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General Secretary Kim Jong Un inspects NADA

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected the National Aerospace Development Administration (NADA) on April 18.

He was accompanied by Pak Thae Song, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Jong Sik, deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Sung Chan, president of Kim Il Sung University and minister of

Higher Education under the Education Commission, Pak Ji Min, president of Kim Chaek University of Technology, senior officials of educational and scientific research institutions, technicians and experts in the field of IT communication sci-tech studies and commanding officers of the technical reconnaissance department of the General Reconnaissance Bureau of the Korean People's Army.

He was greeted by leading officials of the NADA and the Academy of Defence Science on the spot.

Going round the space science research institute, the space environment test centre and other places, he learned in detail about the work for fulfilling the

immediate scientific research tasks set forth by the Party's far-reaching space-conquering policy on the long-term development of the country's space industry, and about the recent progress achieved by the field of space science research in the development of core technologies and production.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un highly praised the noteworthy achievements made by the NADA in the core space sci-tech studies to attain the immediate and long-term objectives of the space policy set forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK and the fifth and sixth plenary meetings of the Eighth WPK Central Committee.

Noting that the development of

space industry is of very important significance in building a socialist economic power whose development is propelled and guaranteed by science and technology, he set forth the important tasks to be fulfilled to radically develop space science and technology.

The growth of the space industry is a key element in the exploration of a shortcut to securing the position of a world-class economic and sci-tech power and a demonstration of the overall national power, he said, adding that it is necessary to build a full-fledged space industry capable of dynamically steering the economic development of the country by constantly spurring the independent space development.

particular, to get thoroughly prepared for the disastrous weather, effectively protect and use the resources of the country, and immediately provide the possibilities for giving strong impetus to the scientific development of the national economy.

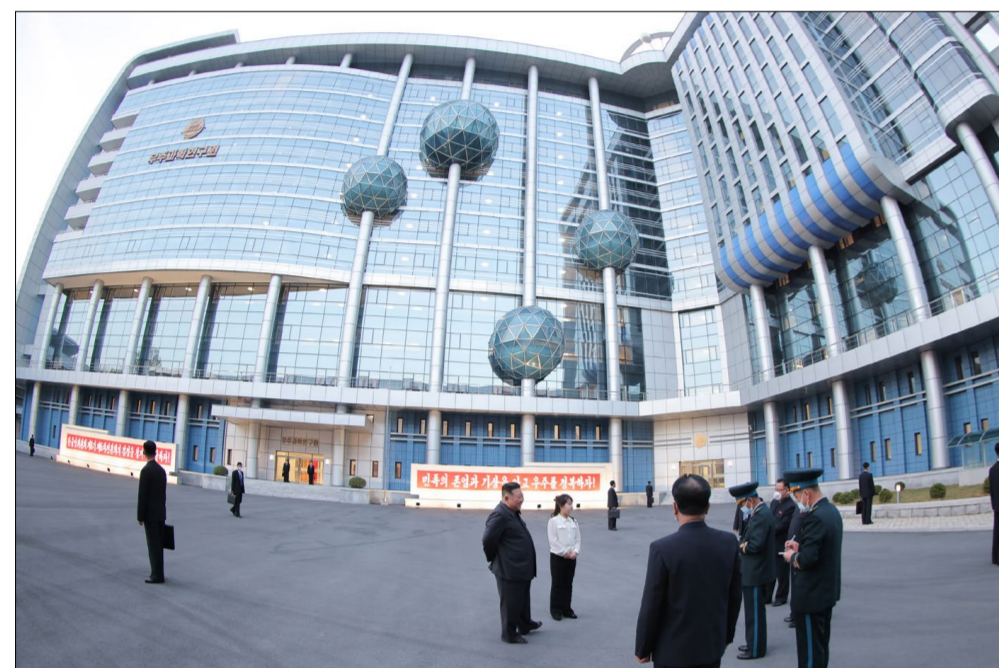
He also pointed to the necessity to establish a system of making educational and scientific research units at all levels actively participate in the development of application satellites of various uses, increase state investment for promoting the development of space science and technology, produce standardized and reliable carrier rockets on a full scale in

He noted that it is the steadfast stand of the WPK and the DPRK government to fulfil on a priority basis the advanced and valuable space development plans in the light of the strategic interests of the country in the present-stage efforts for achieving accelerated space development, steadily expand the successes and finally turn the country into a world space power.

He underscored the need to set it as a main thrust to possess weather and earth observation and communication satellites, in



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step with the accelerated development of various satellites, and successfully build satellite launching sites reflecting the ideal and ambition for building a space power.

He recalled that in the light of the present situation, in which the US imperialists are deploying nuclear carriers, nuclear strategic bombers and other huge strategic assets of various missions on a permanent basis on the Korean peninsula and in its vicinity to turn south Korea into an advanced base for aggression and an arsenal for war, and of the prospective concern that the military actions of the US and south Korea threatening the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the DPRK under the pretext of the allied readiness would get more undisguised, the Eighth Congress of the WPK specified it as the most important and prerequisite task

for building up the national defence capabilities of the country to have access to the space reconnaissance capability for securing real-time information about the hostile forces' military scenario and moves in the five-point major goals for developing the national defence capabilities.

