

Kim Jong Un sends greetings to Russian President

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

He in the message extended warm congratulations to the President and friendly government and people of Russia on behalf of the government and people of the DPRK on the occasion of the significant day when the Russian people won a brilliant victory in the

Great Patriotic War.

He said that the Russian people won a great victory in the great war of justice to annihilate fascism that threatened the destiny of mankind by displaying matchless heroism and self-sacrificing spirit. The victory is a tradition peculiar to Russia, and the glory of the war victory will shine long in history and be eternal along with Russia despite the lapse of many years and replacement of generations, he noted.

He expressed belief that the strong and righteous Russian people would smash all challenges and threats

by hostile forces and as ever win victory in the course of ensuring the sovereignty and dignity of the country and stability of the region under the leadership of the Russian President.

Availing himself of that opportunity, Kim Jong Un extended warm militant greetings once again to the President, army and people of Russia who have courageously turned out in the sacred struggle to realize international justice and defend global peace against the high-handed and arbitrary practices of the imperialists.

History of capital city construction goes on

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Songhwa Street boasting a distinctive large architectural group of 10 000 flats and Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District built in an excellent location were significantly inaugurated in Pyongyang in April last year on the occasion of 110th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung, showing as splendid entities what the places for the people's happy living erected to fulfil the long-cherished desire of the Workers' Party of Korea were.

In April this year, 10 000-flat construction was completed in the Hwasong area as the first-stage project, enveloping the whole country with seething excitement and joy again.

It is the firm will of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, to usher in a new era of comprehensive development of socialism from the construction of houses by dynamically pushing forward with it without any delay even if other construction projects could be adjusted as the people are actually interested in it and it is directly linked with their life.

He proposed the plan for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang and noted that 10 000 houses should be built every year by concentrating the construction forces on the project at the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

Saying that building 50 000 modern flats in Pyongyang is something the WPK has long intended, prepared for and aspired to, in order to provide its citizens with more cultured and stable living conditions in his speech at the ground-breaking ceremony of Songhwa Street, he noted that the large-scale operation for the construction of houses

launched by the WPK and the state is an ennobling undertaking to turn the state's assets and the fruits of creative labour of the working masses into the welfare of the working people themselves.

Modern streets have sprung up one after another in Pyongyang to represent the times over the past 10-odd years, including Changjon Street, Unha and Mirae scientists streets and Ryomyong Street, under the wise leadership of the WPK which adopts all that people want as its policy and cherished desire.

Thanks to the noble ideal and grand aspiration of the WPK to make the people it worships like heaven and loves so much enjoy all blessings in the world without fail, today the construction of houses in the capital for the people is going on in a three-dimensional way without a moment's delay, on an unprecedentedly large scale and in a distinctive and modern style.

It is evidenced by the sounds of huge blasts which rang out in succession in February heralding the start of the second-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area and the ground-breaking of a new street in the Sopho area and the Kangdong Greenhouse Farm.

The kernel of the construction of houses is to give priority to convenience of the people.

Accordingly, the layout, residential neighbourhood plan and architectural styles have been renewed year after year to provide the people with added convenience in their living.

Pyongyang changes its looks every day along with the new history of construction in the capital city, with high-rise apartment houses and skyscrapers which could be seen in only architectural miniatures a few months ago springing up as miraculous entities in a short time.

Production picks up in different economic sectors



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Workers operate machines to increase the production of electric power at the Sodusu Power Station.

By Yun Kyong Il PT

Different economic sectors are bringing about a surge in production, true to the decisions of the sixth and seventh plenary meetings of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex is pushing the construction of another oxygen converter at a fast pace.

Workers of the complex are now concentrating their efforts on ensuring the initial kindling of an oxygen converter in the wake of

successfully carrying out a no-load trial run of equipment according to systems after finishing the manufacture and assembly of structures for the construction of another oxygen converter.

The Taean Heavy Machine Complex doubled the production plan for parts of equipment needed for large-scale thermal power stations in the first quarter of the year and continues to press on with the project in the same spirit.

