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Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers’ Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, looked round the revolutionary battle sites in the area of Mt Paektu.

The Supreme Leader was accompanied by officials of the Party and the government and commanding officers of the Korean People’s Army.

While making the rounds of the revolutionary battle and other sites and camping quarters for study tourists in Samjiyon City, including Chongbong and Konchang bivouacs, the then Rimyongsu Workers’ District and Paektusan, Mudubong, Kanbaeksan and Taegakbong secret camps, Mupho Bivouac and Taehongdan Revolutionary Battle Site, he recalled the sacred footprints President Kim Il Sung left in the battle sites on Mt Paektu and the ennobling soul of the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners and acquainted himself with the preservation and management of the revolutionary battle sites in the Mt Paektu area and the actual situation of the study tour. And he specified the historic importance of education in revolutionary traditions and ways for intensifying it at a higher level.

He referred to the need to give Party members, working people and service personnel of younger generation and youth and schoolchildren a correct understanding that the revolutionary traditions of Paektu are the sole traditions of the Korean revolution which were created along with the start of the revolution and which have steadily been inherited and developed throughout the grim years of the revolution. He continued that we should implant in them a correct viewpoint of and attitude to the revolutionary traditions of Paektu that have displayed undying viability in the struggle of all stages and forms of the Korean revolution and fully demonstrated the country’s dignity and honour.

He stressed that it is a strategic task facing the Korean revolution at present to intensify the education in revolutionary traditions.

He said that it is an important goal and policy the Party consistently maintains in training reserves for the revolution to ensure that the younger generations, who make up the main force of the Korean revolution at present, attain the same level as the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners in terms of ideological and spiritual qualities and fighting spirit, adding that is why the Party has made sure that the slogan “Let us produce, study and live like the anti-Japanese guerrillas!” is held aloft.

The Supreme Leader was greatly satisfied with the fact that comprehensive measures are taken to preserve all the revolutionary battle
sites for all eternity and manage them properly, and spoke highly of the loyalty displayed by officials, lecturers and employees of the revolutionary battle sites in the area of Mt Paektu.

The revolutionary ideas of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il pulsate in all the revolutionary battle and other sites in the Mt Paektu area, he said, pointing to the need to receive lots of education through the study tour of the revolutionary battle sites in order to learn about their ideas and the revolutionary ideology and indomitable revolutionary spirit of the Party. He noted it is particularly important for the commanding officials of the revolution to attend “Paektusan university” through the study tour of the revolutionary battle sites in Mt Paektu in order to thoroughly prepare and arm themselves to be sound and competent political activists who take after the great leaders.

It is the steadfast determination and will of our Party to defend and carry forward for all eternity the glorious revolutionary traditions which struck roots in Mt Paektu so as to overcome the difficulties of the revolution and pave the way with the indomitable idea of offensive based on the great traditions, he said, setting out ways to conduct education in the revolutionary traditions of Mt Paektu among all the Party members and other working people and thoroughly embody them in all fields of social life.

After looking round the revolutionary battle sites, he again climbed Mt Paektu, the sacred mountain of the revolution.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho

At the Chongbong Bivouac in November 2019

At the Konchang Bivouac in November 2019

At the then Rimyongsu Workers' District in November 2019
Looking round the revolutionary battle sites in the area of Mt Paektu, including Mudubong, Kanbaeksan and Taegakbong secret camps in December 2019

At the Mupho Bivouac in December 2019

At the Taehongdan Revolutionary Battle Site in December 2019
Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un Climbs Mt Paektu, the Sacred Mountain of Revolution
A splendid ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on December 2 last year in Samjiyon City of Ryanggang Province that underwent a tremendous change into an ideal place for the people thanks to the Workers’ Party of Korea’s grand construction plan and wise leadership.

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers’ Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, attended the ceremony.

The city divided into the sections of education, dwelling houses, commercial service networks and others is an epitome of socialist civilization, as it has been built to properly combine national identity and modernity with characteristics of the northern alpine region and perfectly ensure usability, diversity and formative and artistic features of all the structures on the principle of giving priority to convenience and aesthetic beauty.

When Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un came out to the ceremony, all the participants burst forth stormy cheers.

The ceremony was attended by senior officials of the WPK, the government and armed forces organs, chairpersons of the provincial Party and people’s committees, officials of ministries and national agencies, and officials, working people, builders and schoolchildren in Ryanggang Province.

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

Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon. Thunderous cheers broke out, fireworks were set off and balloons released.

