

National flag-raising and national oath-taking ceremony takes place to mark 77th founding anniversary of DPRK



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The people across the DPRK are all afire with ardent patriotic fervour as they make single-minded efforts for the continuous prosperity and grandeur of the country on the occasion of the glorious September. Under such circumstances, a national flag-raising and national oath-taking ceremony took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on September 9 to mark the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

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 commemorative event.

Present there were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, other senior officials of the Party and the government, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly and commanding officers of armed forces organs.

A guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the venue of the commemorative ceremony of the Mansudae Assembly Hall.

A ceremony of hoisting the national

flag of the DPRK took place.

Guards of honour of the KPA solemnly entered the venue of the ceremony escorting the national flag of the DPRK.

The leading officials of the state paid high tribute to the national flag of the DPRK which has fluttered as an ever-victorious banner, recording in its sacred flag the great history of the dignity and glory of the indomitable Korean people for decades after the birth of the People's Republic.

The national flag of glory was hoisted amid the playing of the national anthem of the DPRK.

Looking up to the national flag with reverence, the participants shared their patriotic will to hold higher and glorify the greatest and most beautiful country in the world.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un took a commemorative oath to mark the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

Led by the head of state, the leading officials solemnly pledged before the sacred national flag, as the responsible members defending the sovereignty of the DPRK and interests of its people and

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...serving the state and people, to make devoted efforts to remain boundlessly faithful all the time to the promotion of the people's well-being and growth and development of the state, to firmly defend the Constitution of the DPRK and strictly observe the legal duty, to firmly adhere to the socialist ideology and safeguard the socialist system and to carry forward the greatness and beauty of the dear motherland forever with loyalty to it.

Kim Jong Un made a meaningful speech.

On the occasion of National Day, he extended warm congratulations to the working people across the country and the officers and soldiers of the Korean People's Army, who, sharing the destiny

of their motherland, are adding lustre to the prestige and honour of the Republic with resourceful creation and sincere efforts, as well as to the families across the country.

And he paid ennobling tribute to the heroes and patriotic martyrs, who performed truly proud exploits for today and future of this Korea and remain alive forever in the memory of their motherland, and extended a warm militant salute to the generals, officers and soldiers of our army, who have been dispatched for overseas military operations and would be greeting this day with their glorious national flag in the bosom in the far-away alien land.

He also extended warm congratulations to the overseas compatriots who would be greeting their National Day with a



patriotic desire for the prosperity of their homeland.

The cause of building a powerful country covering 77 years, which started on the day when the birth of a new Korea was proclaimed, is being reviewed proudly now that our state has attained a remarkable status, he said, adding no force can reverse the powerful current towards an era of prosperity, which we have created by ourselves.

Noting that at this moment, when our glorious and worthwhile struggle of immortal significance has brought into reality in history the high ambition that with force of unity fostered by the truth we will lead the whole world by and by, there is an iron truth that we cherish deep in our hearts, he stressed the truth is that socialism we chose is the one and only

right road. It was on the strength of the justice and truth embodied in socialism that we have won all the glory we are enjoying today; having established a powerful political system and built a great national strength, we will not allow the destiny of our country to be left to any foreign forces' devices, he said.

As a symbol of this great and beautiful Korea, socialism is the cornerstone and inexhaustible dynamic power guaranteeing the eternal existence of our Republic and its infinite development and prosperity, he said, adding that as long as socialism of our style thrives, this will remain an ever peaceful and prosperous land, and our people's security and wellbeing will be defended for all ages.

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech on occasion of 77th anniversary of founding of DPRK



Beloved people across the country and all officers and soldiers of the armed forces of the Republic,

Esteemed comrades,

Dear friends,

Recollecting with deep emotion the proud course we have covered achieving one precious victory after another while blazing the trail of history by dint of hot patriotic blood, we are now greeting the 77th anniversary of the founding of our motherland.

First of all, on the occasion of National Day I offer warm congratulations to the working people across the country and the officers and soldiers of the Korean People's Army, who, sharing the destiny of their motherland, are adding lustre to the prestige and honour of the Republic with resourceful creation and sincere efforts, as well as to the families across the country.

I also pay ennobling tribute to the heroes and patriotic martyrs, who performed truly proud exploits for today and future of this Korea and remain alive forever in the memory of their motherland, and I extend a warm militant salute to the generals, officers and soldiers of our army, who have been dispatched for overseas military operations and would be greeting this day with their glorious national flag in the bosom in the far-away alien land.

My warm congratulations also go to the overseas compatriots and their organizations, who would be greeting their National Day with a patriotic desire for the prosperity of their homeland.

Greeting our National Day, we have just solemnly hoisted our sacred national flag and made a pledge of loyalty to our motherland.

Why did our hearts beat so strongly with indescribable emotion as we looked up at the glorious national flag today?

So sacred and moving are this dignity and honour, with which we have written over 70 arduous years of history and achieved victories by struggling dauntlessly, overcoming numerous difficulties and trials generation after generation.

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Now no one, by whatever means, can do harm to the absolute status and security of our state, and no force can reverse the powerful current towards an era of prosperity, which we have created by ourselves.

The dignity and powerfulness of our state, with which we can instil in ourselves self-confidence in winning against all manner of injustice and challenges and achieve the ideals desired by the people, are bringing forth enormous pride and great affection of all the people of this country.

At this moment, when our glorious and worthwhile struggle of immortal significance has brought into reality in history the high ambition that with force of unity fostered by the truth we will lead the whole world by and by, there is an iron truth that we cherish deep in our hearts.

The truth is that socialism we chose is the one and only right road.

It was on the strength of the justice and truth embodied in socialism that we have won all the glory we are enjoying today; having established a powerful political system and built a great national strength, we will not allow the destiny of our country to be left to any foreign forces' devices.

Today all the people's belief in socialism of our style and their strenuous efforts to defend and add lustre to it without fail are vigorously promoting our national development to open a new phase of prosperity.

As a symbol of this great and beautiful Korea, socialism is the cornerstone and inexhaustible dynamic power guaranteeing the eternal existence of our Republic and its infinite development and prosperity.

As long as socialism of our style thrives, this will remain an ever peaceful and prosperous land, and our people's security and wellbeing will be defended for all ages.

