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Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un Inspects KPA Foodstuff Factory No. 354

Last November 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, provided on-site guidance to the KPA Foodstuff Factory No. 354.

With a total floor space of over 6 900 m², the factory mass-produces sweets and bread for the service personnel.

Kim Jong Un assigned the task of updating the production lines of the factory and sent modern equipment. Deeply impressed by his ardent love for the service personnel, the officers and men of KPA Unit 534 and the employees of the factory realized the modernization of the factory on a high level in a short period and carried out production plan on all indices of products.

Officials of the factory greeted Kim Jong Un, saying in excitement that its women employees voluntarily came to work, though it was holiday, at the thought that he would surely visit their factory on Mother's Day.

With a broad smile on his face Kim Jong Un extended warm congratulations on the occasion of Mother's Day to the women workers of the factory.

He first looked round the room dedicated to the factory's history. There he said that the factory had developed into a

comprehensive base of producing high-quality confectionery and bread for service personnel under the meticulous guidance and care of President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il. He also spoke highly of the meritorious achievement made by the Party members and other workers of the factory who strive hard to improve the diet of service personnel true to lofty intentions of the great leaders.

He appreciated the feats performed by the factory as it worked hard to fully automate all the production processes in line with the Party's intention of breaking through the cutting edge. He lavished praise on the factory, where women employees are working happily in the well-equipped and clean workplace, describing it as a smart and perfect factory.

He expressed his hope that the working people of the factory would continue to fulfil their honourable duty so that they could be called mothers of the soldiers, and had a photo taken with them.

The employees were firmly resolved to put the production on a normal track, thus implementing with credit the noble intention of the Supreme Commander to improve the living standards of the service personnel.

Article: Kim Hyon

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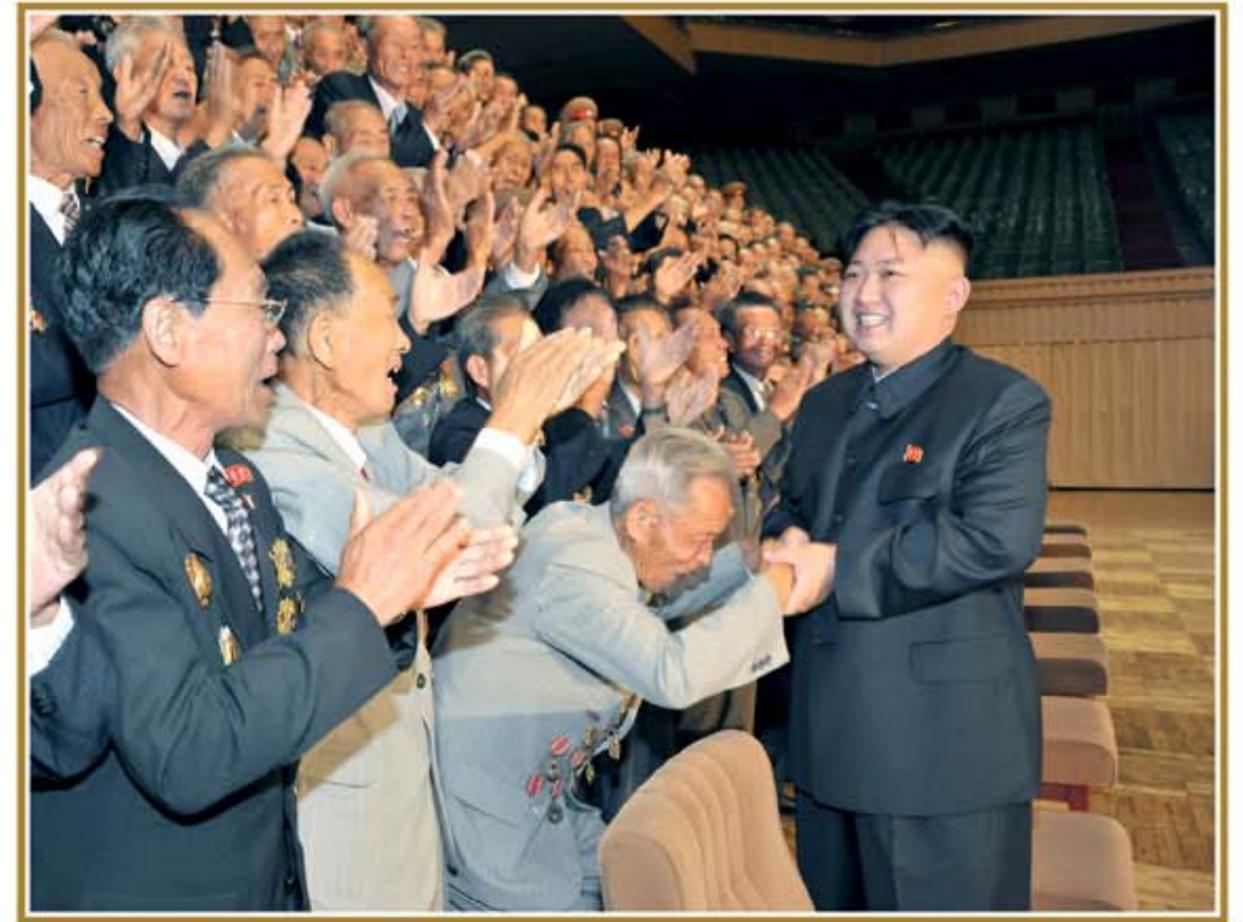
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People's Leader