Article: Jong Ki Sang
Photo: An Chol Ryong, Hong Kwang Nam

Socialist Mountainous City, an Epitome of Modern Civilization
Local people move into newly-built low- and multi-storeyed dwelling houses.
A large vegetable greenhouse farm and a modern tree nursery were completed in the Jungphyong area of Kyongsong County, North Hamgyong Province.

The soldier-builders of the Korean People’s Army, who turned out to implement the gigantic plan of the Workers’ Party of Korea to supply the people with green vegetables all the year round and make all the mountains in the country thickly wooded, completed 320 blocks of greenhouses and nursery gardens, and houses for hundreds of families in the area of 200 hectares in a little more than one year.

A grand inaugural ceremony was held on December 3 last year.

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers’ Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, attended the ceremony.

Also seen there were officials of the Party, the government and armed forces organs, employees of the greenhouse farm and the tree nursery, officials and people of North Hamgyong Province including Kyongsong County, and soldier-builders.

When Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un came out to the venue of the ceremony, all the people raised the roaring cheers of hurrah, extending their thanks to the Supreme Leader who proposed the project for the sake of the people and visited the construction sites several times to turn the Jungphyong area, once a dusty land, into a golden land for the people.

Pak Pong Ju, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, made an inaugural speech.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon and warmly acknowledged the cheering soldier-builders and other people.

He looked round the greenhouse farm with the Party and government officials and KPA commanding officers.

There are geographically far and near places but people are all close to him, he said, adding that he will have nothing more to desire if the greenhouse farm contributes to the dietary life of the people in North Hamgyong Province.

He gave thanks in the name of the Central Military Commission of the WPK to the soldier-builders who fully demonstrated the might of the army of the people by presenting a vast sea of greenhouses like the Jungphyong Vegetable Greenhouse Farm.

Article: Kim Phil
Photo: An Chol Ryong, Han Kwang Myong
A comprehensive and modern hot spring resort with cultural and welfare service facilities was newly laid out in the hot spring area in Yangdok County, South Phyongan Province. The Yangdok Hot Spring Resort, another asset demonstrating the brave spirit and new culture of socialist Korea and promoting the well-being of the people, was opened to public on December 7 last year.

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers’ Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, attended the ceremony.

When the Supreme Leader arrived at the venue of the ceremony, thunderous cheers of hurrah reverberated through the mountains of Yangdok.

Among the participants in the ceremony were senior officials of the Party and the government, veteran cadres who worked for a long time at the important posts of the Party and the government, commanding officers of the Korean People’s Army, officials concerned, builders, employees of the resort management station, and officials, working people and children in South Phyongan Province including Yangdok County.

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

He said that the successful completion of the resort as a monumental edifice in the era of the Workers’ Party is a clear manifestation of the might of single-minded unity of Juche Korea in which the leader and the people overcome any tough challenges with united efforts and a great victory of the line of self-reliance which once again demonstrated to the world that it can achieve steady development and prosperity even in the worst adversity.

Kim Jong Un cut the ribbon and warmly acknowledged the cheering crowds, before looking round the Yangdok Hot Spring Resort.

He was pleased that he became able to provide the people with a new field of cultural and leisure activities and that another plan of the Party to make the people enjoy socialist civilization as early as possible was implemented.

I am very pleased to provide the people with a new hot spring culture, hot spring civilization, and what is more pleasing is that soldiers of the Korean People’s Army have created such civilization with their own hands, he said. Referring to it as a miracle that can be performed only by the People’s Army that carries out the order of the leader without fail like a strong gust of wind, and praising the People’s Army for having done another proud job for the people, he expressed great satisfaction and showed warm love for the soldier-builders.
The outdoor spa bath pools in terraced and detached styles and those for couples and children are laid out in good harmony with natural environment.
Sand bath treatment hall, fitness room, folk game room, billiard salon, restaurants and several spa treatment rooms in the service complex.
A skiing ground and training ground for horse riding

Hotels conveniently furnished for the people
Last year fishery stations in the eastern coastal regions of the DPRK achieved remarkable successes in fishing.

In particular, the fishery stations of the Korean People’s Army carried out their fishing assignments as of November 21 and recorded an increase in production by early December.

Towards the end of October every year hard-finned sandfish shoals are found in the East Sea of Korea, and all the fishing units in North and South Hamgyong and Kangwon provinces begin their intensive fishing campaign.

In the run-up to the intensive fishing periods last year the fishery stations made full preparations by repairing fishing vessels and securing fuel and equipment.

Weather conditions of the East Sea were worse and more unpredictable than before, but high-spirited fishermen, undaunted by irregular warnings of storms, steadily conducted fishing activities.