Let us hold higher the banner of socialism and advance vigorously along the road of socialism for the undying glory of our Korea and for our coming generations who should lead an enduring dignified and happy life in the powerful and prosperous country.

Let us build a brighter and happier future through an indefatigable struggle and enterprising efforts befitting Koreans who live in this powerful country.

Warmly congratulating you once again on the founding anniversary of our glorious motherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, I wish all the families in this country joy and happiness.

Thank you.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has photo session with labour innovators and meritorious persons invited to celebrations of 77th founding anniversary of DPRK



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met with labour innovators and meritorious persons invited to the celebrations of the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK and had a significant photo session with them, following the commemorations held in the Mansudae Assembly Hall on September 9.

The participants, who were greeting the moment of honour they ardently yearned for after meeting the dear father of our socialist state on the joyful National Day, were filled with boundless emotion and excitement.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared at the venue of the photo session, all the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

Highly appreciating the services of the labour innovators and meritorious persons who are making devoted efforts to lead

the rapid development of their sectors and units in the historic struggle for this year of rounding off the implementation of the five-year plan decided at the Eighth Congress of the WPK, he extended warm encouragement to them.

The prosperity and mightiness of our Republic is the fruition and result of the ardent sincerity and extraordinary practice of the patriotic people who firmly consolidated the foundations of the state and added vigour to the vibrant country with inexhaustible passion and

painstaking efforts, he said, adding that the labour innovators and meritorious persons who are making redoubled efforts while prioritizing the state affairs and putting the national interests above anything else are the qualified masters of our era and zealous patriots.

Expressing expectation and belief that all the participants would fully discharge their vanguard role as standard-bearers as ever in the worthwhile struggle of bringing earlier the future of the dignified DPRK while setting the aspiration and goal of their life for the sake of the socialist motherland, he posed for a photo which would go down in history forever with the national assembly hall, where the sacred national flag flutters, as the background.

When the photo session was over, cheers of emotion raised by all the participants reverberated again in the sky on the auspicious September holiday.

Kim Jong Un warmly acknowledged for a long while the participants who were raising enthusiastic cheers out of surging excitement.

All the participants who won the great trust of Kim Jong Un vowed to keep today's honour and happiness as the most valuable asset in their life and greet the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK and the Ninth Congress of the Party with proud results of hastening the comprehensive national development by continuously making new miracles and innovations with more vigorous labour efforts.

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He ardently called for holding higher the banner of socialism and advancing vigorously along the road of socialism for the undying glory of our Korea and for our coming generations who should lead an enduring dignified and happy life in the powerful and prosperous country and

for building a brighter and happier future through an indefatigable struggle and enterprising efforts befitting Koreans.

The participants were deeply moved by the ardent speech reflecting the steadfast faith and will of Kim Jong Un to hold the great DPRK and its people in high esteem as the strongest country and the most dignified people in the world, and

his earnest request calling on them to become vanguard fighters in carrying out the sacred cause for overall national prosperity and true servants of the people.

When Kim Jong Un finished his speech, enthusiastic cheers of "Hurrah!" burst out to shake the venue.

The leading officials of the state made a pledge of loyalty to uphold with a single

mind the ideology and leadership of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un who is ushering in a new era of great changes and miracles to be specially recorded in the history of the DPRK's growth and development and to make devoted efforts for the eternal security and prosperity of the DPRK, the glorious motherland which will shine forever.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives field guidance at construction site of Kusong City Hospital

He sets forth various tasks related to the opening of the hospital



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance at the construction site of the Kusong City Hospital on September 8.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Ju Chang Il, Kim Jac Ryong, Kim Yong Su and other senior officials of the Central Committee of the WPK.

He heard from officials concerned a report on the progress made in the construction.

He appreciated the efforts of the

builders to achieve signal successes in the construction of the regional hospital by supporting the intention of the Party Central Committee, which declared this year as the first year of the revolution in public health and gives top priority to the construction of the model city and county hospitals that will lead the overall development of public health of the country, through resolute labour struggle.

He went round various places of the hospital to learn about its construction.

The construction of regional hospitals, the start of a great revolution to transform public health facilities across the country before any other sectors, is the most responsible and important work to ensure

that regional people receive advanced medical services in their regions not inferior to those in the capital, he said, adding that this is a substantial and new qualitative change of the regions that our Party looks forward to and meaningful progress in accelerating the building of a highly civilized and prospering state.

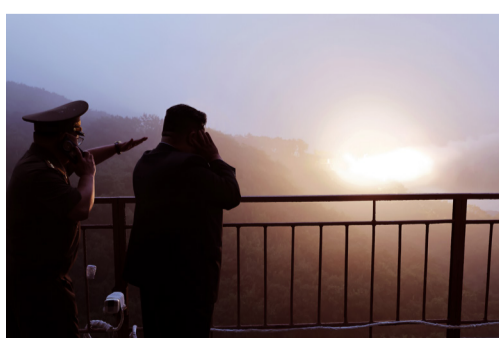
He noted that the public health revolution which is being carried on in parallel with the nationwide revolution in regional industry is the most urgent task which will give fresh vitality to our socialist public health, and that this work should be associated with the absolute principle and the view on service of our state which subordinates and orients

everything to the promotion of the people's health and well-being. And he referred to a series of deviations revealed in the construction.

Saying that all the systems and elements of the hospital should successfully be combined in a scientific, practical and artistic way in many aspects of functionality, convenience and aesthetic beauty, he clarified his opinion on important issues of finishing the construction of the hospital.

Stressing that preparations for operating the hospital should be made in a responsible manner as its construction has entered the final stage, he set forth various tasks related to the opening of the hospital.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un oversees static firing test of carbon fibre solid-fuelled motor



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The DPRK Missile Administration



conducted a static firing test of high-thrust solid-fuelled motor using the composite carbon fibre material on September 8.

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, oversaw the relevant test.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appreciated that the eye-opening fruition of the development of high-thrust carbon fibre solid-fuelled motor is the success assuming the most strategic nature in the modernization of

defence technology we have recently conducted and heralds a significant change in expanding and strengthening the nuclear strategic forces of the DPRK.

Referring to the strategic plan of the Party and the government on the expansion and development of the state nuclear forces, Kim Jong Un set forth a series of important tasks and orientations.

