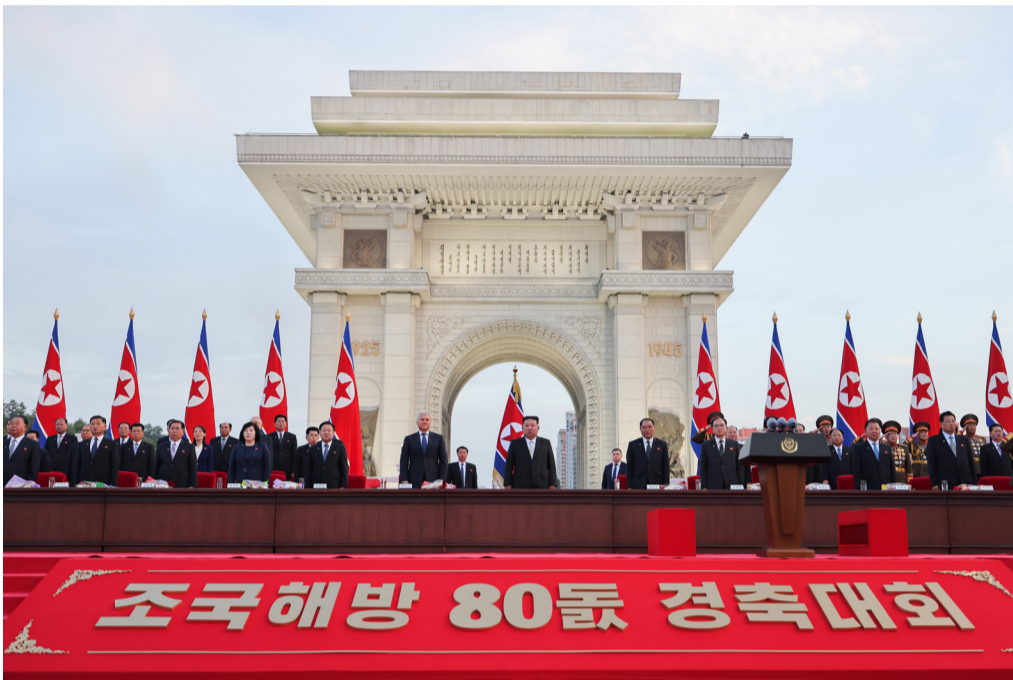


Celebration of 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation held



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All the people across the DPRK are greeting the 80th anniversary of their country's liberation as a great revolutionary auspicious event with great pride and self-confidence as they are dynamically advancing along the road of independence, self-sustenance and self-reliant defence, ushering in a great new era of comprehensive national rejuvenation under the leadership of the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea.

A celebration of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation took place in Pyonggyang on August 14.

The plaza of the Arch of Triumph, which epitomizes the excitement and joy of the people who became the masters of a new Korea and the immortal revolutionary feats and annals of miracles resplendent in the 80-year history of building the country and defending its sovereign rights, was filled with jubilation of the people who are demonstrating the dignity and might of a powerful country, upholding the country's strong existence and achieving its steady development

with the great revolutionary traditions created in the flames of the anti-Japanese struggle as a precious wealth.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the celebration.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue of the celebration amid the welcome music, fireworks were set off and a lot of balloons flew to beautifully decorate the sky of significant August.

All the participants raised the stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" looking up to the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution who has put their socialist state on the top of the century as the most powerful and dignified country and is dynamically leading the historic cause of realizing the ideals of the people along the road of brilliant victory and glory.

Schoolchildren presented fragrant bouquets to Kim Jong Un reflecting the unanimous desire of the people across the country.

Other schoolchildren presented



bouquets to senior officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs and Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation.

Present there were members of the central leadership body of the Party, senior officials of ministries and national agencies, descendants of those related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, meritorious persons of socialist patriotism and other officials, working people, youth and students in Pyonggyang, service personnel of the Korean People's Army, and teaching staff and students of the revolutionary schools.

Present there at invitation were members of the delegation of the State Duma and the delegation of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation who are on a congratulatory visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation, the Russian ambassador to the DPRK and his embassy members.

Also present there were overseas Korean compatriots staying in their socialist homeland including an expeditionary

group of the General Association of Koreans in China for a study tour of the revolutionary battle sites in the area of Mt Paektu.

The DPRK national anthem was played solemnly.

A 21-gun salute was fired.

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, made a congratulatory speech.

Noting that today the Korean people are greeting the 80th anniversary of their country's liberation, the first precious victory in the glorious history of the Korean revolution spanning a century and an epoch-making event in 5 000 years of their history, the speaker paid immortal glory and highest tribute to President Kim Il Sung who aroused the people, who had been forced to suffer the disgrace and misfortune of a ruined nation, to the

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un receives congratulatory letter from Russian President

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Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received a congratulatory letter from Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, on August 14.

The congratulatory letter is as follows: I extend the warmest congratulations to you on the occasion of the day of liberation, the national holiday of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Eighty years ago, the Red Army units and the units of the Korean patriots defeated the Kwantung Army and ended the Japan's colonial rule in Korea.

What is important is that the bonds of militant friendship, goodwill and mutual aid which were consolidated in the days of the war long ago remain solid and reliable even today.

This was fully proved by the heroic

participation of the DPRK soldiers in liberating the territory of Kursk Region from the Ukrainian occupationists.

The Russian people will keep forever the memories of their bravery and self-sacrifice.

I am convinced that the thorough implementation of the treaty on the comprehensive strategic partnership concluded in Pyongyang last year will continue to promote the strengthening of Russia-DPRK cooperation in all spheres.

Russia and the DPRK will, in the future, too, act jointly and effectively defend their sovereignty and make a significant contribution to establishing a just and multi-polarized world order.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, I wish you good health and success in your state activities and all your compatriots wellbeing and prosperity.

With best regards.



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anti-Japanese national salvation struggle, put an end to the colonial rule of the Japanese imperialists, and thus achieved the epochal cause of restoring national sovereignty.

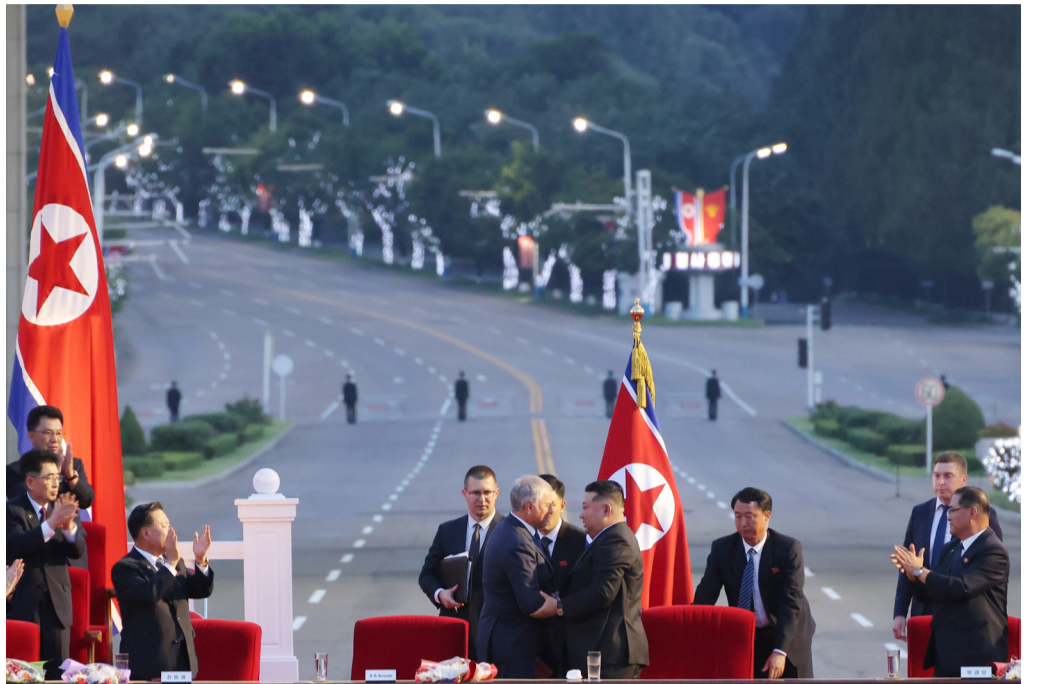
He said that the 40-odd years of struggle of the Korean people for the independence of their country teaches the truth that a country and people without correct leadership and strength cannot escape humiliation as a ruined nation and that the lost dignity can be regained and defended only on the strength of the powerful internal forces of the people themselves rallied closely around a great leader.

Today our state shows the world a new phase of gigantic advance of further promoting the overall national strength under the wise leadership of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, he said, stressing that as there are the great people, the advantageous political system embodying the people-first principle and the might united with patriotism, the vigorous prosperity of our state will continue and communism desired by the revolutionary forerunners will be built on this land.

Referring to the noble internationalist spirit and distinguished military feats of the service personnel of the Soviet army who fought shoulder to shoulder with the Korean revolutionary army for Korea's liberation, he said that the unity and comradeship forged at the cost of blood in the struggle for the common cause are fully displayed in the battlefields in the 21st century to frustrate the imperialists' outrageous arbitrary practices and aggressive moves and are developing into a powerful alliance, which is clear proof of the eternal vitality of the DPRK-Russia friendship.

He continued that the revolutionary forerunners who provided the spiritual legacy that makes people rise up in the face of any difficulties and paved the way for victory are continuously encouraging and pushing us towards an uninterrupted advance, calling upon all the people to continue to wage a dynamic struggle for the eternal prosperity and rejuvenation of the country firmly united with the great ideal of patriotism, our state-first principle.

Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, made a speech.



Saying that he was pleased to attend the grand celebration, he read the congratulatory letter sent to Comrade Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, by Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Expressing the will to value the Russia-DPRK friendly relations, to thoroughly implement all the provisions of the Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the Russian Federation and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and to strive for the development of the relations between the two countries, he wished the DPRK people prosperity and happiness.

Kim Jong Un made a speech on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Saying that today's celebration that makes us recall with deep emotion the birth of our state and the sacred course of its development constitutes an affirmation of the times and a proud review of the immortal spirit that brought about a turn in the people's destiny and the history of decades-long resistance as well as of how the 80-year-long history of the new Korea could reach the height of dignity and honour, he made clear the revolutionary character and political importance of the cause of liberation, in which the Korean people regained their dignity as an independent people.

Referring to his boundless reverence for the great people's ennobling view of life that they can lead a most worthwhile and

happiest life by devoting themselves to the victory and glory of their motherland, he said that no force can bring the people with such a strong sense of justice, great fortitude and high self-respect to their knees, and the state built up and supported by such patriotic and proud people will continue to exist as a powerful country for all ages.

Noting that the Korean people's great history of dignity and glory will shine down through the generations, for all eternity, he called for continuing to brave undauntedly the challenges facing us for the building of a great powerful country and for the eternal security and prosperity of our beloved state which will shine its brilliance for ever.

When Kim Jong Un finished his speech, enthusiastic cheers resounded reflecting the firm will of all the participants to remain boundlessly loyal to the historic mission and duty of their era and generation, boundlessly loving and upholding the country which provides them with a genuine life and happiness.

The celebration ended with the playing of *The Internationale*.

The celebration was of great significance as it fully demonstrated the unshakable faith and will of the Korean people to win without fail the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered in Mt Paektu under the leadership of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, by giving fuller play to the loyalty, patriotic traditions, indomitable pioneering spirit and heroic stamina with which they have adorned the sacred history of their state with the decades of proud victories and miracles.

Speech respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made at celebration of 80th anniv of national liberation

Esteemed comrades and friends,

Dear Pyongyang citizens and all other people across the country and officers and men of the Korean People's Army,

Today at the square which was filled 80 years ago with the delight of tens of millions of the people in regaining their country, we are feeling again the emotion of the day.

Today's celebration that makes us recall with deep emotion the birth of our state and the sacred course of its development constitutes an affirmation of the times and a proud review of the immortal spirit that brought about a turn in the people's destiny and the history of decades-long resistance as well as of how the 80-year-long history of the new Korea could reach the height of dignity and honour.