The complex further strived to create new standards, new records, in the production of thermal power equipment parts

by coordinating the processes between workshops and between workteams. Workers of the gear reducer workshop made new innovations in the production of diverse gears to be sent to the Pukchang Thermal Power Complex and other units by increasing the processing speed of generating equipment parts over 3.5 times more than previously.

In the three months, the complex produced small gears, reducing gears and reducing gear boxes which are equivalent to the half-yearly output of the past.

Thermal power and

hydropower stations in all parts of the country have so far produced several million kWh of electricity every day this year as against the same period of last year.

The Kyongsong Electrical Appliances Factory built a new-type scores-of-metre-long tunnel kiln by applying a high-temperature air-combustion technology.

It increased the production of insulators 1.3 times by remarkably raising the actual extraction rate while decreasing the time needed for ensuring calcination temperature as against previously.

Working people's organizations hold meetings to vow vengeance, express indignation

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Working people's organizations of provinces, cities and counties are continuously holding meetings to vow vengeance and express indignation.

Youth and students across the country gathered to

vow vengeance and sternly denounced the US aggressors and the south Korean puppet traitorous clique, who are hell-bent on a nuclear war racket against the DPRK.

Workers and trade union members of factories and enterprises gave vent to their indignation, saying

they will smash the US' and south Korean puppets' frenzy of anti-DPRK confrontation with remarkable achievements.

Women's union officials and members across the country stressed that the final fate of those who are trying to deprive them of

their life, happiness and future will only be miserable death and pit of ruin.

The meetings fully displayed the heroic spirit of the Korean people who are willing to demonstrate the DPRK's tradition of victory and absolute national prestige.

Premier Kim Tok Hun inspects South Phyongan, North Hwanghae provinces

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Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, inspected various sectors in South Phyongan and North Hwanghae provinces.

Making the rounds of different farms including the Ponghak Vegetable Farm of the South Phyongan Provincial Rural Economy Committee, the Phungthan Farm in Suncheon City, the township farm in Hwangju County and the Ryongchon Farm, the Premier gave pep-talks to the officials and agricultural workers who are working hard in the fields to

bring in a good harvest this year at any cost and learned in detail about immediate farming.

He called on agricultural guidance institutions to give responsible guidance to farming and provide a firm guarantee for attaining the grain goal for this year, stressing the need to thoroughly meet sci-tech requirements in manuring and cultivating the first crops, grow rice seedlings well and take minute steps for overcoming the effects of disastrous abnormal weather.

At the construction sites for the establishment of C1 chemical industry and a nutrient solution fertilizer factory of the Sunchon Chemical Complex, he said that officials, scientists, technicians and builders

should make strenuous efforts and display their creativity to the full so as to hasten the day of the completion, deeply mindful of the importance of the construction.

At the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex, he called for concentrating efforts on fulfilling monthly and quarterly production plans and finishing qualitatively and the projects of weighty significance in strengthening the independence and Juche character of the metal industry.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issue for officials in the sectors of metal and chemical industries to intensify scientific and technological guidance to major projects and push forward with the



Premier Kim Tok Hun (third from left) inspects the Ponghak Vegetable Farm under the Rural Economy Committee of South Phyongan Province.

work for readjustment and reinforcement as planned and the issue for relevant units to produce and supply equipment and materials needed for projects in time.



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DPRK foreign minister meets new Chinese ambassador

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DPRK Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui met and had a talk with Wang Yajun, new Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, who paid a courtesy call on her on May 8.

Choe Son Hui and Wang Yajun expressed their steadfast stand to further

develop the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the DPRK and China, true to the noble intention of the leaders of the two parties and the two countries.

The talk was held in a comradely and friendly atmosphere. Present there were Vice-

Minister Pak Myong Ho and other officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and staff members of the Chinese embassy including Resident Minister Feng Chuntao.

Then, a reception was given by the DPRK government for Wang Yajun.

