National Meeting of Reviewing Emergency Anti-epidemic Work held
Kim Jong Un makes keynote speech at the meeting
Let Us Guarantee More Reliably the Safety of the State and People by Following up the Successes We Have Achieved in the Anti-Epidemic War

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a speech entitled Let Us Guarantee More Reliably the Safety of the State and People by Following up the Successes We Have Achieved in the Anti-Epidemic War at the National Meeting of Reviewing the Emergency Anti-epidemic Work on August 10 2022. The following is the full text:

Workers in the anti-epidemic and public health sectors across the country,

Party delegates and army officers who are dispatched to the border, frontlin and coast areas,

Commanding officers of the State Emergency Epidemic Prevention Headquarters and the epidemic prevention divisions, regiments and battalions,

Those who have made contributions to the anti-epidemic work,

Dear comrades,

The anti-epidemic war, which has been so arduous, is over and today we proclaim our victory in it.

Over 100 days have passed since Covid-19 made inroads into our territory and spread, the most urgent thing was to make inroads into our country. This is another important source of our conviction.

All the cases reported in this period being found to be infected by the stealth omicron variant BA.2, it has been confirmed that no new variant or subvariant of the virus occurred or made inroads into our country.

All the facts give us a full conviction that an end was put in our country to the crisis caused by the malignant virus.

At this moment, when we are confirming with happiness that our state and people have overcome the unprecedented public health crisis and recovered their stability and peace at last, I, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea and the government of our Republic, declare that we have achieved victory in the top-level emergency anti-epidemic war of exterminating the novel coronavirus that made inroads into our territory and of defending the people’s lives and health.

That we have reliably defended the safety of the state and people from the most dangerous crisis in the global public sector, which has driven the whole world into a catastrophic situation, and eliminated in such a short period the greatest and most threatening challenge that faced us is another brilliant victory and a historic event that demonstrated to the whole world once again the great strength of our Party, state and people.

In relation to this, our Party and government will lower from today the grade of the top-level emergency anti-epidemic system, which was put in place on May 12 last, to that of an intensified and reinforced normal epidemic prevention work system.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I extend warm congratulations to all the people and service personnel across the country, who have defended themselves, the safety and peace of all others and the health and laughter of each and every one of our people’s members of life or death with an indomitable faith, unyielding perseverance and genuine unity and thus brought the anti-epidemic war to a victorious conclusion.

Though we are now filled with an ineffable delight and dignity, I do not know why but I am once again reminded of the indescribable stress and sense of responsibility that have weighed on me so heavily for so long. The past 91 days were never a long period in the realm of our struggle, but they were days of a continuation of choking tension and a grave war in the true sense of the words, in which I felt the each passing day as if it were one, two, ten years.

Frankly speaking, I was tormented by various thoughts when the malignant virus made inroads into our country which had remained safe for more than two years by building a super-level emergency epidemic prevention barrier and making persevering efforts since the initial days of the pandemic.

It was because I had a people whom I must defend without fail even at the cost of my life.

They supported me both in good times and bad; they encouraged me and lifted me up when the times were hard. For me, every one of them was part of my flesh and blood, which I could, and must, never lose.

The unfolding crisis in which the number of new daily cases jumped by hundreds of thousands was a very pressing, serious national crisis which compelled us to be alert to the maximum and exert ourselves with a do-or-die determination, anticipating even the worst case scenario that the country might perish.

The foundations of our anti-epidemic work and public health sector were weak and we were inexperienced in this work. In this situation, we were faced with the heavy historic tasks of deciding what to do to win in the war against the raging malignant virus which was directly threatening the safety of the state and the lives of tens of millions of the people, how to make the state organs lacking in the ability to respond to the war move sensitively and perform their correct functions and role in the campaign in which every minute and second counted, and what to do first and how to do it in order to reverse the tide of dire trials cropping up in the overall state affairs and the people’s living. These were the most pressing, severe tasks that our Party and government had to tackle in 2022.

In the face of this first-ever national crisis, however, our Party and government adopted appropriate and optimum policies in time to overcome the crisis, including the management of the situation of the outbreaks of the infectious diseases, blocking of the source of its spread and stabilizing of the people’s livelihood.

However, even a correct policy cannot expect its perfect result without a high sense of organization, voluntary unity of action and purposeful enthusiasm on the part of the entire population, which can guarantee its implementation.

When I think of the victory in the top-level emergency anti-epidemic campaign, which could never be achieved by me, I am reminded first of all of the efforts of our Party which absolutely supported and empowered me in implementing the policy of our Party and government and implemented it with single-minded unity.

