kangwon Province to be a university lecturer, Sim strengthened his resolve

to pay off the trust by fulfilling his obligations. In the course of putting his decision into practice, he took pride in his profession. His wife, Un Sun, a graduate of Kim Hyong Jik University of Education, also felt a pride in her job, though she found it difficult sometimes. Even in those days when she was awfully busy with the care of her husband and daughters, she never thought her job laborious. In this way, Sim's couple could keep teaching for more than 30 years, helping each other. However, they never pictured to themselves that their daughters would follow suit after them. They were not so sure that the girls were quite good for the job. But the girls grew up, engraving in mind their parents' sincere attitude to teaching. They always played teachers when they studied and played with friends. Hye Yong, the youngest, made a pointer on her own. But they were more influenced by the keen sense of respon-



Sim Son Yong



Sim Hye Yong

sibility borne by the teachers which became more important in the era of knowledge-based industry. That is why they became teachers after graduating from universities. Sim has also a son, Il Chol, who is now engaged in military service after graduating from East Pyongyang Secondary School No. 1. Close acquaintances with the Sims guess the junior Sim will become a teacher like other family members. In September 2012 the respected Kim Jong Un visited his house in newly-built Changjon Street and spoke highly of the Sims that they are the family of patriots who devote their conscience to bringing up the future of the country and his visit was worthwhile. Wishing them a good success in their educational work, he posed for a photo with them. Thus, his family is known across the country as a family of educationists.

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Photos: Kim Kum Il



Sim Tong Su (third from the left)



Han Un Sun (centre)



They recall the day when Kim Jong Un visited their house



They are in the vanguard of production and technical innovation

Pyongyang Electric Cable Factory 326 is replete with optimism and joy of young workers.

Kang Chol Min and other officials of the youth league organizations at the factory are effectively carrying out education in ideology among the young people to encourage them to display the stamina of young vanguards in the Songun era in work and life, conscious of being the forerunners of the times and the creators of miracles and innovations, and modeling themselves after the heroic feats performed by their predecessors at every stage of revolution and construction.

Young innovators at the cable workshop are devoting all their wisdom and zeal into producing in time various kinds

of electric wires urgently demanded at the different sectors of the national economy.

Those at the drawing, wire rod, daily necessities, engineering and other workshops and the electric wire branch factory are bringing about steady improvement in production day by day, helping and leading each other forward and running their machines at full capacity.

The young people always take the lead in waging an intensive technical innovation campaign throughout the factory.

Jang Yong Jin, Ri Hyok Chol and many other young workers, who are engaged in study-while-working system, are taking a big share in establishing the integrated manufacturing command system of impregnating process and modernizing the main processes.

Full of warm patriotism and love for their factory, the young people are playing the leading role in making their factory and workshops excellent as befits the new century.

They are striving hard to do good things for the benefit of society and the collective, respecting war veterans and meritorious workers and taking warm care of honoured disabled soldiers like their own flesh and blood.

The factory is always brimming over with joyful laughter and songs of young people.

They are cultivating the ennobling and cultural qualities and organizing various activities of sports and culture.

As the founding anniversary of the Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League is coming around, young people at the factory are advancing vigorously with a determination of giving fullest play to the spirit of youth in building a thriving socialist country under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

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Photos: Jin Yong Ho



Young People at Pyongyang Electric Cable Factory 326



They are engaged in study-while-working course



They are briskly conducting mass-based art activities



They are very attached to the factory

Thongilgori Fitness Centre



Last October a fitness centre was newly inaugurated in Thongil Street, Rangnang District, Pyongyang, for physical build-up and therapeutic exercises.

The centre consists of four halls for physical exercises, seven others for re-

covery exercises, underwater ultrasonic pools and hall for table tennis.

The physical exercise halls are furnished with a variety of facilities for building up every part of the body, such as treadmills, cycling and paddling apparatuses and vibrating footboards. There are

also facilities for women and elderly people.

The halls for recovery exercises are great favourites with women. There they feel refreshed and satisfied after getting treatment with multipurpose massaging devices, devices for the beauty of skin, and infrared and VHF treatment devices, and are unanimous in saying that they would visit it more often.