Kim Jong Un looks round Ryugyong Health Complex in November Juche 101 (2012)



Kim Jong Un congratulates war veterans participating in the celebrations of the victorious Fatherland Liberation War in July Juche 101 (2012)

The service personnel and people in the DPRK are now making vigorous efforts to usher in a fresh heyday in the building of a thriving socialist country, single-mindedly united around the Workers' Party of Korea headed by the respected Kim Jong Un.

He has already acquired ideological and theoretical wisdom, leadership ability and popular traits as befits a leader of the revolution, having accompanied Chairman Kim Jong Il on the road of the Songun-based revolutionary leadership.

It is his remarkable feat that he encouraged the Korean army and people, who were shedding tears of blood over the unexpected demise of Kim Jong Il in December Juche 100 (2011), to exalt afresh the national power and perform miraculous achievements and innovations in all fields of socialist construction.

In those days he manifested his firm conviction and will to hold in high esteem great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and carry forward and bring to completion the revolutionary cause of Juche without fail.

Thanks to his noble plan and energetic guidance, the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun was built more magnificently into the supreme sanctuary of Juche and the grand monumental edifice for realizing the cause of immortality of the leaders, and statues of the Generalissimos and portraits of their beaming images were erected on Mansu Hill and in other places across the country.

The Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum reconstructed last year is adding eternal brilliance to Kim Il Sung's exploits in achieving war victory and Kim Jong Il's achievements in conducting the Songun revolution. The credit goes to the ennobling loyalty of Kim Jong Un who is doing his best to carry on the great history of the Sun on this land.

Beginning with his inspection of Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards

105th Tank Division of the KPA on the first morning of the New Year's Day in Juche 101 (2012), he continued to make the inspection tour of army units defending Panmunjom and Cho Island, Mt. Osong, the mountain representative of Songun, and Jangjae and Mu islands, the hottest spots on the West Sea of Korea, and other places of the country last year.

Inspired by the mettle and courage of the brilliant commander, the KPA could frustrate at each step the reckless war moves of the imperialist aggressive forces, defending socialist country securely and ensuring the steady progress in production and construction.

Not only his extraordinary leadership ability with which to illumine the road to prosperity and advance of the country and the people in keeping with the developing trend of the times and history and enlist the service personnel and people in this cause, but his very modest, free and easy manner is winning unreserved admiration of all the people.

Many anecdotes about his noble love for people are being told among soldiers and people like legendary tales.

Factories, streets, schools, hospitals, parks, amusement parks, wading pools and other public amenities that are being newly built in Pyongyang and the rest of the country are associated with his sagacious guidance and detailed instructions.

The Korean people, witnessing admirable changes taking place on this land thanks to Kim Jong Un's wise leadership, feel more keenly that they are blessed with the great leaders through generations. And they are stepping up their advance in building a thriving socialist country and accomplishing the cause of national reunification, firmly united around him in one mind and with one purpose.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho



Happy New Year

Seeing in the new year Juche 103 (2014) we extend warm greetings to the readers of our pictorial *The Democratic People's Republic of Korea*.

Last year was a year of great creation and changes which were brought about in the Korean people's efforts to open up a turning point in the building of a thriving socialist country, entering the new century of Juche for Kim Il Sung's and Kim Jong Il's Korea.

The Korean people celebrated splendidly the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and 60th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War so as to demonstrate national power of the DPRK which advances straight ahead along the road of independence, the road of Songun and the road of socialism.

We are grateful to you readers of our monthly for paying close attention to the DPRK which gives further spurs to its building of a socialist cultured nation in order to usher in a new cultural efflorescence in the 21st century.

This year, too, we wish you good health and happiness in your life and also hope you would be earnest readers of our pictorial to strengthen the friendly ties with the Korean people.

Korea Pictorial Editorial Board



For Fresh Turn in Developing Science and Technology

A national conference of scientists and technicians was held in November last year. The conference reviewed the achievements and experiences gained during the past decade in the efforts to carry out the tasks set forth by Kim Jong Il in his work **On Carrying out the Party's Line of Giving Importance to Science and Technology**, and discussed tasks to be tackled in the future and ways to that end.