Referring once again to the role and the strategic value and significance of possessing the military reconnaissance satellite in bolstering up the self-defensive military capabilities for defending the security environment and territorial integrity of the state, the safety and development interests of the people from the escalating military threat and challenge of the US and south Korea, and for using the preemptive military power according to situation, he said that possession of such satellite is a primary task to be indispensably fulfilled to bolster up the armed forces of the DPRK that can never be abandoned,

missed and changed, and belongs to its sovereignty and legitimate right to self-defence in view of the requirements of the recent security environment on the Korean peninsula and tackling of the long-term threats.

As the US and south Korea are scheming to further tighten their military posture against the DPRK under the pretext of "offer of extended deterrence" and "strengthened south Korea-US alliance", as evidenced by their most hostile rhetoric and explicit action this year, it is quite natural for the DPRK to develop its military deterrent strong enough to cope with the serious security environment at present and in the future, he said, adding that possessing and operating military reconnaissance means is the most crucial primary task for increasing the military effectiveness and utility of different war deterrence means of the DPRK in doing so.

He set forth the militant task to organize a non-permanent satellite-launching preparatory committee to make sure that military reconnaissance satellite No. 1 completed as of April will be launched at the planned date, speed up its final preparations and firmly establish the satellite intelligence-gathering capability by deploying several reconnaissance satellites on different orbits in succession in the future.

Upon receiving the deep trust and encouragement of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the officials, scientists and technicians of the NADA were filled with a firm determination to become conquerors of space faithfully upholding the Party's far-reaching plan for building a space power through their perfect practice and thus proudly demonstrate the dignity and prestige of the DPRK and the great national power of Juche Korea in the outer space.

New street for people fully representing great ideal of Workers' Party of Korea Inauguration ceremony of first-stage 10 000 flats in Hwasong area held with splendour Kim Jong Un cuts inauguration tape with senior Party and government officials



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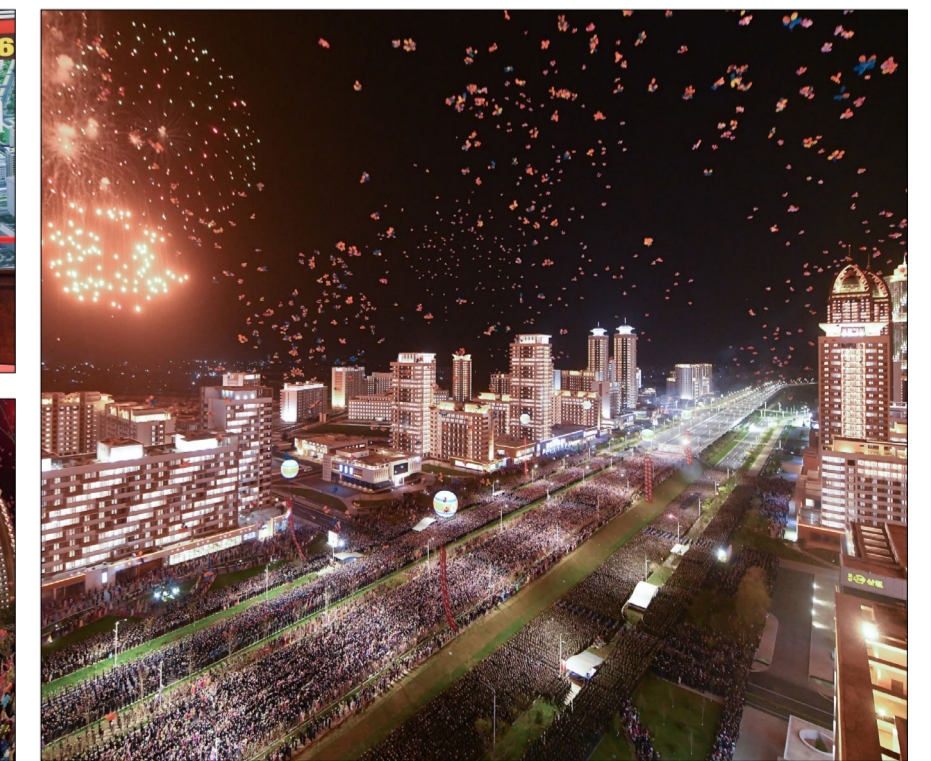
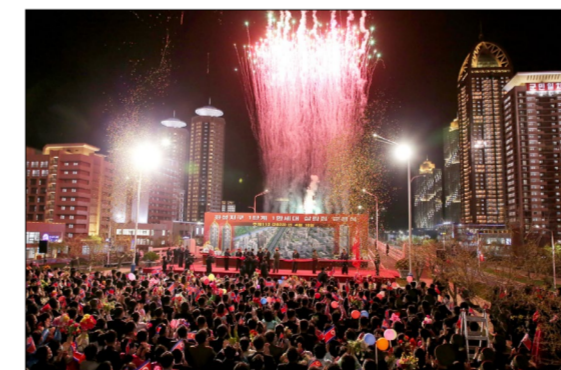
Monumental edifices symbolic of the development and future of socialism

are springing up one after another in the wake of the uninterrupted journey of the great Workers' Party of Korea for demonstrating the dignity and status of

the country and people to the world and courageously ushering in a new era of overall national prosperity through its strong guidance.

A thriving street under socialism and a new street for the people which

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will provide the citizens in Pyongyang with more civilized life was built in the Hwasong area near the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche, according to the long-term goal of building dwelling houses in Pyongyang set forth by the Party.

True to the noble intention of the Party Central Committee, which set it as the primary policy task to build the people's houses, soldier-builders and civilian-builders have successfully completed another modern city district in a matter of one year by displaying fervent enthusiasm for working miracles and the

revolutionary spirit out of honour and pride of opening up a new era of capital city construction.