Farmers move into new houses

Ideal socialist villages epitomizing Korean-style rural civilization appeared in Yokkudo-ri of Paechon County in South Hwanghae Province and Samgwang-ri of Unjon County in North Phyongan Province. The seat of Yokkudo-ri was given a facelift as scores of blocks of single- and low-storey dwelling houses, a hospital, nursery, kindergarten and comprehensive welfare service facilities were built distinctively according to sections.

And over 630 dwelling houses were built in Samgwang-ri this year in the wake of last year.

Ceremonies for moving into new houses were held on the spot. They were attended by officials of the organs of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government in South Hwanghae and

North Phyongan provinces, builders, officials of the units which contributed to the construction and agricultural workers who would move into new homes.

Those who addressed the ceremonies said that such happy events that are witnessed all across the country are giving all the people the confidence that the appearance of the socialist countryside will continuously be improved according to the grand blueprint for national rejuvenation unfolded by the Party Central Committee and under the seasoned leadership of the Party.

House licenses were conveyed to owners of the new houses amid the enthusiastic applause of

participants, before speeches were made.

Officials congratulated the owners amid cheerful dances and removal to new houses.

Symposium on architectural aesthetics held

The 15th symposium on architectural aesthetics was held at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on May 10 by way of videoconferencing.

It was attended by Ri Hyok Gwon, minister of State Construction Control, and officials, designers, technicians, lecturers and students from relevant sectors including architectural and industrial designs, building, construction control and education.

The theme of the

symposium was "Juche-oriented architecture centring on the masses of the people".

National art festival of schoolchildren held

The 58th national art festival of schoolchildren opened on the occasion of the Day of the Sun, the greatest auspicious holiday of the Korean nation. Over 1 300 schoolchildren from across the country took part in the festival.

At the festival, which was held divided into the folk song competition of art group members from schoolchildren's palaces and students' and children's halls, individual art competition and performance of schoolchildren from each province, the participants

showed well the happy looks of those who are growing to be art talents in the modern extracurricular bases built under the care of the Workers' Party of Korea.

There was a public presentation of schoolchildren who were highly appreciated at competitions.

At the closing ceremony held on May 7, organizations from Pyongyang Municipality and North and South Hamgyong and South Phyongan provinces were awarded official commendations of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League for fully displaying their artistic talents through a variety of works.

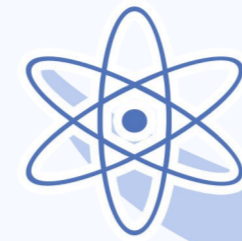
Explosives discovered

again at housing construction site in Hwasong area

Explosives exposing the brutal atrocities committed by the US imperialists during the Fatherland Liberation War were discovered again on May 9 at the construction site of second-stage 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area.

The explosives were 50kg and 10kg shells in a dangerous state as they only got rusty but were charged with powder.

Different kinds of explosives, including bombs, shells, mines and hand grenades, which have been found out in succession in the Hwasong area further fire the Korean people and officers and men of the People's Army with the spirit to annihilate the US imperialists, the ringleader of aggression and war and wrecker of peace of humankind.



Window of opportunity for exciting public interest in sci-tech exchange

By Chae Hyang Ok PT

The 36th national sci-tech festival was held between April 10 and 30 through Achim website in the form of virtual exhibition.

Sponsored by the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea, the festival was an important occasion for raising public interest in the exchange of and cooperation in science and technology.

It took place in the form of visit to virtual exhibition in which sci-tech findings were displayed, presentation

and examination of sci-tech achievements and sci-tech forum.

Most notable was that the form and method of the symposiums, seminars and sci-tech achievement presentations were quite different from what they were in the past and everyone could visit the virtual exhibition if they wanted.

The host organization presented sci-tech problems corresponding to the local realities in view of the world development trend of the relevant sectors, synthesized sci-tech plans to solve them through

symposiums, seminars and sci-tech achievement presentations and put forward new seeds of research on the basis of it.

Discussed there were various suggestions which would contribute to modernizing and advancing agricultural production by updating the qualitative indexes of farm machines. And practical measures were provided to people with all cultured living conditions by further improving the water quality and ecological environment of rivers attracted the interest of the participants.