Underwater ultrasonic pools are furnished with various facilities for stimulating every part of human body, water pouring, wet and dry sauna rooms, and they also win favours among people of all ages, who relieve their fatigue after a day's work.

The centre has a rational arrangement of spaces for exercises and recreation, on the principle of giving priority to convenience over aesthetic features.

Snack bars located in several places of the centre serve various kinds of health drinks and food after exercise.

The centre will render positive contribution to the health recovery and promotion of the working people.

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A variety of sporting apparatuses are available



Underwater ultrasonic pool and halls for health recovery exercises





Lecturers, researchers and students at the metal engineering faculty of Kim Chaek University of Technology are contributing to the development of the country's metallurgical industry

We Cannot Rest Content with Our Laurels

It can be said that the history of the metal engineering faculty of Kim Chaek University of Technology is the epitome of the university that has been developed into a "pedigree farm" for training scientists and technicians.

The faculty, established with the founding of the university on September 27, 1948, has registered excellent educational and scientific and technological successes at every stage of its development. This is a source of pride of the university.

It has produced many officials, technicians and researchers renowned at metallurgical bases and scientific research sectors across the country. Among them there are over ten labour heroes.

Now it is striving to learn after the successes of the elder generation and consolidate them.

With seven departments and two research sections the faculty is fully provided with facilities for experiments and practice and excellent conditions needed for education and research work. Nearly 90 per cent of its lecturers and researchers have received

academic degrees or titles.

Under such good educational conditions and environment it is continuously improving the contents of education.

It is intensifying IT education for major subjects and increasing the proportion of experiments and practical training.

In pursuance of the idea of breaking through the cutting edge put forward by the Workers' Party of Korea, it has been attaining remarkable successes in research work to develop science and technology of the country and solidify independent character of the metallurgical industry.

In recent years alone, Kim In Gyu-led department of the industrial furnace succeeded in the developing and introduction of the high temperature air combustion technology and the non-ferrous metallurgy department headed by Kim Yong Il established copper producing technology by wet refining method.

The analyser research section headed by Ri Jun Gi surpassed the world level in designing and manufacturing the X-ray fluorometric analyser, X-ray diffractometer and various other

modern analysers.

The lecturers and researchers are increasing in number every year who are honoured with high official commendations and February 16 Science and Technology Prize and win titles in national scientific and technological festivals.

However, we cannot rest content with our laurels.

Always keeping in mind that slowing down one step in training the competent persons means a ten- and a hundred-step delay in the advance of the country, we'll make an active effort to train more competent personnel who will shoulder the country's metallurgical industry.

And we'll live up to the expectations of the Party and state that put forward our university as the pioneer in the development of the information industry by achieving splendid scientific and research results.

Dr. and Assistant Prof. Kim Chol Ho, dean of the metallurgical faculty of Kim Chaek University of Technology



Introduction of the high temperature air combustion technology



A double-body UHP electric arc furnace which uses domestic raw materials and electrodes



Various analysers were designed and manufactured



Some of the successes they achieved

Haemaji Restaurant

It was only a few months ago that Haemaji (welcoming the rising sun in Korean) Restaurant started its operation. The restaurant was built in Changjon Street, Pyongyang, its appearance in a modern style together with its wonderful inner decorations, harmonizing well with the magnificent scenery of the new street. It has already become popular among the citizens for its best service.

Several service facilities are located around the beautifully-decorated hall on the ground floor.

They can each accommodate over 100 people at a time and serve boiled rice mixed with broiled beef and chicken, cold buckwheat noodle, soup, *kimchi* and various side dishes.

There is a supermarket which sells fruits, vegetables, dairy and meat products and beverages on the ground floor.

Elevators and the spiral staircase lead visitors to the first floor. There are dining rooms, and a coffee shop. The coffee shop puts on display a variety of bread, including well-known foreign kinds, and serves freshly baked ones or takes orders.

Go up the staircase to the balcony on the turf roof, and one can command an excellent view of Changjon Street.

The Haemaji Restaurant is attracting more people day by day.