The eye-opening reality in which a new magnificent street is built as a large original architectural group every year, reflecting the bright future of Pyongyang, is an epochal change brought about by the unique people-first political idea of the WPK and a vivid proof of the strong spirit and inexhaustible strength of the DPRK which is advancing and leaping forward despite all difficulties, according to the timetable for upsurge and development.

An inauguration ceremony of the first-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area

took place with splendour on April 16, adding to the people's joy of significantly celebrating the Day of the Sun, the greatest auspicious holiday of the Korean nation.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, was present at the ceremony.

He appeared at the venue of the ceremony amid the fireworks display and stormy cheers of "Hurrah!"

All the participants raised stormy cheers looking up to the great Comrade Kim Jong Un who is building an ideal socialist society, regarding it as the most important affair of the Party and the state to fulfil the demands and interests of the

people and sparing nothing for them.

Present at the ceremony were Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the Central Committee of the WPK, 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

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chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, and Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Also present there were Ri Il Hwan and Jon Hyon Chol, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, Jong Kyong Thack, director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, members of the construction headquarters of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, officials of

construction units, the service personnel and civilians involved in the construction, and Pyongyang citizens.

It was attended by working people and their families who would live in the new wonderful flats successfully completed under the leadership of the Party.

The venue of the ceremony was overflowing with absolute trust and boundless gratitude for the great motherly Party, which takes care of the destiny, happiness and future of the people with ardent love and affection, and for the socialist system without parallel in the world.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Ri Il Hwan made an inaugural address.

The first-stage flats in the Hwasong area are a monument to the great era of Kim Jong Un eloquently showing for what our powerful strength should become stronger, what our socialist ideal is and by what our state and cause emerge victorious, he said.

He noted that Kim Jong Un, who had worked out a plan to turn the area of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun into an ideal place where the people's happiness and civilization of socialism come into full bloom, made sure that another grand construction project was launched in the Hwasong area as the second stage

of the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, and indicated in detail the goal and orientation for its completion and energetically led the whole process of the project to build a model district of the modern city.

He noted that the Hwasong area has undergone a dramatic transformation, thanks to the fervent love and dedication by Kim Jong Un who regards the people as the dearest and focuses all his thoughts and deeds on promoting the people's wellbeing.

He, reflecting the boundless reverence

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of all the builders and other people across the country, extended the highest tribute and warmest thanks to Kim Jong Un who is putting his heart and soul into providing the people with the most dignified, civilized and happiest life.

Thanks to the soldiers and civilians involved in the construction, the ardent patriots and heroes of creation of this era who always support the Party's determination absolutely and perfectly carry it out with matchless courage, activeness and self-sacrificing struggle, the vitality of the people-first politics of our Party has fully been demonstrated, the power for dynamic and encouraging progress redoubled in major worksites for economic development and the improvement of the people's living standard, and a significant success made to significantly glorify this year marking the 75th founding anniversary of the DPRK and the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, he added.

Saying that the completion of the first-stage flats construction in the Hwasong area will instill firm confidence in a new victory of the revolution and a bright future of great prosperity into all the people of the country and give spurs to the struggle for attaining without fail the grandiose goal set by the Eighth Congress of the Party, he called for dynamically advancing toward

the completion of the second-stage construction, holding higher the red flag of the construction headquarters of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape together with leading Party and government officials.

To offer the highest glory and show the deepest reverence to Kim Jong Un, the distinguished leader of the people, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!", and fireworks were set off and balloons flew up to the sky of meaningful April to gorgeously decorate the Hwasong area.

Waving back to the enthusiastically cheering crowds, he warmly congratulated the soldiers and civilians involved in the construction and the citizens who would live in the new beautiful street.

He met the commanding officers of the KPA units involved in the construction and highly appreciated the efforts of the soldier-builders who are ushering in a new era of great changes in Pyongyang by becoming the main force and spearhead in the efforts for successfully building more than 20 000 flats in just two years.

Saying that to build 50 000 flats in the capital of the country is the long-cherished plan being pushed by the Party and the state as a top priority to provide citizens with more stable and civilized living conditions, he once again referred to the Party's construction policy prioritizing the convenience of the

people and the plan to turn Pyongyang into a magnificent world-famous city.

He called upon all the service personnel and civilians involved in the construction to usher in a heyday not only in the capital city construction but also in local construction with the pride and confidence of being the creators and pioneers in the worthwhile struggle for making a new history of prosperity and development in the era of the Workers' Party, in order to accelerate the building of highly civilized society.

Expressing belief that the WPK's construction policy would be perfectly and thoroughly carried out thanks to the powerful army of construction which unconditionally and successfully carries out anything if it is desired by the people and determined by the Party, he sincerely hoped that the citizens who would greet the auspicious event of moving into new houses amid the blessings by the people across the country would enjoy a happy, harmonious and worthwhile life generation after generation.

All the participants raised cheers with excitement, looking up to Kim Jong Un who is ushering in a new era of building a powerful country where the beloved people will enjoy all blessings, demonstrating the vigorous advance and invincibility of Korean-style socialism to the world with eye-opening changes and miraculous successes.

At the end of the ceremony, senior

Party and government officials and the participants looked round the new street in the Hwasong area decorated by colourful lights.