Exchange and cooperation

were encouraged among the participants over the sci-tech problems arising in improving the quality of textile products and stationery and expanding their kinds and the achievements conducive to doing fish farming and seafood culture on a large scale.

Technical lectures were given on various subjects for the purpose of exploring ways to develop the economy in line with internal reality and the world sci-tech development trend and improving the people's living standards.

In particular, the festival

focused on farming techniques and methods to overcome the adverse effects of extreme weather conditions and sci-tech plans for completing the irrigation system.

Lectures on various themes met with overwhelming approval of the participants in the festival as they were helpful in modernizing and informatizing in Korean way different sectors of the national economy including metal, chemical, electric power and machine-building industries and construction.

The festival intensively

dealt with academic issues to develop new and efficient anti-epidemic techniques and methods and consolidate the material and technical foundations in the anti-epidemic sector.

According to an official concerned, the festival fully maintained impartiality, objectivity and scientific accuracy in examination.

During the festival tens of thousands of people visited the virtual exhibition to broaden their horizon and present creative opinions continuously, while positively sharing research findings and technologies on show.

Science, technology spur development of factory

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Tachongdan County Potato-processing Factory is promoting its development by dint of science and technology.

"All officials and employees of our factory are working hard to acquire profound knowledge of such relevant sectors as electricity, machine and chemistry, as well as the global trend of food industry development," said manager Pak Kuk Phil.

A characteristic feature in its work for technical development is that the sci-tech deliberation, an important stage for introducing new technologies, is being conducted effectively.

Before deliberation, officials make a deep study

of technical innovation plans to be presented and take the lead in the deliberation based on it.

All the participants hold discussions to examine actual possibilities of their introduction, economic profits from them, their prospects and their consistency with the global trend of development.

Good ideas are brought together in this course to be completed into technical innovation plans in a more progressive manner. Meanwhile, the participants determine the ways to step up the introduction of technologies including the organization of technical forces and investment.

The factory has fully established the habit of attaching importance to science and technology, and carries on the work

to integrate science and technology with production and train and manage talent reserves according to a definite plan.

Another feature is that new technical innovation plans are applied to production in time.

After the deliberation on new technical innovation plans, the factory considers overall aspects including their technical specifications, practical capabilities and major subjects of each person and the current conditions of the factory and makes sure that good results are brought about in the shortest possible time by pooling the wisdom of technicians and skilled workers who presented similar plans.

It also speeds up the modernization of its production processes

by rationally organizing the technical forces in keeping with the abilities and aptitude of young technicians specializing in different fields.

As all the stages ranging from presenting technical innovation plans to deliberating on and introducing them are nicely dovetailed, every work goes smoothly in all aspects including production and the consolidation of its material and technical foundations.

As a result, its starch production capacity has remarkably been increased, the modernization of production processes has been realized on a higher level and progress has been made in ensuring the domestic production of key materials and the development of new products.



Technicians discuss ways to upgrade production lines at the Tachongdan County Potato Processing Factory.

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New direct-current solid-state relay developed

The new solid-state relay is quite popular with users for the reliability of its operation environment and low cost.

By Yun Ki Song PT

Recently, scientists of the semiconductor engineering institute under the electronics faculty of Kim Chaek University of Technology invented a new relay needed in large numbers in industrial work.

In general, the relay is an electric appliance for receiving signals of electric current, voltage, electric power, frequency, temperature, pressure and rotating speed and automatically disconnecting or connecting electronic circuits if the relevant numerical values are higher or lower than the fixed ones or if the relevant direction changes. It is widely used in controlling and protecting the operating state of electrical equipment and devices.

Such appliances are mostly electromagnetism. They, however, work well in standard conditions but not in unfavourable conditions, in terms of operating speed and reliability.

The way to solve this problem is to introduce the solid-state relay. As a new-type non-contact switching element, it has several good technical characteristics. For example,

it is fast in switching and resistant to various unfavourable conditions and causes less power loss.