Under the emergency situation, in which a breakthrough was made in the rings of anti-epidemic barrier we had so far established in every possible way, even experiencing a big loss, and the malignant virus made inroads into our territory, our Party and government adopted appropriate and optimum policies in time to overcome the crisis, including the management of the situation of the outbreaks of the infectious diseases, blocking of the source of its spread and stabilizing of the people’s livelihood.

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In other words, the invaluable victory we have achieved is the victory of our Party’s anti-epidemic policy, the victory of our state’s crisis management strategy, the victory of our people’s fortitude and single-hearted unity unique to them, the great victory brought about by the superiority of our style of socialist system.

I can confirm it proudly and with dignity. It is the consistent principle in the activities of our Party to adopt and implement its policies in the interests of the people, with their viewpoint and on their stand by always placing them first in its consideration.

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This time we have achieved victory not only on the emergency anti-epidemic front but also on the economic front. The malignant epidemic situation was created after newly curbing the virus transmission. However, the country has met in many matters worse; this was a huge obstacle and a disaster that might cause an extreme conflagration in the state economy. The Party and government were absolutely too passive to openly and firmly control it. To transcend over this and ensured without a hitch a victory in the anti-epidemic war against the virus, we have established the normal state of affairs-this alone constitutes a great political and economic victory.

When declaring the upgrade of the national anti-epidemic prevention system to the top-level emergency anti-epidemic system, our Party decided to push forward with both the emergency anti-epidemic campaign and the national basic anti-epidemic campaign in a correct way in the midst of the severe emergency anti-epidemic situation. We have placed on the public health crisis, and extend warm thanks to all the people-oriented policies.

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The Party and government also conducted in a concentrated manner the people-oriented policies to implement the anti-epidemic regulations and guidelines to relieve the people from economic losses. If we have been successful in reducing the negative impact on the state affairs and economic activities according to the changes in the anti-epidemic prevention system.

To look back upon the days of the top-level emergency anti-epidemic campaign, we can note with great magnitude in minimizing the harm caused by the virus this was a campaign not to make them wait but to steadily promote our economy while ensuring the emergency anti-epidemic system was maintained and built up nationwide scale. In this context, the anti-epidemic workers of our country were not only having a great contribution to the fight against the virus but also making a major contribution to the national economy.

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Working people’s organizations, administrative and political power, together with the society-wide anti-epidemic atmosphere would play a decisive role. The campaign and victory in it is decided by their self-initiative and self-effort till the global health crisis ends, while following through and getting intoxicated with the desired results achieved and not losing confidence and enthusiasm.

Highly dangerous monkeypox spread to dozens of countries and regions, and there was a high risk of it becoming a global health emergency. The emergency of international concern was declared as the number of infections increased rapidly, due to the stealth omicron variant, which spread in our country, and we should be aware that it is serious now, but more challenging health crises are expected to occur periodically and repeatedly.

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Consumer goods shows run in Pyongyang

By Soo Jung Hee P’’

I t has recently paid close attention to the development of outer space for peaceful purposes amid the keen rivalry over space technologies between the two powers. It is obvious that the DPRK will not launch a new rocket this year.

The Ministry of Science and Technology of the DPRK has said that it is expected that the launch of a rocket will be ready in the new space launch site by 2022 or 2023.

The country is now operating one space launch site equipped with two launch pads. There is a problem in launching large rockets at this launch site, but in case of small rockets, there is great importance since the fuel carrying capacity of rockets is limited. That is why the DPRK has longed for the construction of a space launch site, but it has not achieved it yet. The country faced difficulty in launching small rockets without passing the location of Stokka, a mountain.

When the new launch site is completed, it is expected that new businesses can be created by newly-rising local businesses and private companies utilizing the launch of small satellites. The Indian space research organization said that the country launched a PSLV-C35 space rocket carrying three Indian satellites on June 30.

International efforts will get braver to develop vast outer space.

Exhibition fuels zeal for competition for quality improvement

A ngyon Municipal exhibition of consumer goods was held in the Yangson Department Store No. 1 in the capital city.

The zeal of the workers and employees was indeed evident at the time of the exhibition. The local people can actually enjoy the variety of products so that the sound of happiness could be heard everywhere during this week.

Accordingly, the Ryuwon Footwear Factory and other shoe producers put on display shoes made in their own workshop, which are often admired by the visitors.