Seeing around the blocks of modern flats, where various sky-scrapers, high-rise apartment buildings, public buildings, public service establishments and facilities are located in the area of more than 150 hectares to suit the convenience of citizens, they keenly realized the development of Juche-oriented architecture leaping at the Pyongyang speed of racing against time, and the patriotic loyalty of the soldier-builders and the civilian-builders who successfully built another monumental edifice by dint of their indomitable tenacity and boundless creativity.

The masters of the new street, who came to enjoy dream-like fortune under the benevolence of the motherly Party, made a pledge of loyalty and repayment to devotedly work for the prosperity of our great state, expressing in tears their excitement at the honour of leading a blessed life with Kim Jong Un as the father of the great socialist family.

The cause of the WPK, a genuine people's Party, which regards it as its immutable nature and firm faith to believe in the people as in heaven and dedicates itself to the people's well-being, will bring about more brilliant changes on this land along with the victorious advance of Korean-style socialism.



General Secretary Kim Jong Un watches sports games



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On the occasion of the Day of the Sun (birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung), the greatest auspicious holiday of the Korean nation, there took place sports games between staff members of the Cabinet and the Ministry of National Defence again.

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, watched the sports games.

Officials of the Cabinet and the Ministry of National Defence were greatly excited and delighted as they were honoured to hold meaningful sports and cultural events again in the presence

of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on the spring holiday of April as was on the holiday of February when the stadium was filled with joy and excitement.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared in the stadium, thunderous cheers of all the players and spectators broke out in the sky of balmy spring.

Among the spectators were Kim Tok Hun and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Il Hwan, Ri Yong Gil, Kim Jae Ryong and Jon Hyon Chol, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, and other senior officials of the WPK Central Committee, members

of the Cabinet and officials of ministries and national institutions.

Kang Sun Nam, Pak Su Il, Jong Kyong Thack and other commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, service personnel of all units and teaching staff and cadets of military academies watched the sports games.

First, a football match between staff members of the Cabinet and the Ministry of National Defence took place.

Amid the enthusiastic cheers, footballers of both teams played a fierce game but the first and second halves ended in a 1-1 draw.

In the cliffhanger penalty shootouts, the Ministry of National Defence team beat its opponent 5:3.

The football match was followed by a tug of war between staff members of the Cabinet and the Ministry of National Defence.

The Ministry of National Defence team again defeated its rival 2:0.

A prize-giving ceremony was held amid the applause of the spectators.

All the participants were full of firm resolution to bring about good successes fulfilling the expectations of the Party and the people this year, when the crucial struggle is being waged for the prosperity of the country and the wellbeing of the people, by turning their excitement and joy of having a happy time they have dreamed of in the presence of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un into great readiness and ardour.



On the occasion of the 111th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung

Party, government officials visit Kumsusan Palace of Sun

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Officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly (SPA), the Cabinet and armed

forces organs visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on the occasion of the 111th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.
A flower basket in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was seen

before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.
Officials of the relevant organs laid baskets of flowers in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the SPA Standing Committee of the

DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.
Officials of the armed forces organs laid a flower basket in the name of the Korean People's Army.
The participants paid homage to the President

and the Chairman at their statues.
At the halls of immortality where the President and the Chairman are preserved in their lifetime appearance, the participants made a deep bow of best wishes for

immortality to them who did everything they could do in their lifetime for the country and the people and the prosperity of posterity and opened up the road of victory and glory to be followed by socialist Korea.

Nation celebrates President Kim Il Sung's birthday significantly

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All the people across the DPRK significantly celebrated the 111th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung with the great pride of being citizens of Juche Korea demonstrating its dignity and might as a powerful state on the highest level under the guidance of the great Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.
On the significant day a constant stream of visitors flowed to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme sanctuary of Juche, out of their boundless reverence for President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.
Working people, service personnel of the Korean People's Army and youth and students visited the statues of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and their smiling portraits, including those on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and in all other parts of the country, to lay flower baskets, bouquets and



People from all walks of life visit the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill to pay floral tribute to them.

flowers and paid homage to them.
Visitors to Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae recollected the revolutionary career of the President who achieved national liberation and bequeathed as precious

patriotic heritage a powerful socialist country dignified with independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in defence.
Students at schools for orphans and primary schools

and other children across the country were presented with gifts on the occasion of the April spring holiday.
The happy looks of all the children in all parts of the country from Pyongyang to the first village beneath

Mt Paektu and remote islands who were pleased to receive school things and sweets and cakes touched the heartstrings of all people, reminding them of the motherly Party taking pleasure and pride in all the pains taken for the good of rising generation.
Joint national meetings of the Korean Children's Union organizations that took place in all provinces, cities and counties were pulsating with the younger generations' determination to fully prepare themselves as true sons and daughters, young revolutionaries, of the socialist country who are knowledgeable, morally impeccable and physically strong by following the glorious examples President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il set in their childhood.
Looking round the venues of the national photo exhibition and the national art exhibition, visitors realized once again the immortal exploits performed by the President who laid an eternal

foundation for the prosperity of Korean-style socialism centred on the masses of the people with his unusual foresight and outstanding leadership.
Colourful celebration performances were staged in the capital city and the provinces and the venues of various meetings and dancing parties of youth and students and working people held in all provincial capitals, cities and counties were alive with delight and passion as they celebrated the Day of the Sun.
The Munsu Water Park, People's Open-air Ice Rink and other cultural recreational grounds resounded with happy laughter of working people having a pleasant time.
Public catering facilities in different parts of the country, including Okryu and Chongnyu restaurants in Pyongyang, Sinhung Restaurant in Hamhung and Kyongam Restaurant in Sariwon, served a variety of special dishes, pleasing the people.