Availing myself of this meaningful opportunity, I, on behalf of all the descendants who have led a worthwhile life on the land of freedom and prosperity bequeathed to them by the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters and patriotic martyrs, pay ennobling tribute to the fighters and martyrs for devoting their all for the sacred struggle to achieve the independence and prosperity of the country.

My warm greetings go to the people across the country and all the officers and men of our armed forces who are opening a new era of prosperity and development by devoting ardent affection and inexhaustible wisdom for their precious and sacred country.

And recalling with deep reverence the militant feats of the officers and men of the Red Army who shed their blood in the liberation cause of our people, I pay noble tribute to the martyrs.

I also extend warm greetings to Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, Comrade Vyacheslav Volodin and other distinguished Russian guests who are on a visit to our country, and other dear Russian comrades-in-arms and fraternal people who are celebrating our people's liberation day as a holiday common to the two countries with deep trust and feelings of friendship.

Comrades,

August 15, 1945 was for the Korean people a starting point of the turn of their destiny, when they regained the independent dignity that is as precious as their life itself, and is a day of great victory.

Over the past centuries many countries and nations



out even the soul and spirit of Korea, but they could not break its people's steadfast spirit for independence; the patriotic anti-Japanese struggle of the people to win back their national sovereignty at the cost of their lives did not stop even a moment.

The armed struggle of their fine sons and daughters against the militarist Japan that emerged as a power in Asia was a death-defying, bloody resistance they fought shouldering the destiny of their country and their descendants and overcoming severe ordeals and painful sacrifices; and the anti-Japanese revolutionary feats they performed from the consistent independent stand are clear proof of the course the Korean people pioneered to achieve independence by their own efforts.

It is in no way an accidental event in the course of history, but the victory won by the all-people anti-Japanese forces that fought unto death in the spirit of independence. Herein lies the revolutionary character and political importance of our cause of liberation.

With the day of August 15, our people regained all that they had lost—their sovereignty, territory, resources, history and culture—and secured all possibilities for achieving their freedom and carving out their destiny, thus embarking with the dignity befitting masters on

the road of their great pioneering cause of democratic development and wellbeing.

Even if history may change its chapters in the years to come and the times earn new names, like the past 80 years have witnessed, the weight and value of August 15, which our people won by dint of their willpower and struggle, will never change or decrease but remain absolute.

Comrades,

Today we are celebrating the 80th anniversary of liberation with a boundless sense of dignity and honour as we have left the proudest and most sacred traces for our forerunners, our country and our coming generations.

Unless there is a baton a country or nation defends and passes at the cost of their lives even when they have a great history their pioneers wrote at the cost of their lives, and unless they struggle generation after generation to keep safe and add lustre to the invaluable gains bequeathed by the forerunners, such a country

experienced tragic plight owing to the powers' wars of conquest that swept the world, but none was so completely trampled down and plundered as our country in its days of Japanese imperialist colonial rule.

The country's liberation checked the history of national ruin, which left the greatest disgrace in its history spanning five thousand years and was filled with its people's grudge and grief.

We celebrate the country's liberation not only as an auspicious event that brought a turn from a colony to an independent state but also as a laudable event to be remembered with reverence from one generation to the next. It is because it is associated with the priceless soul and sacrifices.

The days of Japanese imperialist colonial rule are recorded in history not only as days of distress of the Korean people but also as days of a bloody resistance struggle of the people, who are strong in patriotism and self-respect and never compromise with injustice.

The Japanese imperialists inflicted tyranny and violence unprecedented in human history in an attempt to stamp

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or nation will have no other alternative but to see their bloodline cut off and forfeit their right even to remember their past with honour.

We are celebrating the day of national liberation with such splendour today because we feel really proud of the course of the struggle we have followed willingly in order to build a country of everlasting strength and prosperity on this land dyed with the red blood of the forerunners.

August 15 marked the day of victory when our nation accomplished their long-cherished desire for freedom and independence, as well as the start of their struggle to build a powerful country so as to put an end to the history of sufferings for good.

The new historic mission, which the Korean communists and other people took upon themselves with August 15 as the watershed, turned out to be a truly formidable task which, from the beginning, demanded unprecedented pioneering efforts that could not be estimated by any existing conceptions or formulas and which was accompanied by unbearably arduous struggle against the hostile nations who lived on counter-revolution.

The liberation vanquished the forces—and their foundations—that had been trying to reverse our country's social development, and yet we were confronted with innumerable challenges and obstacles; there still existed imperialism that was in the lead of aggression war and other moves to put the newly independent countries under its control again while separating and alienating them and seeking a policy of neo-colonialism; and the dominationist forces resorted to pressure and intervention to fix the gap between the advanced and backward nations once and for all.

All of them, however, were not strong enough to dampen the strong sense of self-respect and tenacity inherent to the Korean people.

Their determination to be independent without being subjected to any foreign forces again has surpassed the tyrannical and high-handed practices, and their patriotic aspiration and efforts for an honourable and happy life have survived all trials and difficulties on their way.

The glorious history of building a prosperous country with a powerful army, in which we have carried on in our own way the political, economic and defence construction in the most severe decades, is associated with the viability of the line of independence that has served as the invariable principle and duty in our state building and activities, as well as the perseverance peculiar to the Korean people who never abandon the spirit of self-dependence even if it means giving up their lives.

The pains and trials we have experienced on the road of safeguarding the ideals and system of our own choice and building ours into a powerful and thriving nation can never be described in books however many they may be.

However, our people consider the struggle to be precious, worthy of remembering as a source of glory and happiness, and feel special pride in the current history and reality.

They established and defended by themselves the

government which would provide them with their independent life and future and built up their great might that no force dared to provoke, and they are achieving prosperity in their own way. This is the pride of the Korean people that no others can feel.

By dint of the might and pride, our country has developed into a powerful fortress firmly defending independence, justice, dignity and peace, and is making a considerable contribution to the cause of liberation of mankind, frustrating the imperialists' high-handed and arbitrary practices to turn back the tide of history.

Great are the excitement and pride of our people who have built with their own struggle, efforts and wisdom a thriving country desired by the revolutionary forerunners and representative of their youthful vigour, and now celebrate the 80th anniversary of liberation.

The 80th anniversary of national liberation is a monument to national prosperity that our people have built on the foundations of independence and sovereignty which put an end to subordination and submission, and a watershed of dignity and glory in which they have demonstrated the new position and prestige of their country with unshakable consciousness of independence and through an indomitable struggle.

Comrades,

At this moment when I look back upon the history spanning 80 years after the birth of a new Korea, I am again filled with boundless reverence for our great people.

Etched in our memory are a large number of names of the people who brought victory and honour to the country through their militant exploits and feats in the different years and decades, and the spirit of numerous heroes who sacrificed their dreams, love and youth for their country still pulsates in our hearts.

Our people dedicated their lives readily for the country and the revolution, unhesitatingly encouraged their dear children to follow in their footsteps, and regarded it not as sorrow but as honour when their sons and daughters failed to return alive. Such fortitude peculiar to our people remains unchanged and has been inherited for a century, from the days of the anti-Japanese war up to now.

As we reflect on it now, such fortitude was by no means an unusual feeling or impulse that was displayed in a certain period of history, namely the years of the anti-Japanese revolution characterized by the gravity and severity of circumstances. Rather, as a manifestation of the greatness of the Korean people, it mirrors their ennobling view of life that they can lead a most worthwhile and happiest life by devoting themselves to the victory and glory of their motherland. It is a spirit and tradition which, like a bloodline, will always be handed down and carried forward without fail generation after generation.

This immortal inheritance constitutes the best of the Korean people's advantageous and great qualities.

History and reality clearly show who are buttressing the political power of this country, what is the conviction and spirit they cherish in carrying forward the revolution, and what is the source of powerfulness for Korea.

The masses of the people are, by nature, just and powerful, but any other people in the world do not have

a stronger sense of justice, greater fortitude and higher self-respect than the Korean people.

No force can bring these people to their knees, and the state built up and supported by such patriotic and proud people will continue to exist as a powerful country for all ages.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to extend my noble respects and heartfelt greetings to our people, who have remained infinitely faithful to the historic mission and duties they have assumed for the times, cherishing the most genuine and invariable affection for their country and displaying unyielding fortitude.

Comrades and friends,

Recorded in the chronicles of the decisive battles for Korea's liberation are the exploits which the officers and men of the Red Army performed while fighting heroically on the first line of the world anti-fascist war, and still vivid in our people's memory are the ennobling internationalist feats made by the excellent sons and daughters of the Russian people.

The righteous ideals and efforts of the Russian people, who supported and encouraged their fraternal people in the struggle against imperialism and colonialism and for national liberation, have become the precious heritage in developing the blood-sealed and ever-deepening relations between our country and Russia.

Today the bilateral ties are being elevated to those of an alliance unprecedented in history, and they grow solid in the joint struggle to check the revival of neo-Nazism and defend national sovereignty and security and international justice.

The two countries have always stood by justice of history, and currently, through a staunch struggle, they represent humankind's desires and demands for equality and justice against hegemony.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, in which fascist nations seeking to enslave the whole world were defeated and their criminal atrocities were terminated.

Becoming undisguised on the international arena, however, are the dangerous moves to undermine and reverse the results of the world anti-fascist war and the national liberation struggles, which cost wholesale destruction and colossal losses of lives, and the imperialists are resorting to extremely outrageous means, as never before, in trying to violate the rights and interests of other sovereign states.

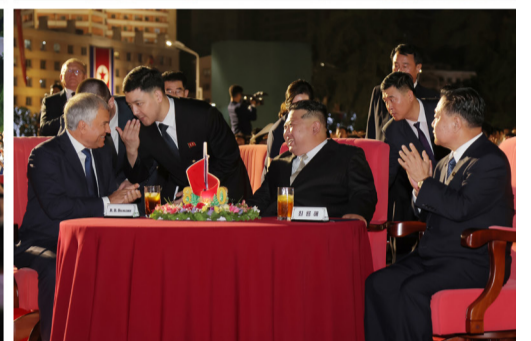
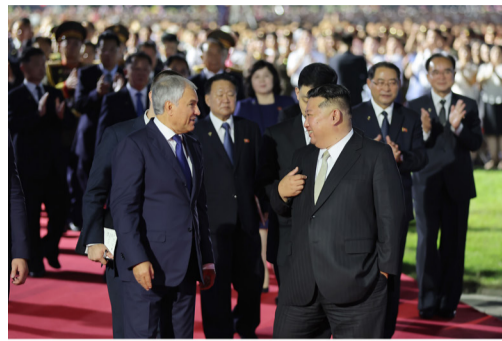
With an ambition to restore the spheres of political influence they have lost one by one over the course of history, the imperialists stick to their policies of war and blackmail in a bid to put Europe, Asia and the rest of the globe on a Rightist trajectory and create a unipolar world. To frustrate their extremely brigandish and reckless schemes is a historic duty that the countries and peoples loving peace and advocating justice should assume of their own accord, and this demands strong solidarity in, and joint struggle by, the progressive camp.

Now the DPRK and Russia are working together again to create a history of justice in the same trench of struggle for defending their national dignity and sovereignty and

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Artistic performance given to mark 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation



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An artistic performance was given at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph on August 14, adding to the joy and excitement of celebrating with splendour the significant holiday, in which all victories and glories of socialist Korea and the 80 years of the independent power originated, as a grand political festival to be specially recorded in the history of the country.

Though 80 years have passed since the country's liberation, the historic foot of Moran Hill still tells about the cheers of a new Korea for the saviour of the Korean people, the peerlessly great man, whom they greeted for the first time in their history spanning 5 000 years. It was filled with the great dignity

and honour of the participants as they recollected with the pride in the history of building a thriving nation for 80 years.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un enjoyed the performance.

When Kim Jong Un appeared at the auditorium together with Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, stormy cheers were raised.