“Tens of thousands of customers观望 each exhibit in the shows. The goods on display are a mark of higher qualities and will value comments and comments and ultimately improve the quality of goods,” said Won Shin Il, section chief of the Yangson Cosmetics Factory.

As the frequency of the exhibition increases, the city has heard more and more proper comments and experiences of the people.

We should make further improvement of the goods and competition for quality improvement. The city should maintain the goods produced in the company and the quality of the products must be maintained at the same level.

At this very moment, the country is under such pressure as “recapturing” a deserted island and preparing for various attacks from Japan. The country is greatly capable in the field of “renewal and development” and its economic policy is an important element.

A Ryowsong territory with a strong army

The military parade held in Pyongyang in April is an example of a widely-recognized demonstration of the great pride and strength of the Korean people.

Korea is a country with a strong army which is a well-developed economic structure.

The country has achieved a very good result in the development of the economy. The country has a well-developed infrastructure. The army’s strength is also a very good result of the great economic strength of the country.

Therefore, all of them work to improve the quality of their products and to improve the quality of their products.
COMPETENT WOMEN’S BOXING COACH

Pak Chol Jun, coach of world champion Pang Chol Mi, has been nominated as one of the top ten coaches of the DPRK three times. Pang Chol Mi, who was coached by Pak Chol Jun, won the 51kg category at the 2018 World Women’s Boxing Championships.

By Woon Hyeong Song PT

Pak Chol Jun (pictured) who coached Pang Chol Mi to victory in the 51kg event of the 2018 World Women’s Boxing Championships is known as a competent coach in the DPRK’s boxing circles. He has trained lots of players in his career but cut a conspicuous figure after training Pang to become a world champion.

In recent years, Pak has worked hard to help Pang maintain her position as an ace in the 51kg category. As a result, she snatched another gold at the Mangyongdae Prize Games held in celebration of the Day of the Sun last year. After analyzing in detail Pang’s performance at the event, he established a new goal for training. It was to take a crack at another weight category title.

While applying new training means and methods, he made exact demands on her to acquire agile movement, sudden strike and various punching techniques at a high level. He also adopted advanced training methods and made sure that she carried out all training processes from physical to technical training in a scientific way.

In particular, he organized lots of training matches so that she could refine her special techniques and play all matches in a technical and tactical manner.

According to Pang, the training matches seemed too much for her at that time. "I realized later that my coach prepared the opponents in such a way that I could spot my weaknesses and overcome them. Through the training matches, I improved my techniques and acquired the ability to cope with different situations effectively," said Pang.

She snatched a gold medal at the 57kg category women’s boxing of the national championships held late last year by fully demonstrating her special techniques.

In recognition of such successes, Pak was selected as one of the top ten coaches of the DPRK for the third time last year.

Edible grass, national food of antiquity

By To Kyong Chol PT

Edible grass is food favoured by the Koreans. They eat edible plants, tree leaves and other greens raw or by boiling and seasoning them.

Edible greens include herbs, wild vegetables, seaweeds and bean and mung-bean sprouts.

The Koreans have effectively processed different kinds of edible grass from mountains, fields and sea to use them as side dishes since olden times.

There are many historical records telling that they had used them in their dietary life since the period of the ancient Joso.

Traditional processing methods largely consist of three kinds: salad, boiled and dried vegetables.

The salad is made by seasoning fresh and raw vegetables or edible grass with soy sauce mixed with vinegar, sesame and pine-nut meal, and others, vinegar red pepper paste, mustard and others after cleaning materials. The materials mainly included radish, cucumber, bok choy, lettuce and broad bellflower.

The boiled grass dishes are made by seasoning the materials with spices after slightly scaling, boiling, steaming or frying them to meet their characteristics. Spinach, crown daisy, parsley, anise, Codonopsis lanceolata, Atractylodes japonica, pumpkin, pepper leaves, bracken and mushroom were mostly used as materials for such dishes.

Dried vegetables are also tried to make dishes called old edible grass.

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This tells that dried greens are good for health and shows the habit of the Koreans who gathered vegetables mainly and edible herbs in the right season and used them as side dishes in winter.

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Traditional processing methods largely consist of three kinds: salad, boiled and dried vegetables.

The salad is made by seasoning fresh and raw vegetables or edible grass with soy sauce mixed with vinegar, sesame and pine-nut meal, and others, vinegar red pepper paste, mustard and others after cleaning materials. The materials mainly included radish, cucumber, bok choy, lettuce and broad bellflower.

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