Young people hold gala evening

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A gala evening of youth and students took place at Kim Il Sung Square in the capital city of Pyongyang on the evening of April 15, the 111th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.
It started with the playing of the song *Let Us Sing of the Day of the Sun*.
The participants performed circle dances in high spirits reflecting their boundless reverence for the peerlessly great men who trained the youth as reliable successors to

the Juche revolution and masters of the thriving nation with the original idea of attaching importance to youth and outstanding leadership.
The evening gala, which added festive mood to the Day of the Sun, fully represented the revolutionary mettle of the rising generations who are determined to advance dynamically in the vanguard of the struggle for translating into brilliant reality the noble patriotic desire of the peerlessly great men for building a powerful nation, under the leadership of the great Workers' Party.

A gala evening of youth and students takes place at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang.



Joint national meeting of KCU organizations held

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A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations took place at Changdok School in Pyongyang on April 15 to mark the 111th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.
It was attended by students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School, schoolchildren in the capital city and pupils who would join the KCU.



There is a joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations at Changdok School on April 15.

Invited there were Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Tu Song, department director of the WPK Central Committee, officials concerned, youth league officials and meritorious persons in the city.
Prior to the meeting, the participants presented flower baskets and bouquets at the statue of the President at Changdok School and made a

bow to him.
Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, delivered a report, followed by a ceremony of joining the KCU.
Led by Kim Su Gil, schoolchildren to be admitted to the KCU took an admission oath.
Officials and meritorious persons put red ties around

the pupils' necks and pinned KCU badges on their chests.
Those who joined the KCU made their first salute in response to the shout of the slogan "Let us always be ready for the socialist motherland!"
Then, congratulatory speeches were made by Pang Kum Byol, rector of Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School, Jon Jong Ho, principal of

Changdok School, and Pae Kil Su, secretary general of the gymnastics association of the DPRK.
After congratulating pupils who joined the KCU on the occasion of the significant Day of the Sun, they asked them to prepare themselves as renowned revolutionary talents in the future who are knowledgeable, morally sound and physically strong.

New stamps issued

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The DPRK State Stamp Bureau has brought out new stamps (one sheetlet and four individuals) on the occasion of the 111th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.
Inscribed on the upper part of the sheetlet are letters "In celebration of the 111th anniversary of the birth of President

Kim Il Sung" and "Juche 1(1912)-Juche 112(2023)".
The stamps show well the journey of patriotic devotion of the President, who tirelessly walked long and rugged roads to factories and farms for the prosperity of the country and well-being of the people all his life, and the profound reverence and trust of mankind for the peerlessly great man.

Young Koreans meet to praise President's virtues

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Youth and students held a meeting to tell the stories about the virtues of President Kim Il Sung at the Mangyongdae Revolutionary Site on April 13 in celebration of the 111th birthday of the President.
It was attended by Mun Chol, chairman of the Central

Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, youth league officials, students and other young people.
Speakers highly praised the exploits of the peerless great man who dedicated his all to the prosperity of the country, well-being of the people and happy laughter and future of younger generations.

Women hold dance party

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Women's union officials and members held a dance party at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph in Pyongyang on April 15 to celebrate the 111th anniversary

of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.
The venue of the event was overflowing with high enthusiasm of participants to steadily follow the road of loyalty and patriotism by taking their cue from the

fighting spirit of women of the preceding generations who had trusted and followed the Workers' Party of Korea both in happy and grim days and written an epic of creation and change.

Children's camping starts

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The first-term camping of this year began across the DPRK on the occasion of the Day of the Sun, the greatest national holiday.
The extracurricular schoolchildren education department of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League and children's camps made full preparations for enabling campers to train

their bodies and acquire broader knowledge through mountaineering, sports and artistic activities and cooking practice.
There was a meeting for the start of the camping at the Songdowon International Children's Camp on the east coast of the country on April 15.
It was attended by Chae Il Ryong, chairman of the Kangwon Provincial People's Committee, Kim

Myong Chol, secretary of the provincial committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kim Kyong Jun, vice-chairman of the youth league central committee, the staff of the camp and campers.
They laid a flower basket before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in the camp and made a bow to them.
Speakers said that the Songdowon International Children's Camp is the

palace of affection associated with the undying leadership exploits of the great leaders and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. They called on all the campers to prepare themselves as revolutionary talents through a variety of camping activities.
That day, camping started in camps in other parts of the country, including Mangyongdae and Yonphungho children's camps.

HOME NEWS

Farmers move into new houses in different rural villages

KCNA

Happy events of moving into new homes take place one after another in South Phyongan and North and South Hwanghae provinces.
Different farm villages have been transmigrated splendidly, including Sinjidong-ri in Hoechang County, the Chonghak Farm in Phyongsan County, Munmu-ri in Sohung County, Sinhwanpho-ri in Jaeryong County, Sinsaeng-ri in Chongdan County and Taegi-ri in Ongjin County.
The dwellings preserve regional features and refined beauty while ensuring modernity and aesthetic sense. They are the homes of happiness provided under the care of the Workers'

Party of Korea Central Committee which puts forward farmers as the enjoyers of rural civilization in the new era by bringing about a radical change in the living environment for rural communities.
Meetings took place on the spot respectively to move into new houses.
They were attended by officials of Party and power organs, builders, officials of the units that contributed to construction projects and agricultural workers who would move into new homes.
Congratulatory speeches were made at the meetings and house licenses were given.
Officials congratulated owners who entered the new houses of happiness.