Among the audience were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, chief secretaries of provincial committees of the Party, descendants of those related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, officials

of ministries and national agencies, officials and persons of merits in Pyongyang, service personnel of the Korean People's Army, students of revolutionary schools and Pyongyang citizens and youth and students.

Members of the delegations of the State Duma and the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation and the Russian ambassador to the DPRK and the staff members of his embassy also enjoyed the performance.

Overseas Korean compatriots visiting their socialist homeland on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation took their seats.

There was a collective landing stunt of paratroopers, decorating the prelude to the performance.

The paratroopers, who were dropped from the altitude of 4 500 metres, displayed high stunts with their controlled parachutes, decorating the nocturnal sky like dazzling flowers as a gift to the glorious history of their motherland.

When the national flag of the DPRK fluttered by a paratrooper approached nearer, picturing the proud days when the Korean people have advanced to the acme of a powerful country, braving many difficulties and ordeals that no one had ever experienced, the participants paid respect to the sacred national flag with applause and cheers.

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safeguarding global peace and security.

Inexhaustible is the strength of unity between the two countries, which was formed on the basis of ennobling ideals and genuine friendship and is rooted in the historical tradition of supporting each other's revolution at the cost of blood.

Our Party and government will, in the future, too, remain faithful to the mission entrusted to them by the times and history for independence and justice, and the peoples of the two fraternal countries will always share

the great glory of being victors.

Comrades,

This country, which was built and has been developed by our great people, is continuing its vigorous advance towards prosperity even in the face of grave challenges and trials of history.

Indeed, the duties are heavy, which our generation assumes before the martyrs who devoted their lives for the present and future of a powerful and prosperous country, and also before the coming generations who will live on this land.

Let us continue to brave undauntedly the challenges

facing us for the building of a great powerful country and for the eternal security and prosperity of our beloved state which will shine its brilliance for ever.

Let us add splendour to our great country by dint of our might which has grown through our struggle and of the self-respect and temperament peculiar to our people.

The Korean people's great history of dignity and glory will shine down through the generations, for all eternity. Long live the great Korean people!

Long live our glorious motherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun



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All the people across the DPRK, significantly greeting the historic National Liberation Day in the course of the sacred patriotic struggle to usher in the era of comprehensive prosperity

of their socialist state, pay the highest tribute and eternal glory to President Kim Il Sung, their saviour and peerless patriot.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic

People's Republic of Korea, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on August 14 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there were Pak Thae Song and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other senior Party and government officials, chief secretaries of provincial committees of the WPK, senior Party and administrative officials of commissions and ministries and commanding officers of armed forces organs.

A flower basket presented by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Also laid were flower baskets in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un paid high tribute to the

statues of the great leaders.

Kim Jong Un visited the halls where the great leaders lie in state and paid tribute to them with the most reverence.

Saying that the feats performed by the President who liberated the country through the 20-year-long anti-Japanese war, overcoming hardships and trials, and provided the glorious history and traditions of the ever-victorious Korean revolution will be immortal along with the victorious advance of the cause of Juche, he expressed his solemn will to glorify the country, which is associated with the noble desires of the great leaders, as the most powerful and dignified country in the world and the people's ideal land.

All the participants pledged to remain loyal to the ideology and leadership of Kim Jong Un, who is ushering in a new era of great victory and gigantic change of socialist Korea, and strive with a single mind to accomplish the historic cause for the comprehensive rejuvenation of the state and the promotion of the people's wellbeing.

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Put on the stage were colourful numbers including all-people hymns to the leaders,

revolutionary songs and famous songs on the theme of patriotism.

The stage, filled with solemn memories, resounded with revolutionary songs and

other songs created in the period of the anti-Japanese war depicting the images of the heroic anti-Japanese forerunners recorded on the first page of the history of the Korean revolution.

The audience enthusiastically applauded the famous songs full of strong desire to add to the absolute dignity and glory of the DPRK with the might, which the Korean people have built up for 80 years and demonstrated before the world for the dignity and honour of their most precious country as desired by the revolutionary forerunners, though many years had passed since Korea's liberation on August 15.

A medley of Russian songs specially prepared for the envoys of friendship added more colours to the performance.

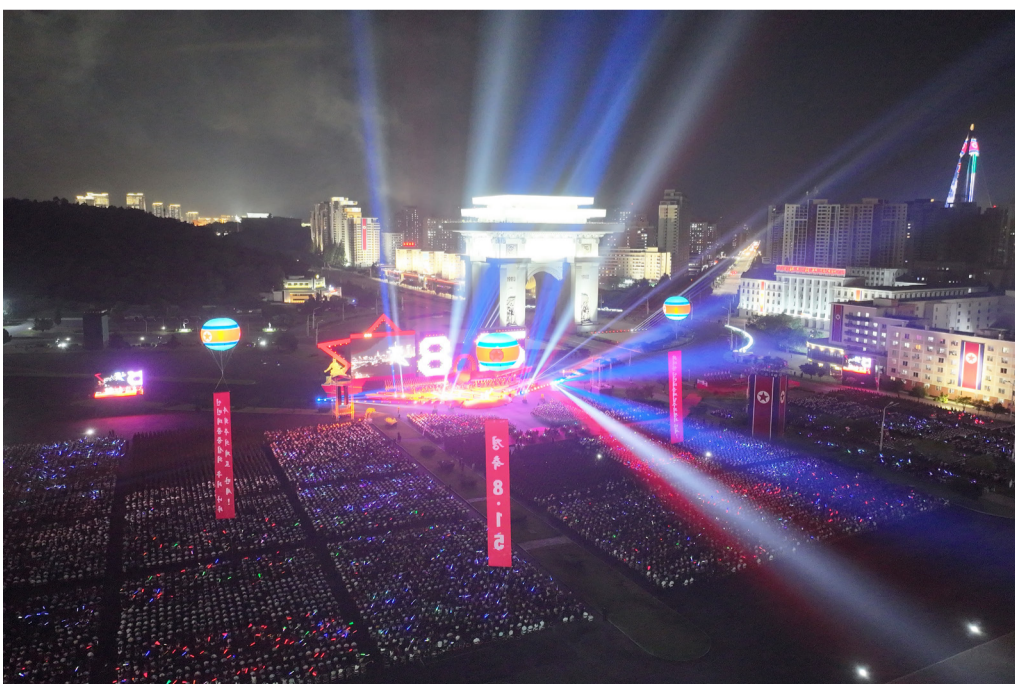
The songs were acclaimed by the audience as they reflected the bravery and stubbornness, ardent patriotism and optimism of the Russian army and people

fighting for the sovereignty and dignity of their country and peace and security of the planet.

The performance which demonstrated the friendship and solidarity growing more intense on the road of accomplishing the common cause of aspiring to the building of a prosperous and powerful state, ended with the national anthem of the Russian Federation.

When the performance was over, fireworks were set off decorating the nocturnal sky.

The performance left a deep impression in the hearts of the audience as it represented the pride and self-confidence in the heroic course of Juche Korea which was pioneered and has won victory after victory by dint of the spirit and mettle of Paektu and the firm faith and strong stamina to dynamically write the history of the great power with ardent patriotic loyalty and indomitable will.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong



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The whole country celebrating with splendour the significant liberation day is filled with boundless reverence for the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners who consolidated the cornerstone for the eternal prosperity of our powerful state by smashing the imperialist tyranny by dint of the revolutionary spirit of Paektu and accomplishing the cause of winning independence by the country's own efforts.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong on August 14 on the occasion of

the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there were Pak Thae Song and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other senior Party and government officials, chief secretaries of provincial committees of the WPK, Party and administrative officials of commissions and ministries and commanding officers of armed forces organs.

The guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played solemnly.

Amid the playing of the wreath-laying music, a wreath bearing the name of

Kim Jong Un was laid before the wreath-laying stand of the cemetery.

Also laid were wreaths in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un, together with all the participants, observed a moment's silence in memory of the revolutionary martyrs who devoted their lives to the sacred cause for the liberation of the country, the defending of its sovereignty, the freedom of its people and the happiness of all the generations to come.

There was a march-past of the guard of honour of the Korean People's Army.

Kim Jong Un went round the revolutionary martyrs cemetery together with the participants.

national independence and sovereignty and his sacred leadership practice covering 20 years, as well as the victory of the heroic struggle of the pioneering generation of the Korean revolution, who waged death-defying resistance with the firm faith that they would surely liberate the country as long as they were led by Kim Il Sung.

The history of the anti-Japanese war is so sacred as every bloody battle was associated with the spiritual world of revolutionary comradeship that cannot be bartered for anything else and the indomitable struggle spirit to beat the enemy even though one may die a thousand times, he said, adding that the fighters who created the great spirit of Mt Paektu and the revolutionary traditions of Paektu to be handed down through generations are genuine revolutionaries and models of true patriots whom all the generations to come should remember and learn from.

Confirming that our state will prosper forever as the world's most powerful country on the eternal foundations of victory and glory consolidated by the first generation of the revolution, Kim Jong Un sincerely wished that the noble soul and spirit of the fighters will be immortal along with the red flag of the revolution.

Under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, symbolic of the absolute strength and great dignity of our powerful socialist state, the Korean people will glorify the history and tradition of sure victory generation after generation and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets speaker of State Duma of Russian Federation

KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met on the afternoon of August 14 Vyacheslav

Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, who is on a congratulatory visit to the DPRK leading a delegation of the State Duma of the Russian Federation on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un

warmly greeted Comrade Vyacheslav Volodin and had a friendly talk with him.

Volodin courteously conveyed the friendly greetings and a congratulatory letter sent by Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, to the respected

Comrade Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Kim Jong Un expressed deep thanks to President Putin for sending warm congratulations.

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Warmly welcoming Volodin and the delegation of the State Duma of the Russian Federation on their visit to Pyongyang, Kim Jong Un said that the visit would serve as an occasion for adding more to the significance of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation, further promoting the development of the DPRK-Russia relations already on a new level and deepening the friendly and fraternal feelings between the peoples of the two countries.

He referred to the fact that two days before he had a phone conversation with Putin and agreed to expand and develop the bilateral cooperation

between the two countries in an all-round way and keep closer contact and communication between the state leaderships.

Stressing the importance of the position and role of their parliaments in strengthening the political cooperative relations between the two countries and creating a political and legislative environment favourable for the development of bilateral relations, Kim Jong Un wished that the parliaments of the two countries would make joint efforts to ensure that new inter-state treaty and agreements are fully implemented in all fields.

Expressing his heartfelt thanks to the DPRK for dispatching excellent soldiers

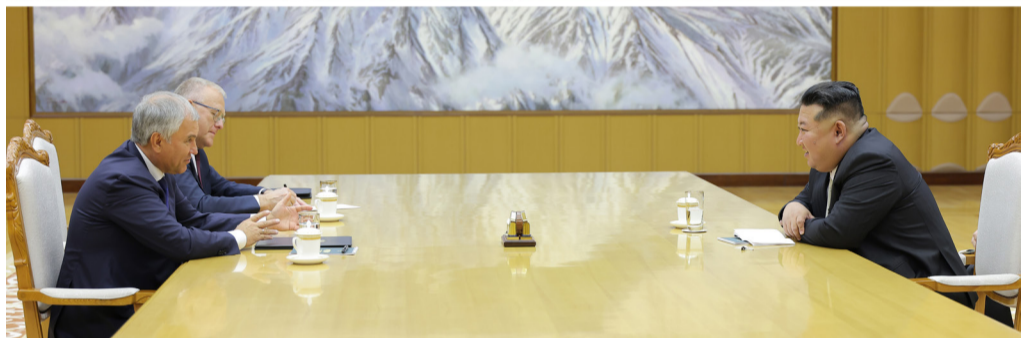
to the Kursk liberation operations for driving out the Ukrainian aggressors and taking many measures helpful to defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Russia, Volodin said that Russia would never forget the Korean people and government that rendered decisive assistance to it at the most crucial time and the heroic feats performed by the service personnel of the Korean People's Army who fought at the cost of their lives in Russia.