On the occasion of 77th founding anniversary of DPRK

Senior officials of WPK and government visit Kumsusan Palace of Sun



Senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government visit the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on September 9, the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

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All the people of the DPRK, who are significantly celebrating the national day on the sacred journey of writing a heroic chapter unprecedented in history with absolute dignity and lofty spirit of a powerful country, are warmly recollecting the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who consolidated the eternal foundations of Korean-style socialism with outstanding and seasoned leadership.

Pak Thae Song, Choe Ryong Hae and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers'

Party of Korea, and other senior officials of the Party and the government, Party and administrative officials of ministries and national agencies, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly and commanding officers of the armed forces organs visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche, on September 9, the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

A flower basket in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid before the statues of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

Laid before the statues were flower baskets 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.

The participants paid high tribute to the great leaders at their statues.

At the halls where the great leaders lie in state, the participants paid homage to them in humblest reverence.

All the participants vowed to fully demonstrate the mightiness and invincibility of Kim Jong Un's Korea by continuously making miracles and innovations to be specially recorded in the history of the development of the DPRK with a great pioneering spirit and noble view of serving the country and the people.

Senior Party and government officials visit Korean Revolution Museum

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Senior Party and government officials including members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Party and administrative officials of ministries and national agencies, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly and commanding officers of armed forces organs visited the Korean Revolution Museum, a grand palace of education in the revolutionary traditions, on September 9.

Being briefed on the fact that President Kim Il Sung wisely organized and led the struggle to build a genuine people's state for the first time in the Korean history spanning 5 000 years,

covering the untrodden path of nation building after Korea's liberation, the senior Party and government officials looked round with solemn mind the rooms of the hall dedicated to the period of building a new Korea.

They recollected with deep emotion the immortal patriotic exploits of the President who set a world example in building a socialist state and a genuine people's government with his unusual wisdom, outstanding ideas and theories and gigantic revolutionary practice and trained the Korean people who had suffered national ruin and hardships into an independent people and thus put them forward as performers of

miracles and unyielding heroes.

Hearing about the photos, revolutionary relics and historic data associated with the noble life of the peerlessly great men dedicated to the cause of building a powerful socialist country and their popular and great personality, the visitors keenly felt the precious truth that a great leader builds a great state, brings up a great people and creates a great era.

All the visitors were full of burning enthusiasm to reliably carry forward for all ages the glorious history of the DPRK shining as a model in building a socialist state centred on the masses of the people, true to the leadership of the great Party Central Committee.



Senior officials of the Party and the government visit the Korean Revolution Museum on September 9.

Performance given to celebrate DPRK's 77th founding anniversary

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A performance was given at the Ice Rink in Pyongyang on September 9 in celebration of the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

Among the audience were senior officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs including members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, members of the central leadership body of the Party in Pyongyang, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, officials of ministries and national agencies, labour innovators and meritorious persons invited to the celebrations of the 77th founding anniversary

of the DPRK, teachers and students of revolutionary schools and citizens of Pyongyang.

Overseas Koreans staying in the socialist homeland enjoyed the performance.

Present there at invitation were diplomatic envoys and members of missions of different countries in the DPRK.

The performance was given by artistes of art organizations at all levels, students of art education institutions, ice sportspersons and schoolchildren.

The performers presented a striking performance by newly creating and interpreting songs of patriotism and loyalty presented by the people to



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the motherland and songs praising socialism in artistic harmony with ice dance and figure skating.

The performers paid tribute to the DPRK with 70-odd-

year history, enthusiastically singing the famous songs including odes to motherland "Song of the Proclamation of the People's Republic" and "The Glorious Motherland"



which were born at the beginning of nation building. The performance reached its climax with famous songs of the new era which fully represent the desire to

courageously advance for the high prestige and immortal glory of the DPRK.

The performance decorated national day in a distinctive way.

On the occasion of 77th founding anniversary of DPRK

Floral tribute paid at martyrs cemeteries



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on September 9, the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK. Guards of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the cemeteries. 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, 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, other senior Party, government and military officials and officials of the WPK Central Committee, the Standing Committee of the

Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet and armed forces organs. The participants paid silent tribute to the memory of the martyrs who devoted their all to the struggle for the independence and sovereignty of the

country and the victorious advance of the Juche revolution. They went round the cemeteries. The participants laid flowers before the busts and tombstones of the martyrs and paid tribute to them.

Reception given to mark 77th founding anniversary of DPRK



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Leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs were on hand.

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 Cabinet

of the DPRK, made a congratulatory speech at the reception.

Upon authorization of the Party Central Committee and the DPRK government, he warmly congratulated the labour innovators and meritorious persons who celebrated the national day with pride in having contributed to the development and prosperity of the socialist country with patriotic enthusiasm and sincere efforts at worksites and posts.

The noble appearance of all generations, who carry forward the great patriotic spirit and immortal

tradition and form one organic body, is the dignified image of the DPRK people recorded in the nearly 80-year history, he noted.

He expressed belief that labour innovators and meritorious persons would steadily attain more innovative successes with firm revolutionary will, pure conscience and redoubled passion in the van of the historic struggle for dynamically leading all precious achievements they have made with loyalty and patriotic efforts to the great overall prosperity.

National flag-hoisting ceremony held

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A national flag-hoisting ceremony was held in Pyongyang on the evening of September 8 to mark the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

Many officials, working people, youth and students gathered at Kim Il Sung Square with joy and excitement to mark the significant national day on the grand journey for dynamically ushering in an era of overall

prosperity of the state.

Amid the solemn playing of the national anthem of the DPRK, an exemplary worker, farmer and intellectual in the capital city hoisted the national flag with respect.

The masses paid high tribute to the glorious national flag shining as the banner of victory and glory of the Korean people for decades since the historic day when the birth of the genuine People's Republic was declared to the world.

Fireworks were displayed in the nocturnal sky of September where the national flag fluttered.

Amid the display of fireworks, the masses hardened ardent determination to usher in a new era of the eternal prosperity of the country and greet the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea with proud labour achievements by unsparingly devoting their patriotic strength and enthusiasm.

Women's football match held

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A women's football match took place between the April 25 and Pyongyang teams at Kim Il Sung Stadium on September 8 on the occasion of the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

Among the spectators were 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, other senior Party, government and military officials, members of the National Sports Guidance Committee, leading officials of sports events supporting organizations, labour innovators and persons of distinguished services who were invited

to the celebrations of the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK, officials of ministries and national agencies and Pyongyangites.