Farmers move into new houses in South Phyongan and South and North Hwanghae provinces.

Sports games in public health sector open

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The 10th sports games in the public health sector have opened.
The games are held in several places of Pyongyang, divided into two groups. They will compete in such sports as basketball (male), volleyball (male and female), table tennis, tug of war and Taekwon-Do.
An opening ceremony took place on April 18 at the Basketball Gymnasium on Chongchun Street.
It was attended by Choe Tong Myong, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Vice-Premier

Jon Sung Guk, officials concerned, officials in the public health sector, players and employees of central-level hospitals.
Choe Kyong Chol, minister of Public Health, delivered an opening address.
He said the current sports games would be a significant occasion for further arousing enthusiasm for mass sports and encouraging health workers to work and live in a more cheerful and cultured way.
After the opening ceremony, there was a march-past of players, followed by a basketball match between the Korea General Red Cross Hospital and Kim Man Yu Hospital teams.

With iron will and matchless grit

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

On the occasion of the 91st anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, the first revolutionary armed force of the Korean people, they take great pride in the fact that the Korean People's Army has developed into an invincible army inheriting the brilliant anti-Japanese tradition.

Through the military parade held last year in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the KPRA, the Korean People's Army demonstrated the amazing level of development of the revolutionary armed forces.

That day, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un declared that if any forces attempted military confrontation with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, they

would be perished.

It was a moment when the people actually felt the guts of the unrivalled brilliant commander and looked back upon his painstaking efforts of over 10 years to break through all difficulties with such courage.

As moves of the hostile forces against the DPRK reached a dangerous phase in which they might dare to launch even a nuclear war, Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un put his heart and soul into developing the KPA into invincible forces.

He put forward modelling the entire army on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the general objective of army building to provide the KPA with an immortal programme for firmly maintaining its revolutionary character and nature and set developing the army into the one strong in idea

and faith as the main task of army building.

Saying that as there are soldiers, so is the Supreme Commander, he sailed through the rough seas and visited frontline posts to inspire soldiers with faith in sure victory.

And he taught service personnel about the mission and duty of armed soldiers in military training grounds and trenches clouded with powder smoke and led them to spend every day of military service with exercises while presenting unlooked-for circumstances at any time to directly acquaint himself with their preparedness for actual war.

Now, the military power of the DPRK has developed so much that no one can estimate the limit and power of its strike.

The new-type strategic weapons born at a striking speed

to perfectly foil the reckless moves of hostile forces to start a nuclear war and raise the defence capacity of the country as the most powerful and absolute entity are associated with all pains and devotion of Kim Jong Un. They are just the fruition of the unshakable faith and unrivalled guts of him who intends to defend the safety of the people and the environment for peaceful development of socialist Korea without fail.

Kim Jong Un leads the KPA to creditably perform not only its mission of defending the country but its responsibility as creator of the people's well-being.

To commit many soldiers to peaceful construction under the dangerous situation in which hostile forces try to trigger a nuclear war is really unimaginable in common sense.

But with his firm confidence in the justness of their cause, the inevitability of its victory and the strength of the people boundlessly loyal to it, he vigorously organized and mobilized the KPA to build an ideal socialist land as early as possible.

True to his intention the KPA is building countless streets for the people, monumental structures and bases for cultural and leisure activities on this land at a fast speed which cannot be interpreted as otherwise than a miracle.

The KPA is demonstrating its might as a reliable defender of the country and people and the strongest forces for accomplishing the socialist cause because it holds Kim Jong Un who has ever-victorious courage and grit and rare wisdom in high esteem as its Supreme Commander.



Scenes from the grand military parade staged in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army on April 25 2022.

KPRA, first revolutionary armed force of Korea

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The first revolutionary armed force of Korea was founded on April 25 1932.

Kim Il Sung who set out on the road of revolution with a lofty intention to liberate his country in his early teens put forward an original line of waging an armed struggle and founded the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army, first revolutionary armed force of Korea, in the forests of Antu, Northeast China.

Although it was a small troop of some 100 fighters, it was the genuine army of the Korean people formed with workers, peasants and patriotic youths who hated the Japanese aggressors and their stooges and loved their country and people, and a Juche-type revolutionary armed force guided by the Juche idea propounded by their Commander

Kim Il Sung.

Its founding was a grand momentous event that declared the death-defying resistance against the imperialists under the banner of achieving national liberation and independence by national efforts and a landmark event which heralded a new era of the Juche revolution relying on powerful revolutionary armed forces.

It was also a heroic deed that announced to the whole world the staunch anti-imperialist revolutionary idea to fight with arms against those who attempt to hurt the dignity and violate the sovereignty of the Korean nation and the indomitable will of the Korean revolutionaries to achieve the freedom and liberty of the people and victory in the revolution at all cost by their own strength.

It was much beyond

imagination that the AJPGA declared the revolutionary war against the one million troops armed to the teeth, the military force of Japan which styled itself "leader" of Asia.

This notwithstanding, the Korean guerrilla army won battles against them by overpowering their numerical and technical upper hand by dint of the politico-ideological and strategic and tactical edge.

In March 1934 it was reorganized into the Korean People's Revolutionary Army which gradually extended the theatre of war to the homeland.