Noting that the relations between the Russian Federation and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have made much progress and been further consolidated thanks to the strategic guidance of the heads of

state of the two countries, he expressed the will to make proactive efforts to activate exchanges and cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries.

Conveying warm greetings of the DPRK government and people to the esteemed Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and the Russian people, Kim Jong Un wished Volodin and all the deputies to the State Duma of Russia greater successes in their legislative activities for ensuring the socio-political stability of the country and promoting the economic development and people's living.

The talk proceeded in a warm and friendly atmosphere.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Liberation Tower



KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Liberation Tower on August 15 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by senior officials of the Central Committee of the WPK, leading officials of the Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of National Defence

of the DPRK and commanders of the services of the Korean People's Army.

The guard of honour of the KPA lined up in front of the Liberation Tower.

The national anthems of the Russian Federation and the DPRK were played.

A wreath in the name of Kim Jong Un was laid before the tower amid the playing of the wreath-laying music.

Written on the ribbon of the wreath were letters reading "We do not forget the exploits of the fallen martyrs of the

Soviet Army."

Kim Jong Un paid a high tribute to the fallen martyrs of the Soviet army who fought bravely in the sacred war for Korea's liberation.

There was a march-past of the guard of honour of the KPA.

Kim Jong Un looked round the Liberation Tower with the participants.

The sacred history of national liberation of the Korean people is associated with the matchless heroism and undying feats performed by the service personnel of the Soviet army in the

anti-Japanese revolutionary war against the common enemy, he said, adding that the militant friendship and blood ties forged between the armies and peoples of the two countries amid the fierce flames of war are a true example of international justice and solidarity.

He expressed belief that the invincible DPRK-Russia friendship consolidated century after century by inheriting the noble spirit of the forerunners of the two countries would grow stronger in the future.

Russian artistes give artistic performance



KCNA

The peoples of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation, who are opening a new phase of unity and friendship in the struggle for building theirs into great, prosperous and powerful countries, are significantly celebrating August 15, when the independence and sovereignty of Korea were achieved, as a common auspicious event and holiday.

An artistic performance was given at the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on August 15 by the Russian art mission on a visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of historic Korea's liberation, writing another page in the

annals of the invincible DPRK-Russia friendship.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, enjoyed the performance together with the Russian friends.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared in the auditorium together with Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, all the participants welcomed them with enthusiastic applause.

Among the audience were the minister of Foreign Affairs and the minister of Culture of the DPRK, other officials of the ministries, artistes and creators of art



troupes at all levels, teaching staff and students of art education institutions and Pyongyang citizens.

Also enjoying the performance were the members of the delegations of the State Duma and the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, the Russian ambassador to the DPRK and his embassy staff members.

The artistic performance was given by Russian artistes of high repute, and the "Red Star" Song and Dance Ensemble of the Strategic Rocket Forces and the Airborne Forces Song and Dance Ensemble under the Ministry of Defence.

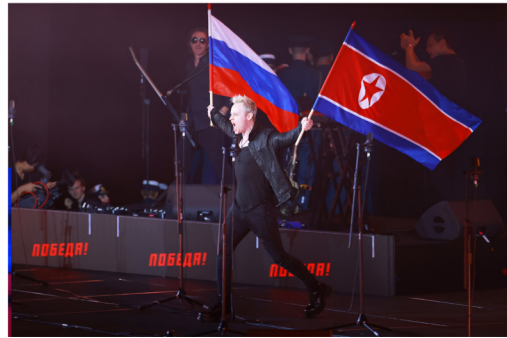
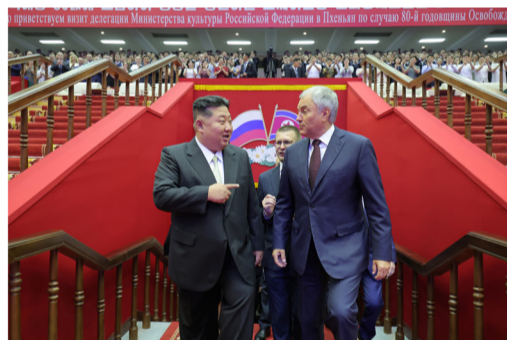
Put on the stage were a medley of songs on the theme of the Great Patriotic War

which are full of matchless heroism, stubbornness, noble patriotism and optimism of the Russian army and people, and martial songs of the armed forces of the Russian Federation and other colourful numbers.

The performers also staged famous Russian songs full of national sentiments which reflect the traditional culture, customs and long history of Russia.

Such patriotic songs as *My Russia* and *We Will Rise* sung by the Russian popular singer Shaman were enthusiastically acclaimed by the audience for the singer's rich artistic skill and vigorous representation.

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un holds phone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin

The heads of state of the two countries exchange their views on the issues of mutual concern



KCNA

Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic

People's Republic of Korea, held a phone conversation with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, on August 12.

They exchanged greetings with each other and had a conversation in a warm comradely atmosphere.

Kim Jong Un expressed heartfelt thanks to his most esteemed Vladimir Putin for warmly congratulating all the people of the DPRK on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

He said that all the Korean people greeting the 80th anniversary of their country's liberation will recollect with reverence the heroic feats performed by the officers and men of the Red Army 80 years ago as a genuine example of true internationalism and pay a high tribute to the fallen fighters of the Soviet army who sacrificed themselves for Korea's liberation.

The heads of state of the two countries highly appreciated the further development of relations of cooperation in all fields in accordance with the treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership concluded between the Democratic

People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation, confirming their will to strengthen cooperation in the future.

The Russian president spoke highly once again of the support provided by the DPRK and the bravery, heroism and self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the service personnel of the Korean People's Army in liberating Kursk, part of the Russian territory.

Expressing his heartfelt thanks to Putin for his high appreciation of the DPRK and its soldiers, Kim Jong Un expressed firm conviction that the DPRK will always remain faithful to the spirit of the DPRK-Russia treaty and fully support in the future, too, all the measures to be taken by the Russian leadership.

The heads of state of the two countries exchanged their views on the issues of mutual concern.

Kim Jong Un and Putin agreed to keep closer contact in the future.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sends reply to President of Russian Federation

KCNA

Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a reply message to Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, on August 15.

In his reply he expressed his heartfelt thanks to Putin for his warm congratulations on the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation. And he continued:

The great history of national liberation that brought about a radical turn in the Korean people's effort to hew out their destiny and achieve rejuvenation is indelibly inscribed also with the matchless self-sacrificing spirit and undying exploits of the officers and men of the Red Army. The militant friendship and unity that the peoples and armies of the two countries shaped in the resistance struggle against their common enemy have fully displayed their invincibility and vitality in the long years of struggle to defeat the imperialists' high-handed outrages and ambition for hegemony.

The admirable 80-year-long history, tradition and blood-sealed ties now

constitute the main cornerstone on which the DPRK-Russia relations of friendship and cooperation have developed into the stablest comradeship and a comprehensive strategic companionship, and serve as a source of inexhaustible driving force for pushing the two nations' effort to build theirs into powerful countries and establish a new, multipolar world.

The great friendship and unity between the two peoples who have established future-oriented inter-state relations and are struggling shoulder to shoulder to attain a common purpose will surely be carried forward along with the ennobling spirit of the forerunners and with the new era of overall boom of the bilateral relations.

Expressing his firm belief that the Russian army and people, under the energetic leadership of Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, will surely emerge victorious in their sacred cause of defending the national prestige and fame and achieving prosperity of the Russian Federation, he wished that only victory and glory are in store for the great Russia all the time.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un receives greetings from president of United Russia Party

KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received a message of greeting from D. Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party, on August 15.

In the message Medvedev extended sincere congratulations to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation from the Japanese colonial rule.

The message said that they pay respect to the Korean patriots and the officers and men of the Red Army who displayed matchless courage and heroism in the struggle for freedom and independence of Korea.

The peoples of the two countries are fighting against the outside peace-breakers shoulder to shoulder and making purposeful efforts for establishing the righteous world order, today, too, it

noted.

Soldiers of the Korean People's Army took an active part in the battles for liberating the Kursk Region which had been occupied by the Ukrainian neo-Nazi forces and alien mercenaries, it said, adding that this proves the stability of fraternal bonds between Russia and the DPRK.

The message expressed conviction that bigger successes would be achieved in developing comprehensive strategic partnership by common efforts, hoping that the cooperation between the United Russia Party and the Workers' Party of Korea will make a great contribution to achieving common goals including the struggle against the Western group's neo-colonialist practices.

The president of the United Russia Party in the message wished the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un successes in his responsible activities in good health and all citizens of the DPRK prosperity and well-being.

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Flower baskets were conveyed to the performers who staged a significant performance.

Kim Jong Un expressed thanks to the Russian artistes for their performance in Pyongyang which added to the joy of the National Liberation Day of the DPRK and made a

tangible contribution to the ever-developing DPRK-Russia friendship.

The performance given by the Russian artistes in Pyongyang on the occasion

of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation served as an occasion for further strengthening the fraternal ties between the peoples of the two countries.

On the occasion of 80th anniv of national liberation

National symposium

KCNA

A national symposium was held at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on August 7 to mark the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there were Choe Tong Myong, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ju Chang Il, department director of the WPK Central Committee, officials of the Party and administrative organs and working people's organizations in Pyongyang, and information workers in charge of theory from the armed forces organs, the fields of science, education, arts and literature, media, and preservation of revolutionary relics and Party cadre training institutions.

Kang Yun Sok, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, Thae Hyong Chol, president of the Academy of Social Sciences, Kim Song Chan, president and editor-in-chief of the Workers' Party of Korea Publishing House, and Jon Sung Guk, vice-premier of the Cabinet, presented



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the papers explaining the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung who established the ever-victorious

tradition of the Korean revolution and laid a foundation for building a thriving nation by organizing and

leading the Korean people's sacred war for national liberation to a brilliant victory.

The speakers said that Kim Il Sung was the peerless patriot who provided a powerful Juche-oriented force of the revolution and thus brought about the first liberation day of the country.

They explained that national liberation was a great political event which brought about a fundamental turn in the destiny of the Korean people and opened a new history of building a thriving nation.

They said that the noble soul of the revolutionaries of the first generation who pioneered the history of eternal resistance is a spiritual heritage to be carried forward forever.

They underscored the need to steadily write the heroic biography of the great power of Kim Jong Un by carrying forward the ever-victorious history and tradition of the Juche revolution.

They called upon all the officials and working people to make uninterrupted innovations and successive leaps forward by carrying forward the fighting spirit and patriotic tradition of the anti-Japanese forerunners.

Wreaths laid at Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery

KCNA

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, other cadres of the Party, the government and the military and officials of the Central Committee of the WPK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet and armed forces organs visited the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-

ri on August 15.

They were accompanied by the bereaved family members of martyrs.

Amid the playing of the wreath-laying music, wreaths in the name of the Central Committee of the WPK, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK were placed at the memorial monument of the cemetery.

The participants paid a silent tribute to the memory of the martyrs who pioneered the sacred Korean revolution at the cost of their blood and

performed immortal feats for the victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Then the participants

laid bouquets and flowers at tombstones of martyrs and paid noble tribute to them.



Senior officials of the Party, government and the military visit the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmi-ri on August 15.

Banquet

KCNA

A banquet was given at the Mokran House on August 15 to mark the 80th anniversary of national liberation.

Senior Party and government officials attended the banquet together with meritorious persons of socialist patriotism.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, made a speech.

He warmly congratulated

the participants who were invited to the banquet for celebrating the 80th anniversary of national liberation with excellent successes.

He affirmed that they would remain faithful to the idea and spirit of the twenty-year anti-Japanese war and of the outset of nation building to the last and steadily write a new brilliant history of building a thriving country with a devoted patriotic struggle and excellent results to exalt the great country of the people to the world.

All the participants toasted the eternal progress of the great country.

Art exhibition



Visitors look round the art exhibition at the Korean National Art Museum.

KCNA

An art exhibition opened with due ceremony at the Korean National Art Museum on August 13 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Korea's

liberation.