A player of the April 25 Team scored a goal with a header in around sixth

minute of the stoppage-time of the second half to beat its opponent.

The women's football match between the April 25 Team and Pyongyang Team revved up the festive mood of the September holiday.



A women's football match takes place between the April 25 and Pyongyang teams at Kim Il Sung Stadium on September 8.

On the occasion of 77th founding anniversary of DPRK

Evening gala of youth and students held

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An evening gala of youth and students and a firework display took place at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on September 8 in celebration of the 77th founding anniversary of the

DPRK.

Amid the playing of the song "Let's Love Our Country", the evening gala began.

With reverence for the peerlessly great men, the youth and students danced to the tune of the songs "O My

Motherland Full of Hope" and "My Country Is So Nice".

Fireworks were displayed in the sky of the venue of the evening gala where the enthusiasm and mettle of the successors to demonstrate the wisdom and courage of youth

were vibrant.

The cheerful dances went on along with the display of fireworks decorating the celebration more conspicuously.

All the participants danced enthusiastically, singing in chorus songs reflecting the

revolutionary spirit of the passionate youth.

The evening gala, which ended with the chorus of song "We Will Defend General Kim Jong Un with Our Lives", fully demonstrated the indomitable faith of the patriotic youths to give

full play to their honour as vanguard and shock brigade in the grandiose struggle for the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, true to the ideology and leadership of the great Party Central Committee.

Events held by working people's organizations

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Youth meet meritorious persons, patriotic youth

Youth and students met with meritorious persons of socialist patriotism and socialist patriotic youth pioneers at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on September 8 on the occasion of the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

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

Speeches were made by meritorious persons of socialist patriotism and the socialist patriotic youth pioneers, including Mun Kang Sun, workshop manager of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, Kim Won Chol, workteam leader of the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery Preservation Institution, and Ri Hyang in the heavy machine unit of the Pyongyang Construction Commission.

Then there were speeches

by young people.

Speakers expressed their will to demonstrate the spirit and mettle of the patriotic youth by following the example of the meritorious persons of socialist patriotism and the socialist patriotic youth pioneers.

TU members meet heroes, meritorious persons

Workers and trade union members met with heroes and meritorious persons of socialist patriotism at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang on September 8 on the same occasion.

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

At the meeting, which began with the singing of song "Song about the Motherland" in chorus, Ham Ok Suk, teacher of Jesan Primary School in Hyongjesan District, Pyongyang, told with excitement about the honour of being awarded

the title of Labour Hero, the highest honour of citizens, on the road of implementing the Workers' Party of Korea's policy of bringing about a radical improvement in education in the new century.

Pak Hyon Chol, a Merited Builder who is a workteam leader of the Rungna Construction Company of the Pyongyang Construction Commission, said that the Party has glorified the life of the ordinary citizen devoted to the struggle to usher in a new great golden age of construction by awarding him the precious honour of meritorious person of socialist patriotism.

The participants were deeply moved by the story told by Kim Chang Gon, a company commander of the Pyongyang Youth Passenger Train Crew, who turned his unit into a group full of love and affection and the ranks of patriotic working people with warm comradeship and human love.

The song "We Are a Worker Couple" sung by Pak Yong Jin and Ri Un Hui, a couple of the Songsin Trolley Bus Station, meritorious persons

of socialist patriotism, was acclaimed by the participants.

Speeches were also made by Kim Yong Chol, chief engineer of a casting branch factory of the East Pyongyang Thermal Power Station, and Jo Kil Nyo, a workteam leader of the Phyongchon District Road Administration Station.

Agricultural workers meet meritorious persons

Agricultural workers met meritorious persons of socialist patriotism on September 5 on the same occasion.

The meritorious persons made remarks at the meeting.

They told the agricultural workers about the great love and benevolence of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who gave the precious honour of meritorious person of socialist patriotism to them who should do much more work than what they have done.

They stressed that it is genuine patriotism and pride to keep in mind the trust and expectations of the Workers' Party of Korea and devote

themselves to improving the people's standards of living.

Saying that nothing is impossible when the patriotic minds to love and glorify their native places are pooled as one, the speakers expressed their resolve to bring earlier the rural development by preparing the agricultural workers as rural revolutionaries in the new era who will uphold the Party's plan in the van.

Present at the meeting were Han Jong Hyok, chairman of the Central Committee of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea, officials of the UAWK and agricultural workers in Pyongyang.

Women's union officials, members hold story-telling meeting

Officials and members of the women's union had a story-telling meeting "We will uphold our motherland forever" at the Hall of Women in Pyongyang on September 8 on the same occasion.

Present there were Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the Central Committee

of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea, officials of the women's union and women's union members in Pyongyang.

The performers praised the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

Hearing the stories about the warm love of the peerlessly great men who built a genuine people's country on this land, put forward women as the masters of the country and led them along the road of patriotism, the participants cherished once again the immutable truth that there can be the country and the happiness and bright future of the women when they hold a great father in high esteem.

The performers called upon all the officials and members of the women's union to become true patriotic women who cherish the pride in being citizens of a powerful country, steadily carry forward the fine tradition of the great socialist family and national traits and contribute to the prosperity of the country with loyalty and patriotic enthusiasm.

Nation celebrates National Day



The Korean people spend an enjoyable national holiday across the DPRK.



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All the people across the DPRK significantly celebrated the birthday of their beloved motherland as an auspicious holiday.

An endless stream of visitors flowed to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance.

The plaza before the Kumsusan Palace of the

Sun was full of profound reverence for the peerlessly great men who built a genuinely independent and sovereign state and opened up the eternal future of the country demonstrating its might as a country of miracles and heroes.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and students visited the statues of the great leaders and mosaics depicting their images across the country including Mansu Hill to pay floral tribute to

them.

Many working people visited the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong associated with the noble soul of the revolutionary forerunners, the Patriotic Martyrs Cemetery in Sinmiri, the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery, cemeteries and graves of martyrs and the memorial towers for the fallen soldiers of the Korean People's Army across the country.

Colourful art performances

were given in Pyongyang and other parts of the country, boosting the joy of national day.

Dance parties of young people and women's union members held in all parts of the country revved up the atmosphere of the holiday.