It was in February two years ago that scientists of the institute's semiconductor device research group, including section chief Han Ryong Hwan, PhD and associate professor, buckled down to the manufacture of the direct-current solid-state relay.

At a factory they happened to see similar imported relays working improperly hindering production.

So they started research for making the direct-current solid-state relay superior to the imported ones.

Finally, they perfectly solved the difficult problems of drawing the circuit design and protecting output terminals and made the device to suit the actual conditions of the country.

It is said that the introduction of the device into different sectors of the national economy will produce great economic profits.

The new solid-state relay is quite popular with the units which use it for the reliability of its operation environment and its high security and low cost.

Model technical innovation units grow in number

By Yun Kyong Il PT

The number of model technical innovation units increases amid the vigorous campaign for creating new technology in different sectors of the national economy.

This year, dozens of units have won the title of model technical innovation unit.

Vegetable workteam No. 1 of the Jangchon Vegetable Farm in Sadong District, Pyongyang, which won the title of thrice model technical innovation unit, introduced high-yielding varieties with a short growing period, advanced cultivation techniques and an effective microbial pesticide, thereby making marked progress in putting the greenhouse vegetable production on a new scientific basis.

Several workshops of the Pukchang Thermal Power Complex were honoured

with the title of twice model technical innovation unit.

Ferroalloy workshop No. 1 contributed to raising the quality of ferroalloy by inventing and introducing efficient equipment and devices to improve the actual rate of sorting and washing of raw materials. Material and operation and repair workshops applied technical innovation plans to put the production of different kinds of materials needed for the repair of generating facilities on a normal footing and prolong the cycle of boiler repair, giving a positive stimulus to increased power generation.

The sheet metal processing workshop and processing workshop No. 1 of the Kim JongThaeElectric Locomotive Complex also earned the title of twice model technical innovation unit as they gave full play to the vitality of the mass technical innovation

movement in manufacturing new railway carriages and solving problems arising in the processing of large parts.

The Pyongyang Optical Fibre Cable Factory designed and built an automatic temperature control nonoxidizing annealing furnace which can anneal wire in carbon dioxide, making it possible to save a great deal of electric power while reducing the consumption of manpower and electricity and improving the quality of products. And it remodelled the heating part of extruder of the cable finish coating line to far lengthen its lifetime and cut the heating time.

The Mangyongdae Disabled Soldiers' Koryo Medicine Pharmaceutical Factory made and applied a circulation and separation-type vacuum concentrator, which can incassate Koryo medicines at low temperature in a short time, to prevent the

carbonization and destruction of the composition of medicines by overheat during the inspissation and improve the actual extraction rate in concentration of extracts. And it devised a first-aid kit composed of medicines, medical supplies, breather for artificial respiration and other tools for medical treatment and directions for first aid to provide for such an emergency as sudden attack of illness or natural disaster.

Other units, including the Yomju youth tideland farm and pit No. 5 of the Ryongsan Coal Mine, also provided a sure guarantee for the production growth by holding fast to scientific and technical development and closely combined the work to improve the level of technical skills of their employees with the operation of scientific and technical diffusion rooms, thus winning the title of model technical innovation unit.



Workers pool their efforts to update a production process at the Kyongsong Tile Factory.

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Factory honoured with title of thrice model technical innovation unit

By Han Jong Ho PT

A mass technical innovation drive is dynamically waged at the Ponghwa Soap Factory.

In recent years the factory employees have come up with and introduced new inventions, technical innovation plans and new technologies in succession, giving strong impetus towards substantial change in the production and technical development.

A few years ago, Manageress Sin Chun Ae happened to see a book on science and technology, which says that a certain part of poplar has a substance with a strong anti-inflammatory effect. She made

highly-effective functional toilet soap by extracting the substance and the functional poplar toilet soap obtained a national patent.

Following her example, employees showed growing interest in and enthusiasm for developing new technology and the whole factory seethed with ardour for learning advanced science and technology.

Most of the factory's employees are women, mostly married women.