Present at the conference were scientists and technicians, three-revolution team members who rendered distinguished services to breaking through the cutting edge of science true to the WPK's line of giving importance to science and technology, together with officials from Party organs, working people's organizations, the Cabinet, commissions, ministries, national agencies and provincial, city and county organizations.

Supreme leader Kim Jong Un sent to the participants in the conference an immortal work titled **Let Us Step up the Building of a Thriving Country by Bringing about a Turn in the Development of Science and Technology**.

In his work he pointed out that great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il had always attached importance to science and technology and paid deep attention to the development throughout their revolutionary leadership. He also clarified specific tasks and ways to add eternal lustre to the immortal exploits of the leaders, and solve scientific and technological problems arising in economic construction and improvement of people's livelihood and bring about a new turn in the development of the country's science and technology.

The report and speeches made in the conference stressed that during the past decade the dignity and honour of the country and nation were displayed on the strength of the Juche-based science and technology and the Party's line of giving importance to science and technology proved its validity and vitality.

They noted that Kim Jong Il had set science and technology as one of the three buttresses in building a thriving socialist nation along with ideology and arms, put it forth as the Party's strategic line and gave wise leadership to its implementation.

They continued: The respected Marshal put forward the classic definition

that single-hearted unity and invincible military strength plus the industrial revolution in the new century together make a thriving socialist country and gave a scientific explanation that the industrial revolution in the new century is, in essence, a scientific and technological revolution.

They also stressed that as he advanced a series of revolutionary policies including those of putting the work in all sectors on a scientific footing and making all people fully prepared in a scientific and technological way by establishing more strictly the habit of attaching importance to science and technology over the whole Party and society and wisely led their realization, great achievements were made in developing the country's science and technology.

They emphasized in their speeches that they would keep in mind the instruction of Kim Jong Un that science and technology are an important undertaking, so as to lay the foundations of a thriving country and achieve brilliant successes in their work by embodying Kim Jong Il's patriotism.

Noting that they would surely build a powerful country with a high level of science and technology and with a knowledge economy as they have the strong basis of science and technology built by the Generalissimos and seasoned leadership of Kim Jong Un who is opening up a new heyday in the development of science and technology, speakers emphasized that they would make a tangible contribution to building their country to be the greatest in the world true to the idea and leadership of the supreme leader.

An appeal to scientists and technicians across the country was read at the meeting.

Kim Jong Un congratulated the participants in the conference and had photos taken with them.

The conference served as an important opportunity to make the country the one with advanced science and technology by bringing about a radical change in developing the country's science and technology true to the idea and leadership of Kim Jong Un.

*Article: Kim Thae Hyon
Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA*



Yun Yong Sik, deputy director of a bureau of the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry

We'll Boost Steel Production

The task we, the workers in the sector of metallurgical industry, face this year, is very important, as we have to produce more steel and metal products of various kinds and supply them to all other sectors of the national economy.

We will bring about a steady increase in production by relying on the strong foundation of the metal industry and push ahead with the modernization project.

We will further step up the mining of metallic minerals rich in our country and operate metallurgical factories at full capacity.

Present stirring reality demands that our officials work to the maximum of their ability with a high sense of responsibility, strong desire for their work and an enterprising attitude.

We will make the Party's economic policy a firm guideline in our work, conduct the guidance and management of economic activities along a scientific and technical line and push forward all the undertakings in a big and bold way. By doing so, we will make active contribution to accelerating the building of a thriving country with increased steel production.



Pak Ki Thae, deputy director of the Capital City Construction Commission

To Usher in a Great Golden Age of Construction



We, officials and workers in the sector of construction, greet the New Year with great pride and self-respect, seeing out the year 2013 in which a heyday of construction was ushered in. The Korean People's Army service personnel engaged in socialist construction and the builders made enthusiastic efforts under the energetic guidance of the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un.

Pyongyang, the capital city, changed its appearance with newly-built street, apartment buildings and modern scientific research bases, and sports establishments like Pyongyang Indoor Stadium and the sports village in Chongchun Street that were renovated as required by the present times when the country aspires after a sports power. Provinces, cities and counties all across the country also witnessed a vigorous campaign of construction and refurbishment of dwellings, cultural and welfare facilities, parks and pleasure grounds.

This year, too, we will create fresh miracles in construction projects, fully aware of our responsibility for the building of a socialist cultured nation.

We will erect every structure to be proud creation in the era of the Workers' Party of Korea by actively introducing advanced building methods and abiding by the principle of giving priority to people's convenience and then providing aesthetic features.