Service establishments in the capital city and other parts of the country were crowded with visitors.

Working people and schoolchildren enjoyed themselves at the Central

Women's union officials and members hold dance party

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A dance party of women's union officials and members took place at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph on September 9, the 77th birthday of the DPRK.

When the dance party began amid the playing of the song "Fly, Our Tricolour National Flag of the Republic", the participants danced with reverence for the peerlessly great men.

Women danced to the tune of the songs "Our Leader Loved by People" and "Your Embrace Is the Best" with pride in

demonstrating their power as a powerful force pushing one of the two wheels of the revolution under the care of the benevolent father.

The venue of the dance party was full of the boundless honour of holding the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un in high esteem when such songs as "People's Country" were played.

Songs reflecting the aspirations of the women across the country to lead a worthwhile life with patriotism were played one after another, revving up the atmosphere of the dance party.

Zoo, the Natural History Museum, the Munsu Water Park and other recreation grounds in Pyongyang.

Meetings held to adopt letters of loyalty to respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, letter relay teams leaving for Pyongyang

Mass rallies held in all provinces

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Mass rallies were held in provinces to adopt letters of loyalty to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present there were officials of the regional Party, power and economic organs, working people's organizations, industrial establishments, farms and universities, working people, youth and students.

Senior officials read out the letters of loyalty to Kim Jong Un at the rallies.

Then followed oath-taking speeches.

Speakers at the rallies in South and North Phyongan and South Hwanghae provinces said that the Workers' Party of Korea, a seasoned and experienced invincible party which firmly preserves its original ideals and spirit and has the longest history as a socialist ruling party, will greet its



80th founding anniversary, adding that it is the pleasure of all the people and a great auspicious event of the whole

country. Those at the rallies in North Hwanghae, Jagang and Kangwon provinces said that

the letters of loyalty sent to Kim Jong Un to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK reflect the

boundless reverence for him who has glorified the Party as a genuine party of the people absolutely supported

and trusted by the working masses.

Speakers at the rallies in South and North Hamgyong and Ryanggang provinces noted that Kim Jong Un has put the fame and prestige of an independent power on the highest level in the century and ushered in a new era of overall development of socialism and a new era of creation and transformation on this land with his outstanding ideas, extraordinary leadership and indefatigable devotion.

They expressed their determination to honourably greet the Ninth Congress of the WPK as a glorious congress of victors with labour gifts associated with loyal and patriotic fervour.

Letters of loyalty to Kim Jong Un were handed over to the letter relay teams.

The relay teams left for Pyongyang amid the send-off by officials, working people, youth and students of the provinces.



Mass rallies take place in all provinces to adopt letters of loyalty to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Meeting of service personnel of the Korean People's Army

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A meeting of service personnel of the Korean People's Army was held on September 7 to adopt a letter of loyalty to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of

Korea. Present there were No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Jong Kyong Thack, director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the KPA, other commanding officers of the armed forces

organs and service personnel of the KPA.

A letter of loyalty to Kim Jong Un was read out at the meeting.

Hearing the letter line by line, all the participants shouted slogans reflecting the unshakable will to defend the ideology and cause of the Central Committee of

the great Workers' Party of Korea with invincible arms.

At the meeting speakers said they would vigorously advance along the only road of upholding and defending the ideology and cause of the Party by turning today's deep emotion, which they felt while setting off on a valiant march

with the letter of loyalty, into redoubled strength and courage and expressed their determination to concentrate all efforts on making their units the heroic ones which are ever-victorious with their unique ideological and spiritual advantages, matchless bravery, heroic self-sacrificing spirit and

sure superiority of the Juche-oriented strategy and tactics.

The letter of loyalty presented by the KPA officers and men to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was handed over to the letter relay team.

The relay team left for Pyongyang.



History resplendent with victory and glory

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

Birth of socialism

By Pang Un Ju PT

Socialism built by intention and will of people

To build socialism where the people are masters was the ideal the Workers' Party of Korea had upheld from the initial period of its founding. However, it was an untrodden path that could not be found in any classics and no one had ever taken.

The WPK successfully built Korean-style socialism officially recognized by the world people in the 20th century when mankind was groping for a correct path.

What then were the ideology and ideal the Korean people pursued in carrying out the socialist revolution in their country?

As he talked with Comrade Kim Jong Il one evening, Premier Kim Il Sung said that he did not logically abstract by reading books, but came to realize through revolutionary practice that ideological consciousness of man, the performer, plays the decisive role in all social movements, that he fought the guerrilla warfare and carried out democratic and socialist construction with the outlook on struggle based on man-centred philosophy no matter what others said, and that his outlooks on politics, the economy and history were all man-centred.

The people-centred Korean-style socialism was the product of the great Juche idea and at the same time the noble crystallization of "The people are God", the lifelong motto of President Kim Il Sung.

It was his political creed that when the opinions and demands of the broad segments of people are crystallized and systematized, they become ideas, lines and policies.

In retrospect, it was not easy to open up a new path of socialism in Korean way in the mid-1950s when flunkeyism and dogmatism were prevalent.

Some dogmatists were sceptical about the WPK's policy on socialist transformation, claiming that it was impossible to transform the relations of production without socialist industrialization and presented such arguments that socialist transformation was "premature".

At this juncture the WPK clarified its stand of independence to set out on the first journey to socialism in Korean way by publishing theses in April 1955.

At the time, Kim Il Sung said that since urban handicraftsmen were so heavily ruined during the

war in the country, it was possible to transform them along socialist lines, that agricultural cooperativization was not the matter that should be handled only when objective conditions were provided, but the matter which should be tackled when peasants, the performers, demanded it and that the present reality and peasants of the country demanded it and there was no reason that the country could not do it as other countries failed to do it.

The socialist transformation of the relations of production gained momentum after the publication of the immortal programme, called the historic April theses on the character and tasks of the Korean revolution in April 1955.

Giving precedence to the reorganization of economic forms over technical reconstruction!

It was the principle and guidelines the WPK newly upheld in the socialist transformation of the old relations of production.

On the basis of the firm stand that the driving force of the reorganization of economic forms in the countryside are the peasants themselves, the Party set out the plan for it including the setting of the proper period of agricultural cooperativization and stage of development, the solution to the problem of the form and scale of the agricultural cooperative economy, the enforcement of a correct class policy, the combination of the voluntary principle with the guidance and assistance of the Party and the state.