The KPRA actively applied protean and adroit arts and tactics of guerrilla warfare, which are still told as legends, in numerous battles that are etched in the history of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, including the Battle of Pochonbo which terrified the

Japanese imperialists and instilled confidence in national liberation in the Korean people.

It created the great revolutionary spirit in the course of accomplishing the cause of national liberation.

Its members were faced with unimaginable difficulties and trials including starvation, biting cold and deadly contagious diseases, with neither state backing nor support from a regular army. However, they established the tradition of single-hearted unity, the great foundation of the revolution, as they displayed absolute loyalty to their Commander.

They made Yongil bombs from scratch and military uniforms by their own efforts in primitive forests by giving full play to the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and overcame a mountain of difficulties in the indomitable

fighting spirit of achieving the historic cause of national liberation no matter how often they might have to die.

The revolutionary spirit of Paektu created and fully embodied by the KPRA was succeeded by the Korean People's Army, regular revolutionary armed forces founded in less than three years after liberation, and has served as the spiritual source of all victories recorded in the 70-odd-year history of the Korean people after national liberation.

Despite the lapse of over 90 years after the founding of the KPRA, the Korean people will reliably carry forward the tradition started by their first Juche-type revolutionary armed force and successfully accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Earth, one and only home of humans

By Ri Ju Gyeong

The earth, the only planet in the solar system that can harbour life, is the home of humans.

The rapid increase in the global population and the fast growth in the economy are accelerating the transformation of the earth's environment, which is having a severe negative influence on human existence and activities today.

Therefore, environmental activists held an international rally on April 22 1970 to exhort the international community to manage the earth's environment in a more

sustainable and cleaner way. Since then, April 22 has been marked as Earth Day and a variety of events have been organized to raise public awareness of the earth's environment and prevention of pollution.

The UN General Assembly in 2009 named the day International Mother Earth Day.

The Earth Day Organization set the theme of Earth Day 2023 as "Invest in Our Planet" and called on all people on this planet to take an active part in the work for improving the earth's environment.

Marking the day, various activities like tree planting, road and river improvements

and plastic waste collecting are conducted around the world.

We can contribute to protecting the earth simply by saving wood, fuel, water and electricity, collecting rubbish, cleaning the environs and encouraging the use of renewable energy sources.

Especially, we can help tackle the plastic pollution, one of the major environmental issues, by refusing to use disposable plastics and choosing reusable goods and save wood and fuel by widely adopting e-payment instead of cash.

The DPRK pushes ahead with afforestation and water conservation as an important

state work in order to prevent land washout and reduce human and material losses caused by natural disasters. It also carries out a mid- and long-term greening plan, channelling efforts into acquiring new land and landscaping and greening localities according to their characteristics.

All people who share this planet should turn out in the protection of the earth, fully aware that it is for themselves and their own future.

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Preservation of cultural heritage nationwide, all-people undertaking



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National cultural heritage is material and spiritual wealth that a nation has created and accumulated for the long course of historical development.

The Koreans, a resourceful and civilized nation with a 5 000-year history, have rich cultural heritage which can be boasted of to the world as it was created with their diligent and sincere efforts and outstanding talents.

For the homogeneous

nation, the preservation of national cultural heritage is a patriotic undertaking for defending and handing down the nation's history and tradition from generation to generation.

Our country has set April and November as the months for national heritage protection every year and intensively conducts activities in the period to this end.

This April a nationwide campaign has been waged, focusing on taking proper

steps to prevent possible damage from natural disasters in summer while rebuilding or restoring tangible and natural heritage elements damaged in winter due to natural causes.

Close attention is being directed to widely encouraging national arts and customs.

National arts including calligraphy, fine arts and music and dance see steady development to meet the emotional feelings of the people and modern aesthetic

taste in our country.

Today, it is commonplace to see children learn national music and dance, calligraphy and Korean painting.

National *ssirum* contest is held every year and Taekwon-Do has become a mass sport everyone likes to practise.

Thanks to the policy of the Workers' Party of Korea on the preservation of national cultural heritage, history and folklore museums are seen everywhere across the country.

As national cultural heritage is preserved as a nationwide and all-people undertaking, the national history and tradition are inherited successfully in our country.

Russia slams US for convening 'summit for democracy'

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The US recently convened the 2nd "Summit for Democracy". In this regard, the spokeswoman for the Russian Foreign Ministry released a commentary in which she branded as the height of hypocrisy the

attempt of the US to spearhead the worldwide establishment of the values on democracy.

She exposed the ulterior purpose of the US behind its convocation of the "Summit for Democracy". She argued that it is to renew the means of interfering in internal affairs of sovereign states and controlling them externally, and compel all other countries

to see the world through the lens of "rules-based order".

The US, which is rife with chronic problems, has no moral right to admonish other countries, she said.

She also resolutely rejected the US act of compelling other countries to accept American-style "democracy" as the only "standard."

And she stressed that the

multipolar world order is being firmly established thanks to the cooperation among most of the countries in the world.

Meanwhile, the Russian foreign minister, at an interview with the Cuban press, said that the 2nd "Summit for Democracy" which is being held under the chairmanship of Biden does not have a clear criterion for participation, and if there is any, the "loyalty" to the Democratic Party of the US stands as the one and only criterion.

After all, the "Korean agricultural ordinance" was nothing more than a document for legitimizing landlords' exploitation and oppression of tenants.