Thus, we will make tangible contribution to bringing about a golden age of construction in the country advancing vigorously under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Developing Sepho Tableland into Giant Livestock Farm

The first morning of the new year has dawned on Sepho tableland which is being transformed into a giant stockbreeding base under the guidance of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Last year we volunteered to work at the reclamation site on the Sepho tableland in response to the Party's call and registered praiseworthy results in the gigantic nature-remaking project by modelling after the soldier-builders who performed miracles at the construction site of a ski resort on Masik Pass.

The vast area of wasteland which had only been swept by strong wind is now turned into grand-scale pastures and livestock farms, dwelling houses and roads are under construction.

Much yet remains to be done and condition are difficult.

However, our enthusiasm is running higher with the passage of time to turn the tableland into a socialist paradise where the people will laugh merrily and shout "Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea!"

Cherishing in mind Kim Jong Il's patriotism, we'll create grass fields and tend them in a proper way and, at the same time, push ahead with the construction projects, thus fulfilling this year's tasks creditably.

In this way we will bring earlier the day when meat and dairy products would be turned out in Sepho.



Ri Ho Min, commander of Jagang Provincial Brigade under Construction Shock Brigade 922





A variety of cables are produced through a dynamic drive for technical innovation

Big Efforts into Updating Production Lines



Pyongyang Optical Fibre Cable Factory has made an active contribution to the modernization of telecommunications and the introduction of information technology into the national economy ever since it started operation in April Juche 81 (1992).

Fully aware of the importance of their duty in elevating the modernization level of telecommunications, the factory officials, workers and technicians waged a brisk drive for technical reconstruction to satisfy the growing demand for optical fibre cables.

The factory updated its cable and other production lines to make greater economic profits by strengthening its own technical forces, in the course of which it witnessed a tenfold increase in production capacity as compared with that of its inauguration year.

Entering the new year, the factory organizes all the work scrupulously so as to make innovations unprecedented in production from the outset of the year.

Keeping in mind that supply of materials is precisely the production, it takes proper steps to give precedence to supply of raw and other materials and ensures a full operation of machines by improving the maintenance of equipment.

It is consistently pushing ahead with the work of raising the technical levels of the workers so that they master their machines and operate them deftly as required by the technical regulations.

Thanks to the efforts, the cables produced at the factory fully meet the technical specifications and maintain their property during their installation and use.

The factory officials, workers and technicians do not content themselves with the successes, and give uninterrupted spurs to the modernization of telecommunications and the development of the national economy by their sincere efforts.

Article: Choe Kwang Hyok
Photo: Ri Myong Guk



Munsu Water Park



pools, gymnasium and outdoor sporting grounds and Munsu Rehabilitation House.

The indoor wading pool with a distinctive roof is always full of exuberant and cheerful laughter of the people.

Young men and women shout with joy, sliding down the spectacular curly water slides supported by white pillars at a lightning speed, and mothers see their kids playing with various amusement facilities floating in the water pool specially prepared for them.

Playing in the wave pool makes people feel as if they are bathing at the famous beach in Songdowon, a scenic resort along the East Sea of Korea.

In the gymnasium people play volleyball, basketball or badminton and are exercising on trampoline and with cliff-climbing facility. The fitness rooms are fully provided with necessary equipment for the physical exercises of legs, back and waist and for jogging.

There are nine sauna rooms plastered with salt, yellow ocher, agate bricks and other materials, having different medical effects each, in the indoor wading pool, as well as resting places after

having saunas.

The outdoor wading pool is more spectacular.

There are various slides with different shapes and functions including steep slide, sailing slide, superbowl slide, coaster slide, surfing slide and so on. Over ten water pools of various sizes are quite distinctive, one filled with sea water from the West Sea of Korea, another with a length of hundreds of metres, and the other resembling a fairyland. In the outdoor wading pool area are artificial waterfalls and an artificial rock hill reminiscent of cliffs on Mts. Myohyang and Kumgang, celebrated mountains of Korea.

Not only wading facilities but also catering facilities are available in both outdoor and indoor wading pools to serve delicacies and refreshing beverages to the swimmers.

The Munsu Water Park, a comprehensive recreation place, offers the people a better understanding of socialist civilization and well-being.

*Article: Kim Hyon Thae
Photo: Ri Myong Gil*





People and children enjoy themselves



A gymnasium and equipment for physical exercise



Catering service facilities



People Enjoy Horse Riding

-At the Mirim Riding Club-



The Mirim Riding Club which was opened to the public in October last year is situated in the Mirim area on the outskirts of Pyongyang. It is a general equestrian centre conducive to the physical upbuilding of the working people and youth and students in keeping with the present days when the building of a socialist cultured nation is in full swing in the DPRK.