Indeed, the 1950s was the decade of pioneering when the DPRK people, who were aware of the truth of the revolutionary idea of the Party, did not choose the path written in any classic, but continuously rushed forward making their way through the untrodden path by relying only on their own efforts.

It was a miracle that they consolidated the fortress of independence and built a new country in three years after liberation, won victory in the three-year war and demonstrated the spirit of heroic Korea. It was also an epoch-making event that they completed socialist transformation both in urban and rural areas and won victory in the socialist revolution in only four-five years.

It was the intention of Comrade

Kim Il Sung that neither nature nor society could be transformed unless the reforming of people preceded it.

A private manufacturer, who had been too miserly to buy a vial of penicillin in the past when his son was seriously ill, joined a cooperative in the midst of socialist transformation and succeeded in research into smelting ore with anthracite coal one day. That evening he donated to the country a certificate of capital worth 300 000 won he had kept in the safe place. Later, he became a member of the Workers' Party of Korea and was elected chairman of the management board of the cooperative and deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly.

The establishment of a new system gave birth to new men.

Referring to such facts, contemporary newspapers said that "the cooperatives have grown and the people changed", "income is more secure and there are more things to do in them than when they were private handicraftsmen", "the socialist system has turned the

barren land into a granary and made all the poor peasant families rich."

Once, Chairman Kim Jong Il said that if the year when President Kim Il Sung laughed most is to be selected, history will put 1958 on the top of the list. 1958 was a surprising year when socialist transformation of production relations was completed, lorries, tractors, bulldozers and excavators were made in succession and the country gave birth to many precious things desired by the people and demanded by the times one after another across it like a healthy prolific mother, he noted, adding he often saw the President who went out for the early morning stroll singing the song which reads: It is where happiness is achieved by labour and life flourishes with labour.

In August 1958, the socialist transformation of the relations of production was completed and the socialist revolution triumphed in the DPRK, with the result that the people-centred socialist system was established.

We are the happiest in the world!

The song "We Are the Happiest in the World" is one of the most favourite songs of the DPRK people. It is a famous song of the times which sings of the great happiness of the whole country forming a large family and living in harmony under the care of the motherly Workers' Party, holding President Kim Il Sung in high esteem as the father of the people.

The song was created in 1961, only three years after the establishment of the socialist system in the country.

Although the socialist system is advantageous and has been established, it does not mean that it is naturally hailed by the people. Only when the people's desires and opinions and their interests and convenience are put first and the state affairs are administered accordingly, can the advantages of that system be fully displayed and the people always live happily.

The synonym for the history of the President's leadership over the socialist cause can be claimed to be "among the people".

One day in 1957 when he met a few women, he asked them if they had any difficulties in the work of the women's union or in their life. A woman told him without reserve that now students wore good clothes, but they were made individually and so their styles were different from each

other and they did not look like students when they acted in group.

Kim Il Sung noted her opinion down on his handbook and saw that it was adopted as a state policy. Under his care school uniforms were provided to all schoolchildren and students by the state from 1958.

It happened in November 1964, when he visited a foreign country.

At that time the leader of the country said that even though he loved the children so much, his country gave education to the children by receiving money from them and that Comrade Kim Il Sung enforced free education for children, but he could not do so however hard he tried and it was a big problem, asking him where and how the DPRK collected money for it.

Kim Il Sung answered that no country gave money to the DPRK and no one helped it, and that the country was giving free education not because it was well off. In the DPRK material wealth created by the people is used entirely for promoting the well-being of the people themselves and as socialist construction progresses, the people's living conditions are constantly improving, he added.

The leader of the country was so deeply impressed by the noble love of him, who achieved everything for the people, however difficult

it might be, that he highly praised Comrade Kim Il Sung as the most popular statesman in the world.

As the country held him, who regarded the people as his God, in high esteem as their leader, the socialist benefits permeated through the people's life, with the people enjoying happiness and comfort provided by socialism to their heart's content and everyone saying that socialism was really good.

However, material abundance and economic growth brought by socialism are not enough for them to say they are the happiest in the world. As they are led by the great Party and live in the infinitely benevolent embrace, the DPRK people have sung they are the happiest in the world generation after generation and Korean-style socialism has taken root deeper in the minds of the people.

Advancing along the road of socialism with full confidence under the leadership of the great Workers' Party of Korea, they increased the industrial production at a rate of 19.1 per cent on average every year to perform a miracle of carrying out the historic task of industrialization, which took capitalism a whole century and even a few centuries to do, in only 14 years. They also built up the national economy and defences simultaneously, created a new history of implementing the theses on the socialist rural question and lay solid foundations of an independent national economy.

As they developed so passionate attachment to socialism which has brought a radical change to their destiny and life, the DPRK people could win victory in the campaign to defend socialism in the 1990s, made such a long journey to date and are now greeting a new era of comprehensive development of socialism.

On the morning of New Year's Day a few years ago, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that he would work harder to ensure that the era when all the people sang the song "We Are the Happiest in the World", trusting Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and being optimistic about the future, would not be a moment of the past history but become a reality of today. It moved all people throughout the country to tears.

The song "We Are the Happiest in the World", which can be born only under the care of the WPK that provides leadership for the people by putting them at the centre of all thinking and practice, is a song in praise of the Party sung by the people in all sincerity.

Residents of Ragwonpho move into new houses

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There took place a ceremony for moving into new houses at the modern Ragwonpho fishermen's residential district, which unfolded fascinating scenery while symbolizing the brilliant innovations and civilization of the regions, on September

4. The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the inauguration ceremony of the Ragwon County Offshore Farm and personally cut the inauguration tape and warmly blessed the working people who would move into their homes of happiness. A ceremony of moving into new modern houses in the

fishing village of Ragwonpho was held on the spot amid the blessing and great interest of the whole country. Present there were Ri Jong Nam, chief secretary of the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Pak Hyon Chol, chairman of the provincial people's committee, officials of the

Party and power organs in the province and working people in Ragwon County. At the ceremony the speaker congratulated the working people who have become the masters of Ragwonpho, the most beautiful place in the world, and would move into new houses under the care of the motherly Party.