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Photos: Jin Yong Ho



Dining halls and others which serve the foreign cuisine, a coffee shop and a supermarket in the restaurant always welcome the people



Mural Photo Show Held

—At UNESCO Headquarters in France—



Irina Bokova, director general of UNESCO, speaks at the opening ceremony

A photo show of murals in Koguryo tombs ran in October last year at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) based in France.

Exhibited in the show were replicas of gates to tombs, stone columns and walls of Koguryo tombs that can help the viewers have a visual understanding of the contemporary architecture of tomb building, and 80 photos including those of the relics arranged chronologically and thematically, and of the activities of cooperation between the DPRK and UNESCO in protecting cultural heritage.

Present at the opening ceremony were Director General Irina Bokova and members of UNESCO, the DPRK and foreign representatives

to UNESCO, public figures from various circles and people of France.

Speeches were made there.

UNESCO's director general said that the organization included in its program for protecting world's cultural heritage the project of preservation of murals in Koguryo tombs, that were put on the World Heritage List in 2004.

She stressed that UNESCO will contribute to regional peace and stability.

After the speeches, the participants looked round the photos.

The photo show served as an occasion for the world people to have a better understanding of Korea's time-honoured history, culture and customs.

Article & photos: Jin Yong Ho



Participants look round the photos



Some of the photos

Evidence of History

Forty-five years ago the *Pueblo* incident took place, creating a hair-trigger situation on the Korean peninsula.

The US armed spy ship *Pueblo* of 1 000 tons, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for reconnaissance, had intruded deep into the territorial waters of the DPRK, conducting acts of espionage, before it was captured on January 23, 1968 by the Korean People's Army Navy during its routine patrol at a place 7.6 miles away from Ryo Islet off Wonsan.

Immediately after the capture, the US authorities claimed, on the one hand, that the ship had been in international waters and had never committed acts of espionage and, on the other, took measures to "militarily retaliate" against the DPRK. They deployed huge ground, naval and air forces around the Korean peninsula. A task force consisting of the nuclear aircraft carrier *Enterprise* and four destroyers was dispatched to the waters off Wonsan, hundreds of fighter bombers flew into south Korea, and the US forces in south Korea and Japan were put on alert.

Far from being content with it, they dispatched two more

aircraft carriers to the seas around the Korean peninsula, militarily threatening the DPRK.

In this grave situation, the DPRK stated firmly that it would retaliate against the "retaliation" and return all-out war for the all-out war.

Finally, the United States had no option other than to sign, in December that year, a document in which it apologized for the grave acts of espionage against the DPRK committed by its ship after having intruded into the latter's territorial waters and gave an assurance that it would not commit such acts of aggression again in future.

The US, far from having drawn a bitter lesson through the *Pueblo* incident, carried on with their provocations against the DPRK in pursuit of the anti-DPRK hostile policy, sending its spy plane *EC-121* in 1969 and manipulating the Panmunjom Incident in 1976.

Afterwards, whenever the national spirit of the Koreans for reunifying the country surged high, the US drove the situation

on the Korean peninsula to the brink of war by committing acts of espionage and military provocations against the DPRK, building up troops and carrying out war games.

The foreign policy of the US with a long-held ambition to dominate the whole Korea by making its southern part its stepping-stone has become ever more persistent in the new century, as the role of the Asia-Pacific region has been thrust into limelight.

The US and south Korean puppet army are engaged in joint military exercises on the ground, on the sea or in the air every year, and state-of-the-art military hardware for war are being shipped into south Korea without letup.