The club occupies a total area of 627 000 m² and provides all conditions and environment for horse riding and education in it. It has tracks of various kinds, training grounds, dissemination hall of horse riding knowledge, rehabilitation house, veterinary hospital and stockbreeding research institute.

There are a 1 750-metre earth-sand track and a 1 850-metre lawn track, which are laid elliptical. By these tracks stand the buildings of distinctive designs.

The earth-sand track is surfaced with sand mixed with salt to prevent riders from being hurt when falling from a horse. There is also a fenced sand-surfaced track for children.

An indoor training ground that reminds people of an arena stage is surrounded by grand mirrors on four sides, so that riders can improve their riding postures seeing through them. Loudspeakers installed in the training ground instruct beginners in horse riding elementary postures and common sense. People can have a rest appreciating beautiful landscape paintings hanging on the walls, drinking at snack bars and watching horse riders from uniquely decorated balconies.

The dissemination hall of riding knowledge is comprised of several rooms on the ground and first floors for disseminating and lecturing scientific and technical knowledge.

A public service centre consists of changing rooms and bathrooms.

At the rehabilitation house visitors can use various facilities for exercise and take a douche.

All buildings in the compound of the club are decorated with logs to blend well with the surrounding landscape thickly covered with trees and flowers. They, therefore, look like villas in the forest. There are also found an artificial waterfall and pond which offer picturesque and idyllic scenery in good harmony with an outdoor resting place in the form of tent.

The club which was built thanks to the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state on making horse riding as a popular sports is haunted by working people and youth.

Article: Kang Kyong Ryong
Photo: An Chol Won and Kim Hyok Chol



Hall for dissemination of riding knowledge



Viewing stand



Indoor training ground



Tent resting place



To Better People's Livelihood



Pak Kyu Hong, general director of the Korea Rungrado General Trading Corporation

Founded in June Juche 62 (1973) for the purpose of providing more affluent and cultured life to the Pyongyang citizens, the Korea Rungrado General Trading Corporation is widely known across the country.

More than 70 affiliated companies and enterprises in Pyongyang and provinces conduct brisk business activities.

Among them are bases for producing marine products along the west coast, and the Rungrado, Aeguk Choe Jong Rak and other garment factories.

It has also an IT institute built as required by the era of knowledge-based economy, a factory bottling Sindok spring water, and other factories that produce peppered bean paste and other foodstuffs popular at home and abroad.

The shipping, commercial service and economic and technical cooperation with other countries are important categories of business of our corporation.

Through these activities, it has made a certain degree of contribution to the economic development of the country and the improvement of the people's living standards.

A typical example is that the Pyongyang Cosmetics Factory, Pyongyang Condiment Factory and other major light industry factories in Pyongyang have been renovated over the past 10 years to increase production.

These successes are the results of having solved all problems by means of trust in and respect for our trade counterparts, following the road of

constant development under deep care of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state.

The corporation will render services to promoting economic cooperation among countries and regions by carrying on active business activities on the principles of equality and mutual benefit.

They are guaranteed by R&D centres and production bases furnished with advanced technical equipment, by rich experience and, furthermore, by the employees equipped with the spirit of constant creation and innovation.

In the future our corporation will establish correct enterprise and management strategies and work harder to diversify foreign trade and expand it.

Photo: Kim Kum Jin



The general corporation turns out various kinds of consumer goods with profitable enterprise and management strategies



On Lunar New Year's Day



January 31 this year is the lunar New Year's Day.

When the lunar New Year's Day comes around, a festive mood pervades the whole country.

In the plaza of Kim Il Sung Square and other places in Pyongyang schoolchildren are flying kite, dancing with Tansimjul, a high pole with 13 colourful ribbons, kicking shuttlecocks, spinning tops, skipping rope and playing other amusement games.

What is most spectacular is the kite-flying contest of the children who are flying kites prepared with devotion.

While boys are kicking shuttlecocks and spinning tops, girls are skipping rope merrily.

The bright faces of children playing folk games on the lunar New Year's Day are adding pleasure to the people greeting the holiday with great hope.

Article: Kim Jong Ung
Photo: Ri Kwang Song



Schoolchildren play folk games



Blessed Educationists

In October last year educationists at Kim Il Sung University moved to the twin high-rises of 44 and 36 storeys that newly appeared at Ryonghung Crossroads in Pyongyang.

Each flat of the apartment buildings has an area of over 200 m², comprised of a living room, study, several rooms for family, a kitchen and dining room. It is amply furnished with a full set of furniture including LCD TV set, and kitchenware.

Rooms are plastered with wallpapers of soft colours and elegant designs to make people feel comfortable. The living room with an arch doorway and decorated wooden pillars is graceful and distinctive.

Quality furniture, such as a TV set, armchairs, bookcase, various kinds of cabinets, beds, desks and chairs, is finely arranged for convenient use. Each room is installed with air-conditioners and the bathroom with a water heater.