However, they learn hard and rack their brains for the development of their factory, saying that the growth in production and improvement of quality are unthinkable apart from technical innovation.

"We must learn to produce famous products that meet the growing demand of the people. So many employees of our factory have enrolled on the online course of universities and delve into their majors," said Kim Si Nae, a workteam leader.

The deeper they are drawn into thoughts, the more innovative ideas come into their mind, which leads them to more inventions, and therefore dozens of technical innovation plans are devised and introduced every year.

When the liquid soap production process based on local raw materials was newly set up, the employees resolved important technical problems like the evaluation

of optimized conditions for reaction of raw materials and the making of necessary machines.

And they automated the work of supplying water to steam generator which is essential to the laundry detergent production process.

In the course of making the technical innovation drive an affair of the employees themselves, various functional toilet soaps and quality laundry and dishwasher detergents were developed and production facilities remodelled into power- and labour-saving ones.

As a result, the factory recently won the title of thrice model technical innovation unit.

Labour innovators of machine complex

By Ko Kwang Yon PT

Workteam leader



Sin Chung Il (pictured), leader of the lathe workteam of the machine workshop of the Ryongsong Machine Complex, creditably carries out his assignments through the mass technical innovation movement.

While undertaking the processing of the piston head, a part of a large compressor, he introduced a processing method based on inlet hole, thereby making it possible to reduce the time of installing materials to be processed and the processing time and fully meet the technical requirements of the design.

He also vigorously inspires workteam members to actively join the mass technical innovation drive.

He made a breakthrough in the processing of products by processing the eccentric hole of the main body of piston head that had been regarded as impossible to process with a lathe with a new processing method by pooling the collective intelligence of the workteam.

Well aware of the fact that greater honour lies in collective innovation, he makes a breakthrough in production as the standard-bearer of his workteam.

Master inventor

Kong Yong Hwan (pictured), a lathe operator of processing workteam No. 2 of the large machine tool workshop, takes the lead in production as he processes materials for a large compressor at a high qualitative level as a well-known inventor.



A skilled worker who has operated his lathe for 36 years, he devotes his wisdom and effort to the production of custom-built equipment.

The processing of large compressor parts requires high technical skills for ensuring verticality and concentricity.

He devised a new jig in order to ensure high quality in processing materials for products, thereby fully satisfying their technical demands and greatly shortening the processing cycle.

Bearing in mind that high technical qualification is one of the guarantees for ensuring the top quality, he dedicates his wisdom and passion to the processing of products as he always speculates and researches.

Commodity show highlights growing demands, increasing competition



Many people visit the spring national commodity show-2023 held from April 28 to May 9.

JON KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The spring national commodity show-2023 took place in Pyongyang between April 28 and May 9 amid the great interest and expectation of the entire population including citizens of the capital city.

The show was aimed at contributing to improving the people's living standards by promoting the production of quality goods which are favoured and prized by the people.

Extended venue

Unlike previous commodity shows, the recent event was held simultaneously at several commercial service units in Pyongyang.

The previous ones were mainly held at Pyongyang Department Store No. 1, the Pyongyang Children's Department Store and the Pyongyang Underground Store which are located in the central part of Pyongyang. But the recent show included the West Pyongyang and East Pyongyang department stores in its venues along with the stores in the city centre.

"As a result, the number of participating units nearly doubled as compared to previous events and more than 3 660 kinds of commodities including manufactured products, foodstuffs, household goods and electronic appliances were put on show there," said Pak I Sun, section chief of the Ministry of Commerce.

It was the first time the West Pyongyang and East

Strengthened competitiveness

Pyongyang department stores hosted a national show.

As these stores occupy the ground floors of long apartment houses, their sizes are incomparably smaller than Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 and the Pyongyang Children's Department Store which are multistoried and the Pyongyang Underground Store which takes up a large underground area behind Kim Il Sung Square. However, they had the advantage of being close to residential areas and easy to access, which was enough to make them crowd-pullers during the show.