On display at the venue of the exhibition are art pieces depicting the immortal patriotic exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and the noble personality

of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as a great man who is successfully opening up a new era of the overall development of socialism.

Present at the opening ceremony were Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Myong Chol, secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, officials and creators in the field of fine arts and working people in Pyongyang.

Minister of Culture Sung Jong Gyu made an opening address.

At the end of the ceremony the participants looked round the venue of the exhibition.

Stamp exhibition

KCNA

A stamp exhibition opened with due ceremony at the Korean Stamp Exhibition House on August 12 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

On display at the exhibition held on the theme of "Great Victory in the Great Anti-Japanese War Will Be Carried Forward Generation after Generation" are stamps dealing with the undying feats performed by President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un for the liberation and prosperity of the country and the development of the Juche-oriented revolutionary armed forces.

The stamps remind visitors of the sacred revolutionary history of Kim Il Sung who defeated the brigandish Japanese imperialists, provided the Korean people with genuine dignity and rights and laid an eternal foundation for the happiness

and prosperity of all generations.

Present at the opening ceremony were Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned and philatelists in Pyongyang.



A stamp exhibition opens at the Korean Stamp Exhibition House on August 12.

On the occasion of 80th anniv of national liberation

Youth and students hold evening gala

KCNA

An evening gala of youth and students took place at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on August 15.

The venue of the gala, which was resounding with songs like “Song about the Motherland” and “We Are

Koreans”, was filled with pride and optimism of the youth and students who greeted the anniversary of the liberation of their beloved motherland at the watershed in the 80-year history of heroic struggle and creation.

A dance party started to the tune of the song “We Sing of

the Leader’s Revolutionary Cause” praising the noble life and revolutionary exploits of President Kim Il Sung who achieved the historic cause of national liberation and laid an eternal foundation for the happiness and prosperity of generations to come.

Different letters

including “August 15” and “Celebration” appeared on the floor of the square, and anti-Japanese revolutionary popular dance and women’s group dance decorated the venue in a peculiar way.

The dance of the youth and students was brimming with deep reverence for the

respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un who glorifies the President’s sacred exploits for national liberation as the eternal wealth of the Korean revolution and carries on the ever-victorious history of the Korean revolution and the heroic history of dignified and powerful Juche Korea.

Amid the heightened atmosphere of the gala filled with boundless pride of the young people in devoting their youth to the worthwhile struggle for the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people, fantastic fireworks were set off in the nocturnal sky over the capital city.



Youth and students hold an evening gala at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on August 15.

Oratorical meeting and demonstration of youth and students

KCNA

An oratorical meeting of youth and students to vow to carry forward the revolutionary spirit of Paektu took place at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph on August 15.

Present there were Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, officials of the youth league and youth and students in Pyongyang.

The performers praised the undying exploits of President Kim Il Sung who led the arduous anti-Japanese war to brilliant victory and

achieved the historic cause of national liberation and the great personality traits of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un as the peerlessly great man who is ushering in a new era of creation and changes on this land with his outstanding and seasoned leadership.

Then a demonstration of youth and students to inherit the revolutionary spirit of Paektu started amid the solemn playing of the melody of the immortal revolutionary hymn “Song of General Kim Il Sung”.

In front of the processions were portraits of Kim Chaek, Choe Hyon, Kim Il, O Paek Ryong, Choe Chun Guk and other anti-Japanese

revolutionary forerunners who gave birth to the tradition of victory to be eternal in the history of the country.

Watching the marching columns advancing proudly, the citizens were firmly convinced that the

revolutionary cause of Juche will continue to win victory after victory as there is a huge army of successors, a

large contingent of patriotic young people vigorously promoting the prosperity and development of the state.



Young people and students stage a demonstration after holding an oratorical meeting to vow to carry forward the revolutionary spirit of Paektu on August 15.

Lecturers, primary information workers tour revolutionary battle sites in Mt Paektu area

KCNA

Chief lecturers and primary information workers of the women’s union started a study tour of the revolutionary battle sites in the area of Mt Paektu.

They held a meeting to start the study tour at the plaza before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in Hyesan City on August 1.

The participants laid bouquets before the statues of the great leaders and paid tribute to them.

At the meeting speakers said that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the Paektu area several times to raise a strong wind of education in the revolutionary traditions and made sure that the advance speed of the revolution is redoubled in the revolutionary spirit of Paektu.

They stressed that the members of the study tour group should learn from the spirit of defending the leader unto death and the indomitable revolutionary spirit

displayed by the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners and prepare themselves to be staunch and competent political activists, thus actively leading all the members of the women’s union to fully display their loyalty and patriotism at every workplace for implementing the decisions of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

After the meeting, the chief lecturers and primary information workers of the women’s union started their march.

Schoolchildren start study tour of revolutionary battle sites in Mt Paektu area

KCNA

Schoolchildren from across the country started a study tour of the revolutionary battle sites in the area of Mt Paektu.

They held a meeting to start the study tour at the plaza before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in Hyesan City on August

4.

They laid a flower basket and bouquets at the statues of the peerlessly great men and bowed to them.

A report was made there to be followed by speeches.

The reporter and speakers said that all the participants in the study tour should follow the transparent ideological and moral

world of the forerunners who dedicated their youth and lives to liberating the country by waging the bloody anti-Japanese war under the leadership of Kim Il Sung, and strengthen the strong will to boldly overcome difficulties.

After the meeting, the participants began a march to Mt Paektu.

On the occasion of 80th anniv of national liberation

Ice Rink in Pyongyang renovated

KCNA

The Ice Rink on the picturesque banks of the Pothong River in Pyongyang has been successfully renovated.

The Ice Rink, which wrote its proud history of 40-odd years since it was built as a base for the development of the winter games of the country and the physical training of the working people and youth and children, has turned into a multi-functional sports and cultural complex capable of holding indoor sports games and colourful

art performances as required by the new era aspiring after the prosperity of civilization along with the great golden age of construction.

An opening ceremony of the newly-renovated Ice Rink was held on August 14 on the occasion of the significant 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there were Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, Kim Tok Hun, secretary of the

Central Committee of the WPK and chairman of the National Sports Guidance Committee, Kim Jong Gwan, vice-premier of the Cabinet, Ri Myong Guk, minister of Finance who doubles as the chairman of the Skating Association, other officials concerned, builders who participated in the renovation project, officials of ministries and national agencies, sportspersons, officials and employees of the Ice Rink and Pyongyang citizens.

Kim Tok Hun made an opening address.

The Ice Rink, which has

been completely renovated into a sports centre with latest interior facilities and a multi-functional distinctive cultural life base harmonizing with the character of the capital city and modern aesthetic sense, is another outcome of the new era of civilization and rejuvenation where everyone is advancing and everything is developing, the speaker said.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who makes sure that all the structures are built as creations representing the aspiration and ideal of the current generation

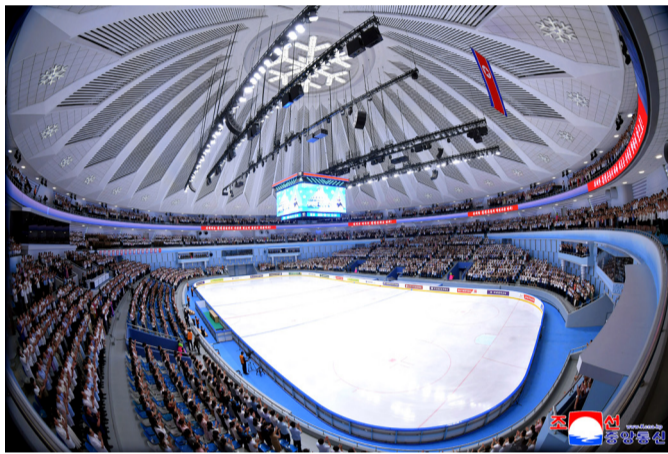
and a new era of socialist cultural development clearly indicated the orientation and ways for turning the Ice Rink into a centre for sports and cultural life of new domain and form and energetically led to remodel it on a world level, he added.

The Ice Rink is a monument associated with the noble will of Kim Jong Un to glorify it as a wealth for sportspersons and rising generations forever, both in the present and in the future, he said, adding that herein lies the genuine position and absolute height of the

Ice Rink which can never be measured by any advanced nature or civilization.

The speaker expressed belief that the newly-renovated sports and cultural complex would demonstrate the prosperity and progress of the state and make the life more beautiful, pleasant and colourful, saying that changes should be made in the work to improve the material and technical foundations of the sports sector in the era of overall development.

A figure skating demonstration was given at the opening ceremony.



An opening ceremony of the newly-renovated Ice Rink takes place on August 14.

Dance party of women's union officials, members

KCNA

A dance party of officials and members of the women's union took place at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph on August 15, the 80th anniversary of national liberation.

It began amid the playing of the melody of song "Long Live Generalissimo Kim Il Sung".

With the boundless pride of leading a worthwhile life under the care of the peerlessly great men, the participants cheerfully

danced to the tune of the revolutionary songs which had rung out in every battle area during the anti-Japanese war.

The dance party was enlivened by melodies of such songs as "Your Embrace Is the Best" which reflects the pride and joy of the Korean people who are vigorously advancing towards the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism, glorifying Juche Korea's history and tradition of invincibility while holding the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un in high esteem as the leader of the revolution.

That day, officials and members of the women's union across the country also held dance parties on the same occasion.



A dance party of officials and members of the women's union is held at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph on August 15.

Football match for Hwaepul Cup held between Kigwancha and Ryomyong

KCNA

A football match between the Kigwancha and Ryomyong teams took place at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang on August 15 as part of the Hwaepul Cup men's football tournament on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of national liberation.

It was seen by leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs including Pak Thae Song and Choe Ryong Hae, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, chief secretaries of provincial Party committees, members

of the National Sports Guidance Committee, senior officials from sports supporting organizations, service personnel of the Korean People's Army and working people and youth and students in Pyongyang.

The match started with the

kick-off of the Kigwancha team.

The seesaw match ended with a 1-1 draw followed by a penalty shoot-out.

At last, the Ryomyong team beat the Kigwancha team 6-5 (1-1 in the first and second halves and 5-4 in the shoot-out).



A football match between the Kigwancha and Ryomyong teams takes place at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang on August 15.

On the occasion of 80th anniv of national liberation

Events of working people's organizations, schoolchildren

KCNA

Oratorical meeting of trade union members and workers

An oratorical meeting of workers and members of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea took place at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang on August 13 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there were Pak In Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the GFTUK, officials of the GFTUK and workers and trade union members in Pyongyang.

First of all, there was a poem reciting of the full-length epic "Mt Paektu".

The performers highly praised the great personality of President Kim Il Sung, the legendary hero of the great anti-Japanese war and the peerless patriot, whom the Korean people greeted and held in high esteem for the first time in the nation's history spanning 5 000 years.

A performer said in the oratory "The President and Nostalgia" that the exploits of the President, who built on this land a prosperous socialist country independent in politics, self-supporting

in the economy and self-reliant in defence by devoting his precious whole life to the sacred revolutionary struggle, will be immortal.

The oratory "Dignity" touched the heartstrings of the participants as it added to the conviction that the immortal reputation of the DPRK, which was liberated and glorified by the President, is shining as a symbol of victory and glory under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and that the ever-victorious history of Juche Korea will be invariably carried forward.

The oratorical meeting, which showed the ardent enthusiasm of all the workers and trade union members, ended with chorus "We Will Go to Mt Paektu".

Celebration meeting of agricultural workers

Agricultural workers and members of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea met at the hall of culture in Yonhan County, North Hwanghae Province, on August 13 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present at the meeting were Han Kwang Ho,

deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, officials of the UAWK and agricultural workers.

Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the UAWK Central Committee, made a report to be followed by speeches.

The reporter and speakers said that August 15, when President Kim Il Sung accomplished the historic cause of national liberation, was the day which put an end to the distress-torn history and brought about a turn in carving out the destiny of the country and its people.