Indoor resting places are laid out on the 16th and 29th floors of the 44-storeyed building and on the 13th and 26th floors of the 36-storeyed one, which have green lawns, flower pots, various amusement facilities and stone chairs.

Apartment dwellers are fully provided with welfare service amenities including a laundry at the lower storey, and a small park around the buildings.

These fantastic flats are given free of charge to ordinary educationists and researchers of Kim Il Sung University.

Saying that nothing is spared for the educationists and researchers of the university



Interior of a flat



who are engaged in bringing up scientific personnel for the future of a thriving nation, the respected Kim Jong Un personally initiated the construction of the apartment buildings, and gave several on-site guidance to the project from the designing to execution. He attended the inaugural ceremony of the buildings to congratulate the university educationists and researchers and pose for a camera with them.

Those who have moved to new flats extend their grateful thanks to the benevolent leader Kim Jong Un for having given those palatial houses to them free of charge. They say unanimously that it seems as if they are in a dream and they feel dignity and pride in living in the socialist system that values and takes good care of educationists. And they resolve that they will devote their heart and soul to the education of the rising generation and the development of science and technology.

Not only new dwellers but also other people across the country are delighted at this happy event, which offers a glimpse into the future of the country that will thrive by implementing the idea of the Party and the state of giving importance to science and scientific personnel.

Article: Kang Su Jong
Photo: Jin Yong Ho



Resting place in the apartment building



Lecturers and researchers move into new flats

Greenhouses Pay Off



It is the height of the cold midwinter weather outside, but fresh vegetables are growing in the greenhouses at the Jangchon Vegetable Farm situated on the outskirts of Pyongyang.

The farm is the major supplier of vegetables for Pyongyang citizens.

Vegetables are rich in vitamins and essential foodstuff in the people's dietary life. In order to satisfy the growing demand of the citizens, the farm newly built over 300 greenhouses last year.

The greenhouses are covered with PVC sheets and have no heating system. They are introduced with water-sprinkling and other irrigation systems and fully equipped with necessary conditions for intensive and scientific vegetable farming.

In these greenhouses vegetables of various kinds, including green, fruit-bearing and root vegetables are being raised. The distribution of crops according to seasons and biological features is properly conducted, while advanced science and technology being introduced into farming, so that different species of vegetables are raised stage by stage.

Particular attention is paid to cultivating young seedlings well and raising the vegetables in a scientific way best suited to their growing conditions.

So, even in the cold midwinter days, cucumbers, tomatoes, pe-tsai, spinach and other fresh vegetables are constantly supplied to the citizens.

*Article: Kim Son Gyong
Photo: Jin Ju Dong*

Fresh vegetables produced at the Jangchon Vegetable Farm are supplied to Pyongyang citizens



Who Will Be Next Hero?

— Hero Kangso Senior Middle School —



Implanting in students the patriotism cherished by the heroes



Students study hard with a great hope and high aim



Every student at the Hero Kangso Senior Middle School in Kangso District, Nampho, is very proud of studying at the school which has 12 heroes among its graduates.

With a history of over 60 years the school produced five Heroes and seven Labour Heroes of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Kim Ryong Hyon, the first hero of the school, graduated from the school in Juche 38 (1949) and fought bravely during the Fatherland Liberation War (June 1950-July 1953) to defend his motherland that bestowed him genuine rights of life and his alma mater where he realized his dream of learning. He sunk or destroyed six enemy vessels, and was awarded the title of Hero of the DPRK in Juche 40 (1951) at the age of 20.

Ri Nam Jon, another Hero of the DPRK laid down his youth at the age of 18 during the military service in defence of the country. Among the Labour Heroes is Ri Ok Sang who devoted her all to implementing the WPK's policy of developing the stockbreeding by producing a large amount of meat while working at the cooperative farm for scores of years.

The lofty spirit of the heroes who took to heart the preciousness of the country while learning at school has been carried forward and become the root for bringing up the students into able personnel of the country, knowledgeable, virtuous and healthy.

The school frequently organizes meetings with heroes of the school, war veterans and merited persons and meetings for reading compositions, speech contests and do-good-thing movement, so as to implant in the students the patriotism possessed by heroes.



It also strives to raise the level of education as required by the new century and inspires the students to study hard. To this end latest educational facilities have been introduced into teaching, educational methods constantly improved, and various references for developing intelligence newly compiled, thus contributing to improving the students' scholarly performance.

Students are enthusiastic for learning after the heroes. They are studying hard and building up their body to become the next hero of the school.

Thus, every year the school produced many prize winners in the national maths

and other academic contests and made tangible successes in sports games.