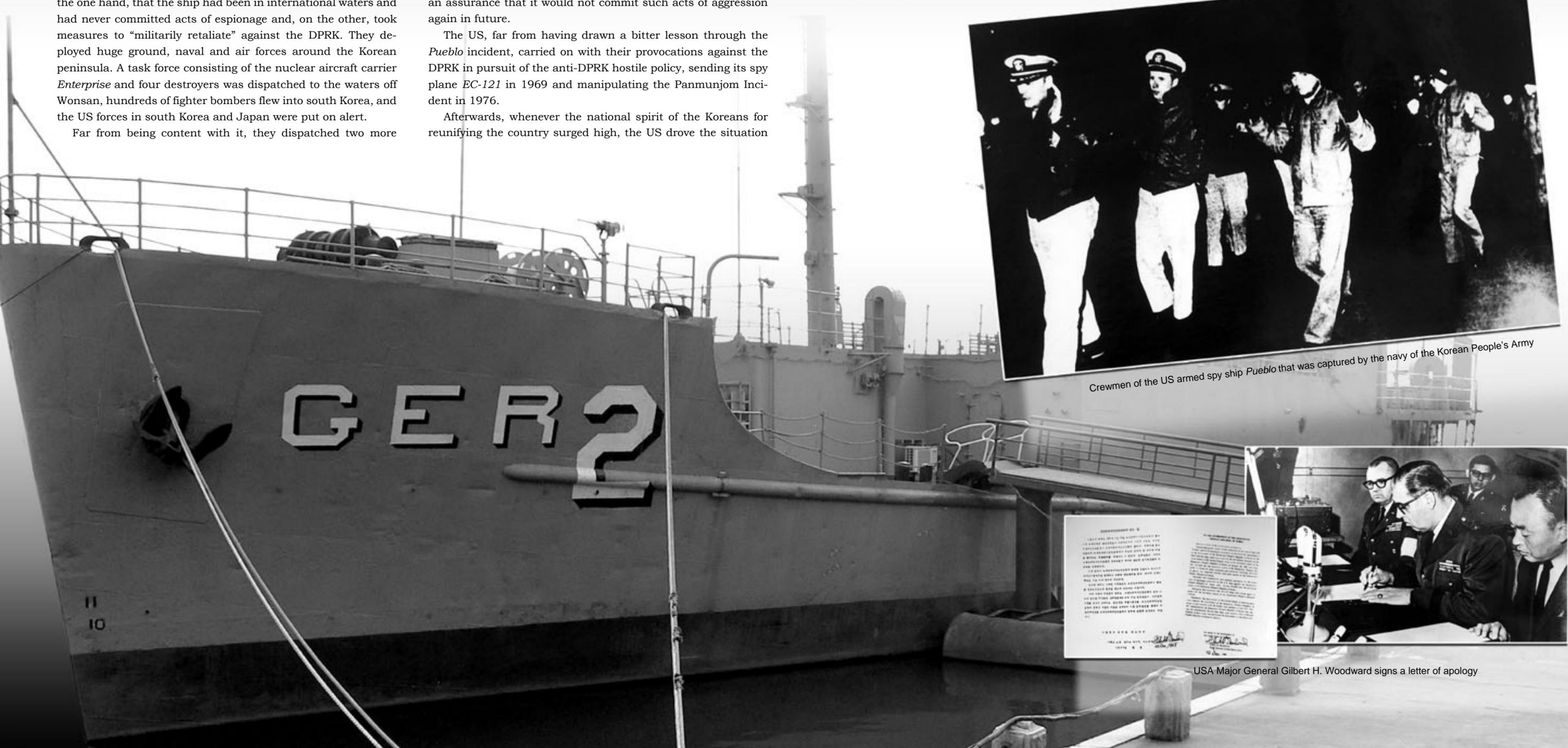
The unchangeable anti-DPRK hostile policy of the US and its ensuing acts of provocation for a new war became more trans-

parent through a missile policy declaration the south Korean puppets had published in collaboration with the former in October last year.

Reconciliation and cooperation become the main trend in the present day, so it looks increasingly anachronistic that the US persists in pursuing its power policy, which damages peaceful development on the Korean peninsula.

The entire Korean nation, with a burning hatred against the US, is steadily building up its national defence capabilities to achieve victory in the anti-US confrontation.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho



Crewmen of the US armed spy ship *Pueblo* that was captured by the navy of the Korean People's Army

USA Major General Gilbert H. Woodward signs a letter of apology

Cultural Heritage of Korean Nation

Blue-and-White Wares

Blue-and-white wares, which crowned the development of white porcelains in the medieval East Asia, were made in various countries of the world.

Korean type of blue-and-white wares, which emerged in Korea since the end of 14th century, had feldspathic glazes over porcelain body decorated with cobalt blue paintings before firing them in kilns. These wares were well-known across the world for their diversified and refined shapes and excellent paintings.