They noted that the President regarded the peasants as the main force of the revolution, wrote a new history of the Juche-oriented peasant movement and put them forward as the masters of the land and the country after its liberation.

They said that Chairman Kim Jong Il, with his will to glorify the immortal exploits of the President for national liberation for all ages, firmly defended socialism of Juche and ushered in a new era of building a thriving nation with his energetic revolutionary leadership.

The reporter and speakers called upon all the officials

of the union and agricultural workers to greet the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea as the one of victors and glory with increased grain production.

Oratorical meeting of women's union officials and members

An oratorical meeting of officials and members of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea took place at the Hall of Women on August 13 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there were Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the Central Committee of the SWUK, officials of the women's union and its members in Pyongyang.

The participants were deeply moved by the oratory "Strength" telling about the noble devotion of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who resolutely went even to the dangerous frontline for the prosperity of the socialist country and happiness of the people and consolidated the strongest military muscle to guarantee peace of all generations to come.

The oratory "Obligation and Right" reflected the firm determination to remain

loyal to the leadership of Kim Jong Un who is continuing the journey of devoted service with a noble sense of mission and warm love for the country and its people.

Schoolchildren's study session of reminiscences of anti-Japanese guerrillas

Schoolchildren met at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace in Pyongyang on August 13 to tell impressions of the reminiscences of anti-Japanese guerrillas on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there were Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, officials of the youth league and schoolchildren.

At the meeting, the speakers explained the immortal exploits of the great leader Generalissimo Kim Il Sung who accomplished the historic cause of national liberation and the indomitable struggle of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters who established precious traditions for carrying forward the history of the Korean

revolution with victories.

A speaker said that through the reminiscences "To Defend the Headquarters" he grasped the noble moral world of the passionate fighters who threw themselves into the jaws of death, wishing only the safety of Commander Kim Il Sung, and of the forerunners who created the noble history peculiar to the Korean revolution shining with the spirit of defending the leader unto death.

The reminiscences telling about the noble outlook on the rising generation of Kim Il Sung who brought up the members of the Children's Corps to be successors to the revolution, giving the blanket he used and 20 yuan of meaningful money to them, and his ardent love for the future of the revolution left a deep impression on the participants.

Referring to the contents of the reminiscences "An Undying Bird" reflecting the strong looks of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters, the speaker called upon the schoolchildren to prepare themselves to be the pillars of the future and young revolutionaries boundlessly loyal to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un.

Celebrations of national liberation day in provinces

KCNA

Meetings were held in the provinces (municipalities) of the DPRK on August 14 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there were officials of the Party and power organs, working people's organizations and industrial establishments in local areas and working people.

At the meetings, the reporters paid immortal glory and highest tribute to President Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot of all generations, reflecting the unanimous mind of all the people greeting the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

They paid high tribute

to the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners and patriotic martyrs who won the victory in the sacred anti-Japanese war and provided a solid cornerstone of prosperity by devoting themselves to building the country and defending it.

Thanks to the liberation on August 15 brought about by the President, the country could regain its lost dignity and a genuine people's country firmly defending the people's life could emerge in the arena of history, they said.

They stressed that the outstanding patriotic exploits of the President, who clarified the idea and strategy of self-reliant independence for the first time in the history of the

national liberation struggle in colonial countries and led the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle to victory to save the country and the people who had fallen into misery, would shine forever.

They said that the new generation could celebrate the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation with pride as they fought unyieldingly, overcoming all difficulties in order to defend the dignity of the country that the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners and the preceding generations achieved through bloody struggle and reliably handed down and carry on the prosperity of the country forever. They also said that all the fruitions are proud

and honourable.

They referred to the fact that the high dignity, prestige and strong national power of the DPRK they have achieved by faithfully upholding the idea of people-first principle and the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un clearly show what results the growing patriotic faith and struggle decade after decade will bring.

The reporters called upon all the officials, Party members and other working people to devote themselves to the sacred patriotic cause to glorify the country defended by the forerunners as a stronger and more prosperous country under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Photo exhibitions go on in provinces

KCNA

Photo exhibitions are being held in provinces (municipalities) to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation. Many officials, working people, youth and students are visiting the exhibition venues every day.

On display at the exhibition venues are photos of President Kim Il Sung, the ever-victorious and iron-willed commander and the peerlessly great man who defeated the two formidable imperialist enemies in one generation and created the history and tradition of eternal victory of heroic Korea, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The photos tell about the

exploits of Kim Il Sung who led the anti-Japanese revolutionary war to victory with his unique guerrilla tactics and methods and achieved the historic cause of national liberation.

Other photos show the personality traits of Kim Jong Il as a great man who developed the DPRK into a world military power with invincible revolutionary army and powerful defence industry.

Seeing the photos, the visitors grasp again the personality of Kim Jong Un as the peerlessly great man who put the prestige of the DPRK on the highest level with his transparent independent faith and matchless courage and grit.

On the occasion of 80th anniv of national liberation

Nation celebrates anniversary of national liberation

KCNA

The Korean people in all parts of the country significantly celebrated the 80th anniversary of national liberation as an auspicious event to be etched in the history of the country.

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

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and

students presented baskets of flowers, bouquets and flowers to the statues of the President and the Chairman on Mansu Hill and in other places and mosaics depicting them across the country and paid high tribute to the great leaders.

Lots of people visited the Arch of Triumph, recollecting with strong emotion the day 80 years ago when the loud cheers of 400 000 people burst to welcome the triumphant return of General Kim Il Sung.

At the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on

Mt Taesong and the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery in Hyesan, crowds of visitors paid their high respects to the noble soul of the first-generation revolutionaries who carved out and advanced the revolution making their way through virgin snow.

Officials, working people, youth and students of South Hamgyong Province and Nampho Municipality visited the battle sites of the anti-Japanese war including the Yonggwang Revolutionary Battle Site and Kuksabong Revolutionary Battle Site

to cherish the indomitable revolutionary spirit displayed by the anti-Japanese fighters, the spirit of guerrillas, as the precious ideological and spiritual assets.

Colourful celebratory performances were given in Pyongyang and other regions.

At the performance given by the National Symphony Orchestra at the Moranbong Theatre, the performers highly praised the great exploits of President Kim Il Sung who brought the first liberation day to the country and opened up a new history of socialist

Korea which is prosperous by dint of independence and self-reliance with the solemn melodies of orchestra.

The artistes of the Phibada Opera Troupe and National Folk Art Troupe gave performances in front of the Pyongyang Grand Theatre and the Korean Folklore Museum.

There were also other performances given by the central artistic information team, artistic information team of the Pyongyang Construction Commission, artistic information team of the Ministry of Railways and

artistic information teams of the working people's organizations in different places of the capital city.

Celebratory performances and dances took place in all parts of the country.

Public service networks in the capital and provinces were crowded with visitors.

Happy laughter of the working people, students and children enjoying the holiday resounded at the Central Zoo, Natural History Museum, Munsu Water Park and riding clubs, bathing resorts and cultural and leisure centres throughout the country.



Colourful events and artistic performances are staged to celebrate the anniversary of national liberation across the country.

Delegation of State Duma of Russian Federation visits Pyongyang

KCNA

A delegation of the State Duma of the Russian Federation led by Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin paid a congratulatory visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on August 14-15 at the invitation of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

It arrived in Pyongyang on August 14.

The Russian delegation visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun and paid tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on the morning of August 14.

Talks were held between Choe Ryong Hae, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Vyacheslav Volodin,

speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on August 14.

Present there were Kang Yun Sok, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the SPA of the DPRK, Pak In Chol, speaker of the SPA, Kim Jong Gyu, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, Ri Chol, director of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the Ministry of Public Health who is concurrently chairman of the DPRK-Russia Friendship Parliamentary Group, officials concerned, Ivan Melnikov, first deputy speaker of the State Duma, Alexandr Babakov and Vladislav Dawankov, deputy speakers of the State Duma, and other leading members of the delegation of the State Duma of the Russian Federation and Aleksandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

The talks discussed the issue

of building a new peaceful and just world and further developing bilateral cooperation for the welfare and development of friendly relations between the peoples of the two countries through joint efforts and issues of mutual concern.

The talks proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

The Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea hosted a reception at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on the evening of August 14 to welcome the delegation of the State Duma of the Russian Federation which paid a congratulatory visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of national liberation.

Kim Song Nam, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and director of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, met and had a friendly talk with Ivan Melnikov, first deputy speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, and other major members of the delegation at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on August 15.

Present there were a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the SPA, officials concerned and the minister-councillor of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang.

At the talk, there was a good exchange of views on the issues arising in further developing the

friendly relations between the two countries.

The delegation of the State Duma of the Russian Federation led by Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin laid a wreath before the Liberation Tower in Pyongyang on August 15.

Present there were Kang Yun Sok, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Pak In Chol, speaker of the Supreme People's Assembly and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

A wreath in the name of the speaker of the State Duma of the Russian Federation was placed at the Liberation Tower amid the playing of wreath-laying music.

The participants paid silent tribute to the memory of the fallen fighters of the Soviet Army who devoted their precious lives to the sacred war for Korea's liberation and looked round the tower.

On the same day, the delegation of the State Duma of the Russian Federation laid a wreath in the name of the speaker and flowers at the cemetery of fallen fighters of the Soviet Army in Sadong District, Pyongyang.

The delegation of the State Duma of the Russian Federation returned home on August 15.

Choe Ryong Hae, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, and other officials saw off the Russian delegation at Pyongyang International Airport.

Russian Culture Ministry delegation tour DPRK

KCNA

A delegation of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation led by Vice-Minister Andrei Maluishev visited the DPRK on August 14-15 at the invitation of the Ministry of Culture of the DPRK on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

The delegation included Russian popular singer Shaman and his party, the "Red Star" Song and Dance Ensemble of the Strategic Rocket Forces and the Airborne Forces Song and Dance Ensemble under the Ministry of Defense.

The delegation was greeted at Pyongyang International Airport by Pak Kyong Chol, vice-minister of Culture of the DPRK, officials concerned, Aleksandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, and staff members of his embassy.

The members of the delegation of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill on August 14 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

They laid a bouquet before the statues of the President and the Chairman who provided and glorified the history and tradition of the DPRK-Russia friendship and paid tribute to them.

The delegation returned home on August 15.



Talks are held between the chairman of the Standing Committee of the DPRK SPA and speaker of State Duma of Russia on August 14.

Premier Pak inspects various sectors

KCNA

Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, made a field survey of the construction of the Samjiyon Tourist Resort and major enterprises in the city of Hamhung.

Going round construction projects of the tourist resort, the premier gave a pep talk to the builders who are making devoted efforts to translate the noble plan of the Party Central Committee into a brilliant reality.

He stressed the need to make the best and effective use of the good construction time in keeping with the features of the area with high snowfall and low temperature in order to step up the projects. He also called for enhancing the responsibility and role of the designers, construction officials and supervisors, increasing the operation rate of the construction equipment, and taking more scrupulous measures for supplying manpower, equipment and materials.

At the Ryongsong Machine Complex, the premier acquainted himself with its modernization project and production, and underlined

the need to more dynamically plan and command the project and at the same time press ahead with the production of various kinds of compressors to steadily demonstrate the honour of the complex as a model of self-reliance.

At the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex, the premier underscored the need to give fuller play to the spirit of the workers advancing to implement the decisions of the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee so as to put the production of fertilizer on a normal basis, increase the variety of melamine resin products and speed up the construction of the slow effective granular

urea fertilizer production line and catalyst production base.

Earlier, the premier visited the State Academy of Sciences and the State Commission of Science and Technology, where he called on the scientific circle to turn out as one to reliably ensure the successful implementation of the five-year plan with remarkable sci-tech successes and to vigorously lead the development of the national economy, true to the intention of the Party.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issue of giving top priority to the supply of materials for the construction of the Samjiyon Tourist Resort, the issue of



Premier Pak Thae Song (middle) inspects the construction site of the Samjiyon Tourist Resort.

finishing the modernization project at the Ryongsong Machine Complex in time and the issue of giving precedence to the supply of coal needed for the production of fertilizer.