It receives many letters of thanks and photos of the graduates who performed their military services with honour. Other graduates who are studying at universities and colleges at all levels including Kim Il Sung University are preparing themselves into able scientists.

Every student of the Hero Kangso Senior Middle School is determined to learn after the noble spirit of the heroes, pride of the school.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon
Photo: An Chol Ryong

Central Cooking School

People are increasingly interested in food culture as time advances.

In keeping with the demand of the times the Central Cooking School trains excellent cooks and waiters and waitresses.

The school is situated in Central District, Pyongyang, and has a history of over 40 years in teaching traditional and

modern Korean cookery and foreign dishes, putting main stress on traditional dishes of Korea.

It runs several courses on basic sciences such as food biochemistry, cooking materials, and hygiene of nourishment, as well as it gives theoretical and practical education in cooking, national and foreign cuisines,

thus preparing the students into excellent cooks with high scientific knowledge and practical ability.

Textbooks and reference books compiled by head Ri Tong Jun and other lecturers of the cooking department, multimedia and several places for practice designed to enhance the cooking skills of the students are greatly paying off.

The school also gives service education.

It puts main stress on inculcating traditional customs of Korea, which has long been well known across the world for its excellent manners, in the students as required by the present days, and teaches serving manners of different countries.

The students of the school are studying hard to be faithful servants of the people and develop the national food culture.

At the national cooking contest of college-level schools held in September last year Pang Jin A, Jo Ok Chong and Yun Mi Hyang from the school won top prizes.

Many of its graduates are working in restaurants and other public catering establishments in Pyongyang and across the country.



Book knowledge is closely combined with practical training



Students acquire practical technique of cooking

Article: Kim Hyon Hui
Photo: Ri Myong Guk



One Mind



Ri Sun Ok wins the top place at the championship

A 51-year-old woman won two gold medals in individual pattern and sparring and a technical prize at the 5th Veteran ITF Taekwon-Do World Championship held in Tallinn, capital of Estonia, in August Juche 101 (2012). She defeated all her rivals with powerful and perfect movements, high technique and strong fortitude, attracting attention of spectators. She was Ri Sun Ok living in Sinuiju, North Phyongan Province, DPRK.

She practiced Taekwon-Do after she got married to Kim Kwang Chun in Juche 75 (1986). At that time her husband was the coach of the North Phyongan Provincial Taekwon-Do Team.

Her husband frequently said to her: "Taekwon-Do is traditional martial arts and spirit of our Korean nation. That's why I hold dear Taekwon-Do very much."

Listening attentively to him, Sun Ok became attractive to Taekwon-Do and began to learn it.

It was difficult for her, a married woman and not so young, to learn and practice techniques of Taekwon-Do, but she systematically learned every discipline of the martial arts.

Overcoming physical exhaustion with indomitable spiritual strength, she mastered Taekwon-Do with the help of her husband.

After she was possessed of high techniques she became an instructor of Taekwon-Do at the Sinuiju School-

She trains Taekwon-Do players



children's Hall in Juche 88 (1999) when she was 38.

Her husband became a section chief in charge of technical development at the provincial Taekwon-Do team and made public new training methods and techniques.

The couple devoted their wisdom and effort to carrying forward and developing

the brilliant traditions of the Korean martial art and bringing up fine Taekwon-Do practitioners who bring glory to the honour of the country all over the world.

Many of their disciples won gold medals at international games.

Kim Kwang Chun and Ri Sun Ok are always proud of their work.

Article & photo: Choe Myong Sik

Kim Kwang Chun (second from the left)





Dental treatment rooms for adults and children

Ryugyong Dental Hospital

From olden times healthy teeth have been regarded as one of five blessings for the people.

A modern dental care centre, Ryugyong Dental Hospital, was built in the Munsu area of Taedonggang District, Pyongyang, and started its service since October last year for the health promotion of the people.

It has scores of state-of-the-art facilities for dental care and all the material and technical foundations for the prevention and treatment of dental diseases.

The three-storeyed building has rooms for first-aid treatment and preparation of materials, a dispensary and a shop selling dental care stuffs on the ground floor. On the first floor are rooms for surgical, internal and pediatric treatment and the

playing ground for children. Offices and rooms for doctors and nurses are on the second floor.

The treatment room found on the first floor is the biggest in the hospital. It has ten state-of-the-art universal dental chairs, each accompanied by mobile X-ray camera and ultrasonic tartar remover.

The dental surgical department has a room for implant dentistry.

At the X-ray department teeth images are obtained through panoramic radiograph camera and other modern equipment. The hospital has also a complete set of apparatuses for dental prosthesis.



Dental prosthesis room



X-ray room



It has a treatment room for children which is furnished with amusement facilities so that children feel relaxed before and after treatment.

The shop on the ground floor sells hygienic goods for tooth and tongue.