The news that Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un inspected the August 25 Fishery Station of the KPA and the newly-built Thongchon Fish-processing Station on November 19 heightened their spirit.

At the August 25 Fishery Station, which he affectionately called the maker of history of “gold sea” and home of fishing vessel Tanphung, the Supreme Leader exchanged warm greetings with the officials of the station and inquired after the health of fishermen and their families.

Making the rounds of the new and old fish-processing shops and cold-storage chambers, he highly praised the officials, fishermen and their families for their efforts to make big fish hauls. He also gave earnest instructions that the officials should not reckon the production results alone but take good care of the living conditions of the fishermen and their families.

His inspection of the fishery and fish-processing stations greatly inspired all the officials and workers in the fishing sector to fresh miracles and innovations.

The officials boosted the morale of the working masses and encouraged them to compete fiercely among fishery stations and fishing vessels.

Scientific fishing control systems were established and advanced methods introduced into fishing amid a mass drive for technical innovation, which increased the amount of fish catch.

As a result, scores of fishing units under the KPA carried out the fishing assignments ahead of schedule, and Kim Chaek Taegyong General Fishery Station and others surpassed their targets of production.

Loud whistles of fishing vessels with full loads reverberated through the ports, and their unloading grounds presented a spectacular scenery of big fish catch.

The fish that were processed at the processing shops and packed at cold-storage chambers were supplied to all the families in the country to enrich their diet.

Article: Kim Phil
Photo: An Chol Ryong, Kim Jin Myong

Kim Jong Un inspects the August 25 Fishery Station of the Korean People’s Army in November 2019
Phalhyang Dam Erected for Orangchon Power Station

The Phalhyang Dam for the Orangchon Power Station was built as a grand edifice. The dam was erected by the builders and population of North Hamgyong Province, who displayed do-or-die will and fighting spirit, overcoming manifold difficulties and trials, in order to implement the lifetime instructions of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and the policies of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visited the construction site of the Orangchon Power Station in July 2018, learned about the detailed progress of the project and took radical measures to complete it as early as possible, and placed great trust in the provincial population and builders.

In hearty response to the militant call of the Party the builders performed labour feats unprecedented in the history of hydropower station construction by tamping several hundred thousand cubic metres of aggregate.

The completion of the gigantic Phalhyang Dam opened up a bright prospect for hastening the completion of the large-scale hydropower production base and revitalizing the economy of North Hamgyong Province.

The inaugural ceremony took place on December 4 last year.

It was attended by senior officials of the Party and the government, officials concerned, Korean People’s Army service personnel, builders, employees of the power station and local people.

After the ceremony, senior Party and government officials looked round the dam and, together with the participants, saw a chorus performance given by the builders and helpers in front of the dam.

Article: Pak Pyong Hun
Photo: An Chol Won
Little Talents

Minhung Kindergarten in Moranbong District is noted for producing lots of talents. Among them is Yun Hak Song who is good at handwriting with brush. He began practising calligraphy when he was admitted to the kindergarten under the instruction of Ri Sun Yong, kindergarten head. Ri has so far trained over 30 talented children. Though it was a little over a year since he learned the techniques of calligraphy, Yun won a special prize in the category of kindergarteners at the national festival of calligraphy held in celebration of the Day of the Sun last year.

Dexterous Children

Hong Un Hung, Kim Jong Myong and Kim Jong Yun of Changgwang Kindergarten are all six years old. They are fond of making flowers, trees, animals and other objects of paper, cloth and plasticine with their plump little hands. When they are engrossed in "creative activities," they look like master craftsmen or sculptors. Their talents are attributed to keen power of observation of things and natural phenomena, eagerness to reproduce them, and marvellous memory.

In the course of depicting interesting fairy tales, merry kindergarten life and their dreams in their works under the guidance of teachers, they are improving their skills.

Hong Ja Hyon of Kinmaul Kindergarten No.1 in Moranbong District took a special prize at the 12th national contest of kindergarten children with outstanding talents last year. He is good at playing the piano, paduk and Taekwon-Do, calculating on the abacus and writing poems. People marvel at the boy when he does mental calculation while playing a musical instrument or Taekwon-Do, and reckons on the abacus and talks with others at the same time. Hong has a dream of becoming a famous scientist.

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Reserve Taekwon-Doists Are Growing

The Taekwon-Do group of the Pyongyang Students and Children’s Palace, a base for schoolchildren's extracurricular activities, has won a good reputation throughout the country.