In that way, the Japanese imperialists inflicted untold misfortunes and sufferings on the Korean people and plundered their enormous wealth while strengthening colonial rule after militarily occupying Korea in the previous century.

The Korean people are now sternly watching the behaviour of Japan which persists in the anti-DPRK racket, far from making an apology and soul-searching for the crimes even after the turn of the century.

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The advance of the DPRK is unthinkable apart from all-people patriotic movements. Typical examples of such movements are the general ideological mobilization movement for nation building, the emulation drive for increased production, the

anti-illiteracy campaign and the movement of donating grains out of patriotism and the Chollima movement which brought about the miracles of heroic Korea on the ruins after the Fatherland Liberation War. These patriotic movements injected

vitality to the patriotic minds of the Korean people. As noble virtues and traits and zeal for assisting others are dominant in the DPRK society, patriotic movements are organized and pushed forward to attain the 12 major goals for the

development of the national economy. It is the unanimous desire of the Korean people to vigorously promote the development and prosperity of the country by dint of such movements as they did in the past.

Patriotic movement

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Taekwon-Do Holy House

Comprehensive base for promoting and disseminating Taekwon-Do

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The Taekwon-Do Holy House is located in the sports village on Chongchun Street in Mangyongdae District, Pyongyang.

It was built as a traditional Korean-style house covered with red tiles on a gabled roof. It has publicized the history of Korean martial arts and the development history of Taekwon-Do, trained the martial artists

and disseminated it since it was inaugurated on April 20 2012.

In addition, it has hosted different events sponsored by the International Taekwon-Do Federation, various kinds of demonstrations and martial arts games.

It covers the total floor space of 12 000 square metres in an area of 6 500 square metres.

It consists of the history hall showing the history

of Korean martial arts, the birth and development of Taekwon-Do and the history of the ITF, the Taekwon-Do science institute, gyms, training grounds, sci-tech learning space and multi-purpose hall.

On display at the first room of the history hall are the portrait of Tangun, founder of the Korean nation and martial arts, martial arts books compiled between the period of Koryo (918-1392) and the

period of the feudal Joseon dynasty (1392-1910) and historical data on famous martial artists.

The second room comprises photos showing the leadership exploits of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who devoted themselves to developing the orthodox martial art, and books and data related to the development history of Taekwon-Do.

The third room put on show the data on the development history of the ITF and its affiliated organizations, books relating to Taekwon-Do, and the DPRK players who exalted the honour of its cradleland at international games including the world Taekwon-Do championships.

There are data about Choe Hong Hui, the first president of the ITF, and masters of different

countries in the world who were renowned with Taekwon-Do.

In the past, the holy house hosted an event in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Choe and other events, demonstrations and martial arts games.

At present, different events of Taekwon-Do games for the 2023 spring national sports festival take place at the holy house.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL FINAL OF NATIONAL SPRING SPORTS FESTIVAL HELD

By **Han Kwi Hun** PT

On April 15 there was the final of the senior male volleyball event (class A) between the April 25 and Amnonggang teams during the national spring sports festival 2023 that opened on March 17.

The match drew the great attention of spectators and TV viewers as volleyball is one of popular mass sports in the DPRK and it was a game between the two local powers.

At 09:00 sharp, the match started after the referee blew his whistle for the beginning of the game.

From the outset the April 25 put its rival on the defensive and took the initiative by dint of captivating, powerful smashes.

The senior coach of the Amnonggang tried for tactical change several times in order to reverse the tide of the match but the team failed to make due

successes until the end of the first round.

The April 25 launched into the second round in the spirit of having won the first round. From the half of the second round, however, the team was caught up by the offensive tactics of the tenacious opponent.

The senior coach of the April 25 called a time out as the team was one score behind its rival when the latter had four scores left to end the round.

Members of the April 25 were all smiles at a few words of the coach. Later the tide of the match was reversed and the team won the round, too, without allowing its opponent any single point.

The third round of the match was really fierce as it took place as a decisive one with each of the teams having fully understood its rival's ability through the previous rounds.

The April 25 employed three-person shutout tactics

to check offensive by the Amnonggang and the latter made its main attacker stand on the spot between No. 1 and No. 2 and did false smashes from the positions of No. 3 and No. 4 to deceive the opponent, thus raising the rate of successful smashing.

To cope with it, the April 25 let a player good at receiving the ball participate in the round to organize safe defence and used tactics of dropping the ball on the front attack zone of the rival as its members were in the back zone.

The seesaw battle brought the scores to a draw, 28-28, with spectators' cheers reaching the climax.

At the moment when the issue would be decided by a team changing the tide of the match, the senior coach of the Amnonggang replaced two main players with others with special ability in service and blocking.

Thus the team scored

points by dint of service and blocking to bring the match to the fourth round.

In the round where the seesaw battle further intensified the April 25 won decisive victory, being awarded the trophy of the volleyball event.

The spectators were deeply impressed by No. 11 of both teams.

In particular, Yun Jong Ryong, playmaker of the Amnonggang, quickly judged the tide of the match and skilfully organized the playing of his team, making a great contribution to putting the senior coach's tactical intention into practice. Spectators referred to him as an all-rounder as he was good at both smashing and defence.

Pyon Jang Gon of the April 25 was an alternate and overawed the rival team by means of strong jump serves and powerful smashes, thus contributing to his team's win.



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A scene from the final match of senior male volleyball event (class A) between the April 25 and Amnonggang teams.