He said that the ceremony following the inauguration of the modern Ragwon County Offshore Farm, which was built thanks to the special care and leadership of Kim Jong Un, was a great auspicious event brought about by the devoted efforts of the great father to provide the regional people with an affluent and civilized life as

soon as possible. At the ceremony, licences for using houses were handed over and oath-taking speeches were made. After the ceremony, the people began to move into new houses. That day, the South Hamgyong Provincial Art Troupe gave a congratulatory performance.



A ceremony for moving into new houses takes place at the modern Ragwonpho fishermen's residential district on September 4.

Farmers move into new houses

KCNA

New houses have been built in the Sinyon Industrial Crop Farm of the Jagang Provincial Rural Economy Committee and the Township Farm of Wiwon County. The low-storeyed, single-storeyed and terraced dwelling houses built to ensure modernity and aesthetic

beauty while preserving distinctive features of the countryside are the cradle of happiness created by the noble idea of the people-first principle of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. A ceremony for moving into new houses took place on the spot. Present there were officials of the organs of the Workers' Party of Korea and government in Jagang

Province, builders and agricultural workers who would move into new houses. A congratulatory speech was made, the licences for the use of houses were handed over and speeches were made. New houses have also been built in the villages of workteams Nos. 1 and 2 of the Kumya Farm in Changsong County, North Phyongan Province.

The new villages have single-storey and terraced houses of unique styles, adding to the characteristics of the remote mountainous area. Present at the ceremony for moving into new houses were officials of North Phyongan Province and Changsong County and the agricultural workers who would move into new houses. When moving into new houses

began amid an art performance given by members of the art group in Changsong County and a cheerful dance party, officials congratulated the owners of the new houses and shared joy with them. A ceremony for moving into new houses took place at the Unsong Farm of Jonchon County, Jagang Province. Present there were officials of Jagang Province and Jonchon County, builders and the agricultural workers who would move into new houses. Sin Chang Gil, chairman of the provincial people's committee, made a congratulatory speech, and licences for the use of houses were handed over and speeches made. The mobile artistic motivational team of the county gave a congratulatory performance.



Agricultural workers move into new houses at the Sinyon Industrial Crop Farm of the Jagang Provincial Rural Economy Committee(left), the Kumya Farm in Changsong County of North Phyongan Province(middle) and the Unsong Farm of Jonchon County, Jagang Province(right).

For the promotion of the wellbeing of the people

By Pang Un Ju PT

It is the keynote of the policies of the Workers' Party of Korea and its immutable political creed to promote the wellbeing of the people and it is its consistent fighting principle to fulfil their demands without fail.

When I am in distress, who does come to me, to my house, first?

Who knows the people's wishes thoroughly?

Who gives everyone on this land, men and women, young and old, what they want and expect?

To these questions, all the Korean people reply that it is the Workers' Party of Korea, the great motherly party.

In this country where the Party and the state exist for the good of the people, the starting point, formulation and thorough implementation of Party policies are all subordinated and oriented to the service of the people.

As to its policies which find their way to the people and to wherever they live before they wait for them, the people call them the people-first policies which provide them with not only what they have desired but also what they have not even imagined.

The Party policies reach the most faraway and out-of-the-way places first.

When new farm houses were built first at the Kumchang Farm in Hochon County, South Hamgyong Province, located in the remote mountains, the farmers could not open the doors of their new houses

carelessly. They felt as if they were dreaming as they moved into the splendid new houses. Moreover, their children received new school uniforms and school things and are supplied with dairy products every day.

Children in island villages, who saw lorries and trains

To promote the wellbeing of the people is the keynote of the policies of the WPK and its immutable political creed; to fulfil their demands without fail is its consistent fighting principle

only on TV, grew up receiving and seeing off planes carrying the generous gifts the Party sent them every year.

The past ten-odd years were never a period of comfort and plenty, but years full of hardships. However, the WPK ushered in the most marvellous new era unprecedented in the history of the Party and the country, overcoming the extreme difficulties.

It is the plan of the Party to make the capital envy the regions, the regional development represent the advance and progress of the state and the ideal appearance of the regions constitute the true picture of Korean-style socialism in the new era.

After looking round regional-industry factories, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un told the accompanying officials that he got naturally gratified and felt relieved of nagging worries at the thought that modern hospitals for the

regional people would be built in each city and county. Describing the construction of city and county hospitals as the greatest long-cherished desire of the Party, he said that he always had a heavy heart for the anxiety over how to make not only people in the capital but all the regional

people enjoy a civilized life in the near future and that everyone should brave difficulties and hardships to the end. Although the country's economic situation was not yet favourable and it was difficult to direct energy in reserve, he took an important measure to carry out the construction of the three major essential projects simultaneously with that of regional-industry factories. Through his journey of devotion to the people, they witnessed a new history of regional development and rejuvenation whose breadth and depth are immeasurable.

Last year witnessed the completion of modern regional-industry factories in 20 cities and counties including Songchon County, the Kangdong Combined Greenhouse Farm and the Sinpho City Offshore Farm which was built as a new model base of advanced offshore farming.

In recent years, new spheres

of happiness and civilization have appeared this way.

The Korean people carry out any tasks without fail, however difficult and enormous they may be, as they firmly believe that every policy of the Party and the government is for the promotion of their rights, interests and health and that what the Party is determined to do and plans is always translated into brilliant reality.

Under the leadership of the great Party, which leads the people from a revolution to a greater revolution and from a stage of development to a higher stage of change, large numbers of modern new streets, villages and factories rise up across the country while the ranks of meritorious persons and labour innovators increase and high-yielding farmers and workteams appear in succession on this land. Young people and those women who confined themselves to housekeeping in the past volunteer for labour-consuming workplaces and a dynamic drive for implementing the Party's policies is conducted in every workplace.

With great vitality, the WPK's policies change persons, work sites, mountains and rivers beyond recognition everywhere.

The people wholeheartedly support the policies of the Party, which perfectly realizes their dreams and ideals, with the pride and honour of living on this land where the policies find their way to them.

Protection of water resources has direct bearing on future of mankind

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund issued a joint report on the occasion of World Water Week 2025.

According to it, 2.1 billion people, or one out of four of the world population, fail to be supplied with safe drinking water, and 106 million of them use unrefined water, while 3.4 billion live in poor sanitary conditions and 611 million have no sanitary facilities at all.