In the afternoon the hall for Taekwon-Do group, located in the first floor of the palace, is always crowded with the group members who are eager to learn Taekwon-Do, the orthodox martial art of the Korean nation.

The group selects new members every year among fourth graders of primary schools.

The new trainees learn elementary movements of hands and feet, basic movements, 24 patterns, and techniques and skills for sparring, self-defence and power.

As the saying goes, Easier said than done, they find it difficult to acquire correct movements of Taekwon-Do comprised of over 3 200 basic movements. At first they lack force, balance, breath control, speed and rhythms in executing movements. But through constant repetition and practice of movements under the guidance of instructors and with the help of seniors, they comprehended scientific principles of each movement and improve their skills.

When they are versed in the fundamentals, they go on to practise advanced movements for patterns, sparring and self-defence.

In technical terms, Taekwon-Do has ten kups for trainees and nine tan for experts. Most of the members obtain the first tan when they leave the group.

While practising Taekwon-Do, they also understand the excellence of the Korean orthodox martial art and cultivate the mind of adding lustre to it.

The little Taekwon-Doists of the palace won many medals in the national tournaments, including the Sobaeksu Prize national juvenile Taekwon-Do championships, and also the Taekwon-Do world championships and other international games.

Ex-members of the palace’s Taekwon-Do group are now playing for professional teams and hoisting the national flag of the DPRK in international tournaments.

Article: Kim Son Gyong
Photo: Ri Kwang Song
In mid-November last year Korea’s national dog show-2019 was held at the Central Zoo located at the foot of Mt Taesong in Pyongyang. The show was aimed at surveying and registering Phungsan dogs, preserving thoroughbreds and increasing their number by disseminating knowledge in their standard types and biological features. Presented to the show were the dogs that were highly rated at provincial shows.

It captured the attention of scientists and technicians from the zoological field, people with the dogs and others hoping to grow them. At the show grades and rankings were decided by examining the qualitative indexes and pedigree of the dogs which passed preliminary and principal screenings, and registration certificates were issued for male and female dogs at respective classes.

Participants in the show, appreciating that such national shows were greatly conducive to sharing experiences in dog raising and understanding merits and demerits of their dogs by comparing with those from other regions, said they would present more excellent dogs to the following shows.

North Hwanghae and South Hamgyong provinces topped the total provincial rankings, and the dogs presented by Pyongyang, Ryanggang and North Hwanghae provinces won individual prizes.

During the show there was a lecture on preserving thoroughbred Phungsan dogs and raising them. Phungsan, an indigenous dog of Korea, was designated as a living monument of the country in April 1956, and as the national dog of the DPRK in 2014.

New Buildings at Kim Il Sung University

Natural History Museum and High-Tech Development Institute were inaugurated at Kim Il Sung University, the country’s centre for training national cadres and the highest institute of Juche-oriented science and education, on November 28 last year.

The Natural History Museum that was splendidly reconstructed as the base for giving comprehensive knowledge and information on the underground resources and fauna and flora of the country as well as conducting scientific research, is divided into 14 sections with over 10 000 specimens of different kinds on display.

The High-Tech Development Institute occupies a total area of over 18 000 square metres. It serves as a centre for scientific research and high-tech product development, housing nine research and development areas, conference room, co-development room, exhibition hall and others for education and scientific exchange.
Korean Acrobats Win Top Prize

Seals on Pipha Islet

There is Pipha Islet, 4.3km in circumference, in the sea off Rason City in the northeastern part of Korea. Its name pipha originated from the fact that it looked like a lute-shaped musical instrument of old days. Pipha Islet boasts the beautiful scenery with a dense forest and mysteriously-shaped cliffs and rocks along the coast, and the sea offers an abundance of aquatic creatures such as trepangs, sea urchins and mussels. Tourists from the city frequent the island linked by a bridge.

What is more impressive experience for the tourists is to see seals. Seals are lying leisurely on the rocks with their sparsely-dotted white bellies while some exposing their heads above the sea. They pull their plump bodies forward on the rocks with their front limbs, and the next moment slide into the water to swim with agility.

The water area of Josan Bay, including Pipha Islet, offers an excellent ecological environment for seals and other sea creatures.

Environmental contamination, one of the biggest headaches for the international community, threatens the seals with the limit of their habitats and decline in number. However, the seals on Pipha Islet live in peaceful and clean natural environment, and a growing number of them will welcome the tourists to the islet.

New Stamps Issued

Artistic members with disabilities gave a performance to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

World AIDS Day 2019 observed