The hospital offers a hygienic and comfortable environment.

People wait for their turns sitting in comfortable chairs of various shapes in the halls and corridors of the hospital and reading hygienic information on boards.

The grassland and various kinds of trees in the compound of the hospital add beauty to its clean environment.

The Korean people receive dental treatment free of charge at the hospital showcasing the advantageous public health system of socialist Korea.

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Conference room



Women's clothes in various times

National Costume Show



Costumes of a male dancer (left) and a hunter (right)

A national costume show was held at the Pyongyang Folk Park in September last year.

On display at the show were over 150 pieces of national costumes the Korean people developed in different times of history ranging from the period of Koguryo Kingdom (277 BC-AD 668) to that of the feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910).

Mural paintings showing the costumes of different periods made the show more conspicuous.

What attracted the people was the clothes of ordinary people in the period of Koguryo and women's jogori (jacket) in the times of Koryo Kingdom and feudal Joseon dynasty.

The type of the Korean national costumes was settled mainly during the ancient times (early 30th century BC - early 3rd century BC) and in the Koguryo period.

Major costumes in the Koguryo period on display were the clothes of ordinary people designed to be convenient for labour and other different activities with hemmed jacket and waistband. They reflect the diligence of the Koguryo people as well as their nimble mind and lively spirit.

Also seen were the clothes of military officers and noblemen along with those of court ladies and men and women artistes in the Koguryo period.

The women's jacket in the Koryo period was shorter than that of the preceding period to provide more convenience for activities, and had no waistband, but a breast tie. And it had colourful strips of cloth for trimmings at the collar, cuff and armhole that were easily worn out.

Diverse forms and elegance were the characteristics of women's chima (skirt) and jogori in the period of the feudal Joseon dynasty. Those on display varied in colour and kind according to seasons, and most spectacular was the women's jogori much in vogue at that time. Decorative effects were added to its collar, cuff and armhole which were frequently replaced with new ones as they were easily stained and worn out.

Besides, costumes of the people from different social classes were exhibited.

The show served as an opportunity to showcase the changing course of national costumes in Korea and have good understanding of the customs of the Korean nation.



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Visitors try on the costumes



Devotion to Mushroom Cultivation



Mun Hye Sun

Mun Hye Sun living in Unha-dong No. 2 in Sariwon, North Hwanghae Province, has recently cultivated mushroom weighing over 20 kilograms, attracting the interest of the people. She graduated from the Sariwon Kye Ung Sang University of Agriculture in Juche 77 (1988). It was over a decade ago when she began to cultivate mushrooms with a determination to accumulate experience in growing mushroom at home that would be of great help in enriching the dietary life of the people. Inspired by this eagerness, Hye Sun began to grow mushroom.

Actually, it was not an easy job as she went to work. She had to gather and grind a large quantity of corncob, and, more than that, she faced a lot of scientific and technical bottlenecks in its cultivation process.

All those difficulties and repeated failures, however, could not hinder her effort.

After diligent study she understood that spores, a superior spore in particular, are the key to success in mushroom cultivation. She produced spores of good strain on her own efforts by crossing several strains of mushroom and conducting tissue and spore culture repeatedly. Finally in April last year she succeeded in obtaining a superior spore which produces mushroom weighing over 20 kg from one porophore. Now she is cultivating another good species of mushroom by herself.

She applied a method of producing spores without using sterilizer and coal and made it possible to use corncobs mixed with additives, instead of ground corncobs, and use the byproduct as animal fodder.

As a result, one ton of corncobs yields more than one ton of mushroom and the byproducts make 700 kg of animal fodder.

Her rich experience in mushroom cultivation with ordinary materials abundant in local areas and her endeavour to generalize it throughout the country are getting greater favour among the people.

Now she works as a senior engineer at a mushroom farm in the province.

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Mushrooms cultivated by Mun Hye Sun



Tourists from foreign countries



Kim Yong Il, bureau director of National Tourism General Bureau

To Promote Tourism

Last year the DPRK has made good progress in its effort to build a socialist cultured nation so as to usher in a new era of cultural efflorescence, and the country's tourism has developed considerably.

In a nationwide campaign briskly waged to turn the whole country into a

socialist paradise in keeping with the growing demand of the people for a better cultural and emotional life, a series of projects were carried out to develop scenic spots across the country into tourist resorts.

In particular, the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, Munsu

Water Park, Mirim Riding Club and many other monumental structures in the Songun era were built in Pyongyang and other places of the country.

This year, too, we'll proceed with the project of renovating several scenic places of the country into world-class tourist zones, while bringing to further perfection the infrastructure of tourist service and working out the tourist itinerary in a diversified way. By doing so, we will do our best to promote tourism of the country.