'It is absolute mission of armed forces of DPRK to defend its security interests from hostile threats of US and ROK'

KCNA

No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on August 10 issued a press statement titled "It is the absolute mission of the armed forces of the Republic to defend its security interests from hostile threats of the US and the ROK", which said:

The US and the ROK military warmongers officially announced that

the large-scale joint military exercises Ulji Freedom Shield will start from August 18.

The enemies do not conceal the fact that a new manual and methods of modern warfare targeting regional countries as well as the DPRK will be applied to the joint military exercises to be staged throughout the whole realms with the mobilization of the US overseas troops, including the expedition of the US Marine Corps, and even the

troops from member states of the "UN Command".

We strongly denounce the US and the ROK for their provocative moves of clearly showing the stand of military confrontation with the DPRK and making another serious challenge to the security environment on the Korean peninsula and in the region and sternly warn them of the negative consequences to be entailed by them.

The Ulji Freedom Shield to be staged under the

simulated conditions of a real nuclear war is not only a direct military provocation against the DPRK but also a real threat to amplify the unpredictability of the situation on the Korean peninsula in the state of armistice and freeze the instability of the regional situation.

The unilateral military threat and confrontation attempt perpetrated by the US and the ROK under the pretext of containing "threat" from someone are the main

reason why the situation on the Korean peninsula and in its surrounding region is changing negatively day by day.

The military demonstration against the DPRK will certainly have a boomerang effect of plunging the security of the US and the ROK into a less safe situation.

From the point of view of power, it is the absolute mission of the armed forces of the DPRK to contain offensive movements of

the enemy states, counter their military provocations and defend the security of the state and peace of the region.

The armed forces of the DPRK will cope with the war drills of the US and the ROK with thoroughgoing and resolute counteraction posture and strictly exercise the sovereign right of the DPRK at the level of the right to self-defence over any provocation going beyond the boundary line.

Firing practice contest of artillery sub-units of large combined units of KPA held



A firing practice contest of tactical artillery sub-units under the large combined units of the Korean People's Army is held on August 11.

KCNA

A firing practice contest of tactical artillery sub-units under the large combined units of the Korean People's Army was held on August 11 according to the combat drill plan of the KPA General Staff for perfecting the capability

to fight a war and combat readiness of the entire army.

The contest was aimed at strictly checking and judging the proficiency of the artillery sub-units of the tactical units in the fire support combat action method, and at generalizing the example of the excellent sub-units to the

entire army.

The contest was overseen by Marshal Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea and secretary of the WPK Central Committee.

He was accompanied by KPA Vice Marshal Ri Yong

Gil, chief of the KPA General Staff.

The commanding officers of the KPA General Staff reviewed the contest.

The contest was attended by sub-units equipped with mortars of different calibres.

The mortar sub-units, which held the fire positions via the unfavourable obstacle area under the fire command of the commanding officers of the large combined units, started to carry out the missions of hitting the different enemy targets and major facilities according to the tactical duty.

Amid the rapid gun fire, the artillerymen hit and destroyed the targets in a fixed time with the crack-shot artillery marksmanship honed through intensive exercises for attaining the Party's training goals of hitting targets without test firing.

The firing practice contest fully verified the high combat ability and the regular combat readiness that the artillery sub-units improved in the course of mastering rapid mobile and surprise operations as required by the Juche-based artillery tactics

and of steadily increasing the efficiency and operation of the artillery weapon systems in keeping with the aspect and development of the modern warfare.

Ri Yong Gil made public the standings of the large combined units. A citation of master gunner was awarded to the 82mm mortar battery of the 6th Battalion of the 55th Mechanized Infantry Brigade of the 9th Corps which won the contest with the highest score and medals and badges of master gunner were awarded to its soldiers.





History resplendent with victory and glory

On the occasion of 80th anniversary of Workers' Party of Korea

Country built according to people's intention

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Birth of independent and sovereign state

When Korea was liberated on August 15 1945, the country was swarming with "revolutionaries" and "patriots" advocating all sorts of doctrines.

Some people claimed that the feudal system should be revived in the country or a bourgeois system should be established. Others called for taking the road of socialism at once.

With a scientific insight into the trend of the complicated political situation, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung defined the basic political line of founding a democratic people's republic and developing the country into a prosperous, democratic, independent and sovereign state at the historic inaugural meeting of the Party.

But the people who were overwhelmed by the excitement of liberation did not know what it meant.

Immediately after liberation, some students in Sinuiju were deceived by the vicious propaganda of the reactionaries and caused a fuss.

Comrade Kim Il Sung went there and made a speech at a mass rally, where a young man asked him which road the liberated Korea was advancing along.

At that time, he declared that the road the liberated Korea was taking was that of democracy, that the democracy in question was neither American-style "democracy" nor Soviet-style democracy but a new type of democracy, Korean-style democracy that suits the actual conditions of the country, and that Korea would never be a constituent

republic of another country nor would it be a colony.

Thanks to his great initiative to build a people's country on this land at any cost, the Korean people, who became the masters of sovereign power, voted for their genuine representatives in the first democratic election. A foreign journalist who visited the country after liberation said that the election method of democratic Korea was a unique method unprecedented in Western capitalist countries and the most free and resilient one which can successfully reflect the will of the people.

Visit people and be with them!

In the early period of nation building when almost all industrial establishments had been ruthlessly destroyed by the Japanese imperialists, he went among the people and asked them questions and, on that basis, set out the line and policies for the people at opportune times. It was his outstanding leadership method.

Recalling that he had been to several rural villages from December 1945 to February next year despite the intense cold of midwinter, he said that he had talked to peasants at their houses, eating boiled pumpkin and potatoes and that if he had not gone among the peasants to listen to their opinions at that time, the agrarian reform would not have been carried out properly and the aftermath would have remained so far. While a few people made an agrarian reform plan subjectively in their office in a certain country, the Workers' Party of Korea went among the people and carried out the agrarian reform on the principle

of confiscation and free distribution as they wished, thus abolishing the medieval feudal tenant system and laying a solid foundation for nation building.

After that, the nationalization of major industries was realized according to the will of the workers, the national economic plan for 1947, the first of its kind in the history of the country, was set up and the plan of the total state-run industrial output value was overfulfilled by 2.5 percent and the production plan of regional industry by 25.4 percent.

If the Party had waited for all conditions to be provided and for someone to help, it would have failed to accomplish the cause of building the nation and army in three years after its founding, and the history of sycophancy, submission and suffering would have been repeated again.

After liberation, those who were infected with flunkeyism urged the Central Security Officers School to have the period of schooling as long as three or four years as in other countries. Comrade Kim Il Sung said that the schooling period should be correctly defined to suit the specific situation of the country where military cadres needed for building a regular army should be

trained as soon as possible and that the students should be educated to acquire practical qualifications and features as commanders of a regular army and, to this end, the period of schooling should be one year or so.

Like that, the DPRK emerged as a dignified people's country with its own strong military guarantee from the first day of its founding thanks to the road of building the army by dint of self-reliance taken by Kim Il Sung.

The DPRK was founded on September 9 1948, raising the anchor of a new history.

The newspaper *Rodong Sinmun* reported about the excitement of the people at the Pyongyang mass rally for celebrating the establishment of the government as follows:

"The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which was formed with General Kim Il Sung, the leader of the Korean nation, as its premier, is a genuine government that will ensure the interests and freedom of all our workers, and the political programme issued by the Government is recognized to be a measure of national struggle that meets the wishes and desires of the people. We fully support our government and will fight under its guidance."

New citizens of new country

The people of the whole country were reborn along with the liberation of the country and the birth of the DPRK.

In new Korea, there were absolutely no unemployed people, but rather a shortage of labour as all sectors of the national economy were developing rapidly.

It was literally a great change. Above all these changes was a sea change in the people. The people, on the basis of the country, made

an ideological and spiritual leap forward racing against the time.

Transforming the people, who had been subject to feudal exploitation and oppression for many years and had to accept the fate of colonial slavery for decades due to the Japanese imperialists' military occupation, into the people of a new type who could take charge of the future of the new country was an epochal cause that could be accomplished only by the great

WPK.

The Labour Law, the first of its kind in the history of Korea and also the colonial and semi-colonial nations of the world, says in Article 16 that a woman who works can have a half-hour breastfeeding time two times a day if she has a baby under the age of one.

The peasants became masters of the land as they had desired for thousands of years through the agrarian reform, and the promulgation of the Law on Sex Equality enabled women to exercise the same rights as men.

The intellectuals, who had been regarded as an intermediary stratum of the society, were appointed eternal companions of the revolution.

Four years after liberation and a year after the founding of the state, the country rapidly emerged as a country without illiteracy, and the people who freed themselves from the darkness of illiteracy and greeted the light of a new day wrote more than 90 000 letters of thanks to the Party Central Committee and the central government organ.

Reliable pillars who would shoulder the Party and state affairs grew up in the Central Party School and the Central Higher Cadres Training School whose opening ceremonies took place in succession in less than a month under the wise guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung who attached importance to education as the most important state affair after the liberation of the country.

In the year after the liberation, Kim Il Sung University named after the great leader was built on Ryongnam Hill in Pyongyang.

Indeed, in the new Korea, the people grew up to be grateful to the Party and the government and conscious of their ability and mission and the united strength of the people was inexhaustible.

Students of revolutionary schools spend joyful days in Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area

KCNA

The Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area is full of laughter and optimism of the students of revolutionary schools.

The respected Marshal Kim Jong Un gives everything best in the world to the children of revolutionary

martyrs before anyone, being their tender-hearted father. He took a benevolent measure to ensure that the students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School, Chilgol Revolutionary School, Nampho Revolutionary School, Saenal Revolutionary School, Tonghae School for Orphans and Sohae School for Orphans enjoy a pleasant

cultural and emotional life through coastal tourist activities.

Officials and employees of the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area warmly greeted the students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Chilgol Revolutionary School who arrived in the area on August 9.

The scenery of the scenic

spot was conspicuous as the students were bathing in the East Sea, taking high-speed sightseeing boats, driving motorcycles on silver-coloured sandy beach, playing volleyball and having photos taken against the background of the marvelous seaside resort.

The Myongsasimni outdoor water park was

full of happy laughter of the students enjoying various kinds of water amusements.

The video game room was also crowded with students who were fascinated by interesting games, unaware of the passage of time.

The coastal tourist area presented with a marvelous

nocturnal view was full of the students' cheerful laughter and their songs of happiness.

The meaningful birthdays they spent amid the warm congratulations of the service workers and friends, and the kind hospitality and service in the coastal tourist resort left a deep impression on the students.



Machine complex makes innovation in production of custom-built equipment

By Kim Kwang Song PT

The Taean Heavy Machine Complex is boosting production.

The complex successively produces major custom-built equipment to be greatly conducive to increased electricity production at power generation bases, production revitalization at building-materials industry bases and the improvement of Pyongyang citizens' living standards.

The complex has made dynamic efforts to

successfully carry out its production plan this year, too, on the basis of the successes and experience gained in the production of generating equipment and custom-built equipment last year.

Regarding science and technology as a basic guarantee for revitalizing production, the complex sees to it that production plans according to indexes are fulfilled through a brisk mass technical innovation drive in line with its highly set goal of technical development.

It deliberated on the

technical innovation proposals presented by employees once a week and pushed ahead with the work to rapidly introduce valuable proposals into production.

In this course, it solved many sci-tech problems as it developed a spark punch to produce and supply various kinds of dies and installed a nonoxidizing annealing furnace to normalize the production of coil for generator.

The complex has also built up close connection and cooperation between sectors

and processes to far-sightedly ensure the supply of raw and other materials, thus ensuring harmonious arrangement of works among all processes.

Steel casting, casting and forging workshops are producing and supplying various kinds of materials to production processes in time by doing preliminary repair of equipment and preparation for melting in an efficient way.