Korean blue-and-white wares had two stages of development: the first stage was from the 15th century to the first half of the 17th century, characterized by the thriving of wares, and the next from the latter half of the 17th century to the 19th century when they attained the highest peak in the development.

The wares developed in Korea featuring unique artistic modes rich in national tone.

The products varied in kind, including bowls and dishes, writing materials, pillows, flowering pots and so on, and were plentiful, wonderful and free-styled in form.

The Korean blue-and-white wares inherited and developed in their shapes and painting art the patterns widely used in Koryo celadon.

They composed the drawing object on white background in a simplified way, making the best use of space, and finely represented light and shade and distances by properly employing chiaroscuro.

While those wares of other countries were purplish blue in strong contrast to their white body, the Korean wares had mainly soft, light greyish blue colour, as they used domestic pigment with cobalt compounds.

The blue-and-white wares with a long history of over 500 years represent creative and excellent ceramic art of the Korean nation.



A pot with cobalt blue painting of dragon

*Song Thae Ho, researcher at Korean Central History Museum
Photos: Son Hui Yon*



A flower-pattern square bottle



A square plate with fish drawing



Peony design of a cobalt blue kettle

Goodwill Visit to Pyongyang

Inoki Kanji, president of the Inoki Genom Joint Co. Ltd of Japan, and his party and a delegation of the Nippon Sports Science University Group led by President of its Educational Foundation Matsunami Kenshiro visited Pyongyang in November last year.

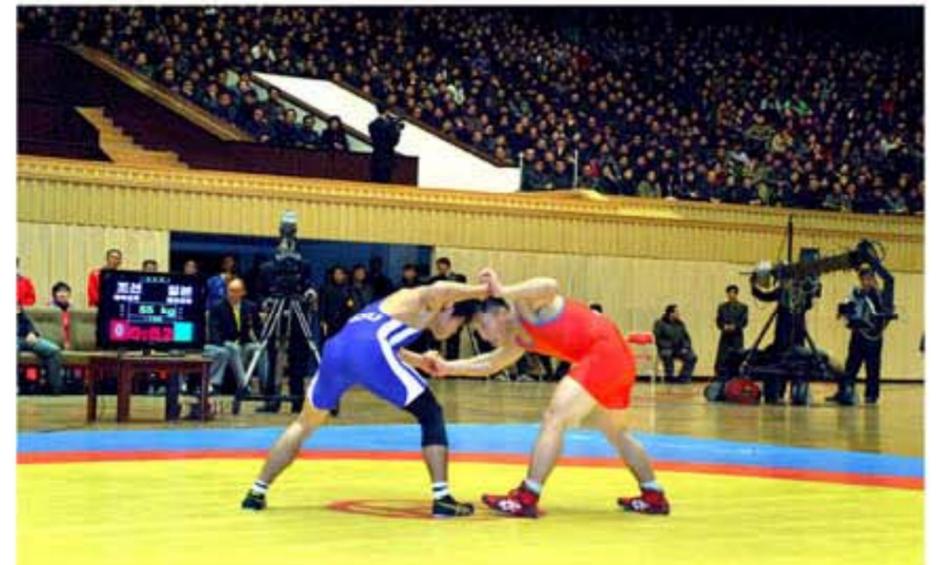
Kim Yong Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea who is advisor to the DPRK-Japan Friendship Association, and Jang Song Thaek, chairman of the State Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Commission, had talks with Inoki Kanji and his party and leading members of the Japanese delegation respectively.

Players from Korea University of Physical Education and the Nippon Sports Science University had judo and wrestling games at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium and a football match at Kim Il Sung Stadium.

The sporting venues were crowded with spectators who came to see the games held between the Korean and Japanese athletes who visited the DPRK with feelings of friendship.

During their stay in Pyongyang, the Japanese delegations visited Mangyongdae, the birthplace of President Kim Il Sung, the Taedonggang Combined Fruit Farm area, the Pyongyang Folk Park and other places.

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Games of athletes from Korea University of Physical Education and the Nippon Sports Science University were held