A survey of 70 countries showed that women and girls devote more than 30 minutes to getting drinking water a day and therefore the percentages of school attendance and participation in social activities of teenage girls in particular are remarkably low.

Experts argue that without safe drinking water and sanitary facilities, children's health, education and future will be at risk.

At present, the water crisis is one of the three major threats to mankind along with environmental and food crises. The steady population increase and the rapid economic growth are further boosting demand for water. In comparison with such need, the water resources available to humans are extremely limited and, worse still, they are continuously being depleted due to a variety of factors.

Scarce water resources are creating social instability and may lead to serious conflicts among countries. The outbreak of the third Middle East war in the 1960s is mainly attributed to water resources. There are 263 rivers flowing through different countries in the world.

The World Bank had already warned that whereas the 20th century was an era of oil dispute, the 21st century would be an era of water dispute. It is by no means accidental that the media is concerned that the third world war may break out due to the water problem.

The reality requires the international community to actively protect water resources guaranteeing the existence of mankind and economic development.

Accordingly, many countries have taken positive measures to overcome the water crisis.

Many Asian countries are directing efforts to afforestation and acquiring of new water resources. They are pushing ahead with the projects to turn seawater and sewage into new water resources by using the seawater desalination technology and sewage treatment technology and to build underground reservoirs for making effective use of groundwater.

An African country is actively applying water-saving farming methods such as the cultivation of drought-tolerant crops and varieties and dripping irrigation in the agricultural sector, while calling on citizens to install water-saving equipment in offices and homes.

Information activities are conducted in different countries to inform people of the seriousness and consequences of the water problem and the importance of water saving in order to encourage them to actively turn out in the efforts to solve the problem.

To protect water resources and make effective use of water is one of the vital tasks facing mankind.

Moves to exterminate Korean nation cannot be rationalized

By Choe Song Jun PT

After militarily occupying Korea in the last century, the Japanese imperialists made vicious moves to obliterate the Koreans' sense of national independence.

A typical example was the fabrication and announcement of an "ordinance on private school" in September 1908.

At that time patriotic cultural campaigners and other Koreans from all walks of life regarded the promotion of national education as a fundamental condition for the restoration of national sovereignty and the country's modern prosperity and development and directed efforts to it. This led to the formation of academic societies in different local areas of the country and a campaign to establish private schools as part of the anti-

Japanese national education movement.

Many private schools were established and run across the country and they paid special attention to implanting national consciousness and anti-Japanese patriotism in youth and schoolchildren while imparting modern knowledge to them.

The "ordinance on private school" fabricated and proclaimed by the Japanese imperialists in an attempt to stamp out the anti-Japanese patriotism of the Korean people was a licence system to legalize a condition for depriving the Koreans of all rights to establish and operate schools and supervising and controlling their establishment and operation.

The Japanese imperialists extensively suppressed private schools in different parts of the country on the basis of a survey of the personal histories of the

founders, principals and teachers of the schools. And they cooked up various draconian laws including the "rules on controlling the collection of donated money and articles" and the "regulations on collecting local business cost fees" to check the possibility of establishing schools and financing their operation.

After stipulating that only "examined and authorized" books could be used as textbooks at private schools, the Japanese imperialists banned all lessons dealing with anti-Japanese patriotic contents and closed the schools that defied the ban.

And in October 1911 they forcibly closed down a number of private schools by cooking up the "private school rules", a more detailed version of the "ordinance on private school". In March 1915 they revised and promulgated the "private

school rules" again to exclude Korean teachers from private schools, appoint Japanese teachers and prohibit all anti-Japanese elements from teaching plans and contents of textbooks.

They also concocted various other draconian laws such as the "Korean education ordinance" and the "regulations on primary school", in an attempt to imbue Korean students with the worship of the "Emperor" of Japan and make them cannon fodder for the war of aggression.

The crimes committed by the Japanese imperialists to stamp out the Koreans' sense of national independence and turn them into their eternal colonial slaves can never be pardoned.

The international community does not look on Japan's moves to embellish its past in a bid to get rid of the yoke of its past crimes.

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Mt Chiebo shrouded in mist

Sports club has eye to more honours



Coaches and players are engrossed in training at the Amnokgang Sports Club. WON TONG CHOL/THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The Amnokgang Sports Club is the sports organization which was formed for the first time in the DPRK.

According to a state measure taken two years after Korea's liberation, a sports club of the then Office of the Interior was formed as a standing organization by involving members of the football and basketball teams that returned home after participating in the first World Festival of Youth and Students in 1947. It is the ancestor of today's Amnokgang Sports Club.

The sports club has undergone remarkable progress under the great care of the state for nearly 80 years, adorning its history with amazing sports achievements.

It produced many sports stars, including Sin Kum Dan, a "world track and field queen", Jong Song Ok, a "world marathon queen", and Om Yun Chol, an Olympic gold medallist and five-time world weightlifting champion.

It also brought forth the country's first winner of Kim Il Sung Prize, DPRK Hero, People's Athlete, two-time Olympic gold medallist and Olympic gold medallist and five-time and three-time world champions in the weightlifting event.

It is also renowned as a sports club with the largest number of gold medallists of the Olympic Games and world championships and heroes of the sports sector in the country.

For such achievements, it was awarded Order of Kim Il Sung, the top honour in the country, twice, and other high decorations.

The players of the Amnokgang Sports Club are now carrying forward the achievements made by sportspersons of the preceding generations. This year alone, the club collected over ten medals including eight golds in the international competitions.

The club will celebrate its 78th birthday on September 19.

Living monument— Brown bear in Ryongnim

By Choe Song Jun PT

The brown bears in Ryongnim inhabit an area over 1 400 metres above sea level in a region where there stand such high peaks as Wagal Peak (2 260 metres above sea level), the highest peak of the Rangnim Mountains.

The area is covered mainly

and aspen grow among them.

These animals are 150-180cm or 200cm long. They usually weigh 180-250kg. Their fur colour varies according to zones and seasons, but it is generally dark brown or black.

The bears hibernate in rock caves, hollow trees or the lairs they dig under fallen trees.



with forests of subarctic conifer trees including Korea larch, fir, pine-nut tree, Abies nephrolepis and spruce, and such broadleaf trees as oak, black walnut, white birch

They go into the hibernating places between November and December and come out of them between March and April. They do not leave their fixed habitats.