The pipe-making workshop of the complex has made achievements in the production of piping for custom-built equipment, including various kinds of facilities, by making the most of the existing production capacity through the introduction of efficient jigs and tools and the technical upgrading of equipment.

Employees in charge of the processing and assembly of parts for power generating equipment also made efficient jigs and tools to push ahead with the processing of technically complicated parts of the equipment as scheduled.

The complex has also assigned to all officials an exclusive duty of managing equipment and technology and grasps their work in detail every month for review and appraisal. This has led to many substantial achievements, including the turning of the spindle control devices of large lathes into numerically controlled ones and the making and installation of a new type of electric flatcar.

In the first half of this year, the complex carried out its monthly custom-built equipment production plans that were set 1.5 times higher than last year's.



A brisk mass technical innovation drive is conducted to promote the production of custom-built equipment at the Taean Heavy Machine Complex. PAK KWANG HUN/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

New education system introduced for training skilled workers

By Ri Myong Jun PT

The Taean Heavy Machine Complex has a school for skilled workers.

The modern and stylish school building is fully furnished with advanced school fixtures and the practice ground on campus is filled with various kinds of equipment for practice.

The Taean Heavy Machine Complex directs a great deal of efforts to developing the school because reserve skilled workers can be trained well only when education is closely combined with practical training to suit the characteristics of technical education.

The school has improved its education a step higher recently.

It planned its curriculums

again so that teachers would hold theoretical lectures on subjects including the processing of machine products, give students educational practice and then judge their understanding. And the complex fully provided it with material conditions essential for the implementation of the new curriculums, thus further increasing the utility rate of equipment for practical training and the consumption norm of materials over the previous ones.

It helped the students fully understand what they learnt theoretically through the course of processing various parts with all sorts of machines and boost their school performance.

At the same time, the school joined several departments, which were

divided according to different machines and equipment, to form a machine tool department and established a new education system of teaching students about various kinds of machines all together. And it created a CNC machine tool department separately to teach students expert-level advanced technology in practice.

As a result, students have

come to be well versed in the principles of operation of various kinds of equipment and are able to write various programs needed for operating the latest equipment.

"All workshops of the complex competitively demand the graduates of our school, reserve skilled workers," said Kim Song Hun, vice-principal of the school, proudly.

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National space industry programme gains momentum

By Kim Il Jin PT

With the whole country vigorously advancing towards building a powerful socialist country, the building of the space industry has also gathered momentum.

To build the space industry constitutes a core element in exploring a short cut to lifting the DPRK to the position of a powerful country with world-class economic power and science and technology.

The country proudly rose to the position of a manufacturer and launcher of artificial earth satellites by relying on its own efforts and technologies and, on the basis of the technologies and experience gained in the course of it, successfully put into orbit its first application satellite on December 12 2012.

As the earth observation satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2, which was designed, manufactured, assembled, launched and observed by its own efforts 100 percent, was successfully launched, it definitely entered the ranks of nations possessing application satellites.

The DPRK Law on Space Development was promulgated in April 2013 and the then National Aerospace Development Administration was organized in accordance with it. The activities for space development were performed more vigorously under the unified guidance of the state.

Seminars on space science and technology were regularly held to consolidate the successes achieved in the field of space science and technology and there is a growing trend to pioneer a new scientific field of key importance in space development and use.

Space-related faculties and departments have been established at higher educational institutions and similar scientific research

institutions organized to step up research on a full scale to thoroughly provide for extreme weather conditions, effectively protect and use the resources of the country and promote the scientific development of the national economy.

What is noteworthy is that all people show a great interest in building the space industry and make positive contributions to it.

Kim Yu Gyong, a student at Yonggwang Middle School in Central District of Pyongyang who showed her handwriting by brush "Malligyong (telescope in English)-1" to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un at the schoolchildren's New Year performance last year, continues to send her calligraphic works and letters to the National Aerospace Technology Administration to encourage the space scientists and technicians.

Ri Jong Ho, an employee of the Junggu Housing Construction Company, said that he and all his family members extend full support and encouragement to the building of the space industry of the country to fulfil their duty as citizens of a powerful country.

Ri Myong Hun, manager of the Pyongyang Building Equipment Factory, positively supports the building of the space industry, saying that he wants to send greetings of all employees of the factory to space scientists who have achieved remarkable successes in scientific research to develop and use satellites essential for the economic growth.

The great plan on the building of the space industry unveiled by the country for its better future and beautiful earth boosts confidence and courage of the people who have joined the advance for the comprehensive development of socialist construction.

Japan should never forget lesson from defeat

By Choe Song Jun PT

In the last century, the Japanese imperialists militarily occupied Korea and were hell-bent on the colonial repression of the Korean people.

Saying that the Koreans should obey the Japanese law or die, they forced an idea of servile submission on the Korean people, killed, forcibly drafted and abducted many of them and tried to deprive them of even their names and language. And they destroyed and plundered at random the national treasures, precious cultural heritage elements and many natural resources of Korea.

But they were unable to cope with the united might of the Korean revolutionaries and people who turned out with arms in their hands and declared unconditional surrender on August 15 1945.

Their defeat proved that aggressors are only bound to end in a shameful fiasco and those who

try to enslave human beings can never escape the stern punishment by history.

It is 80 years since its defeat. Japan is, however, still obsessed with the ambition for overseas aggression, oblivious of the lesson from the defeat and the truth of history.

Its attempt to turn itself into a military power is aimed at realizing its old dream of the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere" it failed to realize in the past.

After its defeat, Japan dashed towards a military power with a wild revanchist ambition for reinvasion. Lifting one by one the legal restrictions which banned it from having a regular army, as well as the right to belligerency and participation in a war, it has put spurs to turning itself into a military giant and is now more openly stepping up the development of offensive weapons.

It also persists in the distortion of history far from making an

apology and reparations for its past crimes.

It is inciting the new generations to become a shock brigade in overseas aggression free from the sense of guilt over the past crimes by implanting distorted views on history in them. The annual group visits of the right-wing conservative politicians to the Yasukuni Shrine which houses the name tablets of class-A war criminals clearly show how desperately Japan pursues revanchism and the ambition for reinvasion.

Recently, Japan has staged war exercises in collusion with the US and NATO even in the Asia-Pacific region, never concealing that they target the DPRK and other neighbouring countries.

History mirrors future.

One who cannot draw a lesson from the wrong past surely repeats it.

The militaristic ambition for reinvasion will only invite the tragic result of ruining Japan again.

Spokesperson for DPRK Foreign Ministry on Israel's attempt to seize Gaza Strip

KCNA

A spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea gave the following answer to a question raised by KCNA on August 12 as regards the fact that shortly ago, Israel openly revealed its attempt to completely occupy the Gaza Strip of Palestine:

A "decision" of the Israeli Cabinet on the complete occupation of the Gaza Strip of Palestine is a clear act of violating international law that plainly shows Israel's gangster-like intention to seize the internationally

recognized territory of Palestine.

The Gaza Strip is an inseparable part of the Palestinian territory and a unilateral attempt to change the population and sovereign position of the Gaza Strip can never be allowed.

The DPRK bitterly denounces and rejects Israel's criminal act of seizing territory which aggravates the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip and wantonly violates peace and stability in the Middle East region.

We strongly demand Israel immediately stop the illegal armed attack on Palestinians and completely withdraw from the Gaza Strip.

KCNA on consequences to be entailed by frequent military drills in West Pacific

Recently, US-led multinational military drills have been staged in Australia and the West Pacific region.

From mid-July to August 4, the largest-ever multinational military drill Talisman Sabre involving about 40 000 troops, 30-odd large and small warships and at least 70 fighters of 19 countries was staged under the joint sponsorship of the US and Australian forces.

It was the first time in history that such huge armed forces had conducted the military drill, advancing to the northern coast of a neighbouring island country thousands of kilometers from the northeastern part of Australia. This year's drill, the eleventh of its kind, shows that the scope of the drill has steadily expanded to the whole of the Asia-Pacific region.

It is needless to say that all the contents and elements of the drill, including the all-round domains containing the sea, ground, air, cyber and space, amphibious operations, anti-ship operations, landing operations and other combined operations, and live firing involving ultra-modern fighters and long-range missiles, were very hot and provocative.

Before the powder smell faded away, warship strike groups of the US, Britain, Australia, Japan and other

countries launched a large-scale naval joint military drill in the West Pacific from August 4 to 12.

In the drill, joint exercises adjacent to the actual war environment were staged in a frantic way. The latest F-35B stealth fighters from the US nuclear carrier George Washington and British carrier Prince of Wales landed on Japan's virtual aircraft carrier Kaga.

Every drill of them poses a serious threat to the regional security environment. The situation in which the US-led multinational military drills were held in succession is unprecedented, and it is quite natural that the regional countries express concern over this.

There is no guarantee that the wind and waves in the West Pacific will not develop into a tidal wave to hit the whole Asia-Pacific region.

The US-ROK large-scale joint military drill Ulji Freedom Shield against the DPRK will be staged in a frantic way on the Korean peninsula from August 18, and most of the countries, which participated in the recent multinational military drills in the West Pacific region including member states of the "UN Command", will take part in this drill.

It is reported that the British carrier strike group,

too, will not return to the Atlantic Ocean, its home base, despite its long voyage, but will participate in several military drills targeting regional countries by calling at Yokosuka Port in Japan.

As seen above, the next arrow of the US-led multinational military actions frequently taken in the West Pacific is clearly drawn to the depth of the Asia-Pacific region.

It is quite clear that the joint military drills of the US and its satellite countries, which continue to escalate military tension while expanding the scope of their activities one after another in the Asia-Pacific region, will entail very negative consequences for the security environment of the regional countries.

The regional countries hope that the region will become a pacific sea and a peaceful zone as the name of the Pacific says.

If the US and its satellite countries persist in military actions of disturbing peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region, they will surely face the resistance and retaliation by the regional countries.

The US and its vassal forces should not underestimate the will of the regional countries to defend peace and security in Asia Pacific by taking physical counteraction.

To solve food problem

By Yun Ki Song PT

The international community is making positive efforts to ease the food shortage.

Recently, a UN Food Systems summit was held in Ethiopia. It made public a report, which said that about 673 million people are faced with chronic food shortage worldwide. According to the report, food instability and starvation crisis have steadily deepened in West Asia and Africa in particular. This means that the efforts of the United Nations to eliminate starvation and poverty by 2030 have faced a serious challenge, the report said.

The meeting also discussed the issue of strengthening international cooperation to cope with major challenges threatening food security including climate change and armed conflicts.

In a video speech the UN secretary general said that many people in the Gaza Strip and Sudan are suffering from severe food shortage due to disputes, adding that to ensure peace is essential for solving

the food problem. He called on all countries to work together to attain the sustainable development goals (SDGs) for putting an end to starvation, food shortage and all forms of malnutrition by 2030.

Asserting that despite its enormous potential, Africa is the region with the most serious food problem in the world, the chairman of the African Union said that conflicts, climate change and economic difficulties are serious challenges to the solution of the food problem in Africa. Referring to the fact that 4 million people have been reduced to starvation and more than one million to refugees due to drought and so on, he noted that Africa had already worked out its own strategy to reform the global food system in 2021.

Other high-level meetings and seminars discussed a variety of subjects, such as cooperation in changing the food system through agricultural ecology, the development of agriculture based on science and technology, the establishment of a sustainable food system, and cooperation in the

action to ensure healthy nutritious meals.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization will celebrate its 80th anniversary in October this year. In this regard, the organization set "Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future" as the theme of the world forum on food for this year and its 80th anniversary celebration, and called on all member states to make greater efforts to address the root causes of the food crisis.

Many countries are also working hard to solve the food problem.

Great efforts have been directed to drastically reducing the import of food and realizing self-sufficiency in food. Projects are under way to increase grain production and ensure sustainable food security by developing agricultural science and technology. Other projects are also pushed ahead to turn a large area of land into farmland in order to increase the share the agricultural sector takes in GDP.

The international community is intensifying efforts to overcome the food crisis and develop agricultural production.