"Especially, on Sunday (April 30) and May Day, the international holiday of working people, the store was full of citizens who came to the show after having a pleasant time on Moran Hill, one of the eight scenic spots in Pyongyang," said Ri Sun Im, manageress of the West Pyongyang Department Store.

Another characteristic of the show was that all participating units, including producers at central and local levels, state-owned enterprises and trade organizations, showed off their enhanced competitive edge.

A clear manifestation of this is the fact that most of the consumer goods producers and commercial service providers exhibited their products at more than two of the stores.

In particular, the Unha Daesong Foodstuff Factory, Yua General Foodstuff Factory and Songdowon General Foodstuff Factory, which are well known for their tasty and nutritious foods, presented their products at all five venues of the show.

"We presented over 280 kinds of foodstuffs and there are some 20 kinds of new products like veg-flavored milk cream biscuit, coffee-flavored

As befits store for children

biscuit and butter cake which were specially developed for this show," said Ko Myong Chol, staffer of the Yua General Foodstuff Factory.

A large amount of commodities made in South Phyongan Province were on show at several department stores. The West Pyongyang Department Store alone stocked more than 100 000 pieces of articles in 386 kinds from commercial agencies of Phyongsong, Kaechon and Suncheon cities.

Visitors appreciated all the commodities ranging from garments in different shapes and styles to leather shoes, trainers, grasswork and natural health foods as they were clearly associated with the painstaking efforts the producers invested to bring out high-quality and user-friendly goods that suit the likings and tastes of the people.

"The play areas used to be closed during shows in the past. But during the recent show, the booths on every floor were arranged in a rational manner so as not to trespass on the children's play sections," said Han Un Sim, manageress of the Pyongyang Children's Department Store.

Therefore, customers who brought children could take their time to buy goods free from worry about the children.

The store featured many products made to suit the likings of children.

The Sinpho fishery nutritious food production station and the Sinpho fish cannery brought out cod-liver oil drops and calcium candies which promote the growth of children.

Containing refined cod-liver oil and vitamins A and D as its main ingredients, the drops do not taste fishy but savoury. The candies made with calcium hydrogen phosphate as the

main component is chewy, digestive and absorbable.

The Taejin high-tech goods production station presented sound wall pictures which can be applied to intellectual education of children in the 3-6 age group. They are divided into sections of English alphabet, animal, people, plant and number, each of which has 36 wall pictures. If you choose a picture, sounds are made in Korean and English so that children can easily imitate them.

"Parents really like them as they believe they can help their children learn Korean and English in a fun-filled way and also in a short time," said a salesgirl.

Among much sought-after commodities at the store were children's growth chart which intuitively helps parents manage the nutrition of children in a scientific way, toys representing animals from popular cartoons, yoghurt, condensed milk and baby formula.

Teenagers learn at university

Students of the special course of Pyongyang University of Fine Arts practise their painting skills on Moran Hill in Pyongyang.



PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Pang Un Ju PT

The special course of Pyongyang University of Fine Arts is specialized in the education of basic fine art among 14 or 16-year-old students. According to faculty dean Kim Hak Chol, the course was organized in 2003 by the state's measure to further develop the education of basic fine art and this year it will celebrate the 20th anniversary. He added that it can be said that a short cut has been provided in selecting and

training fine art talents as the early education system was established. When the course was organized, it had five departments (Korean painting, painting, design and handicraft, sculpture and calligraphy) and the publishing department was added in 2014. The course carefully selects students with fine art talents and ability among those in their graduating year at junior middle schools in Pyongyang and gives them preliminary education. When they move up to senior middle

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Kim Hak Chol, faculty dean of Pyongyang University of Fine Arts

schools, they officially enter the course to receive basic fine art education. The basic education puts main stress on sketch and

painting. According to Kim Hak Chol, the proportion of practical skill takes over 60 percent in education.

It is said that the practical education is given at such picturesque places as scenic spots, pleasure parks and parks in Pyongyang and spring and autumn are the best seasons for the field study as all things come to life again in spring and plants turn into golden colours in autumn. “The model drawing and correction guidance of lecturers have more effect in the practical education,” said Mun Se Ung, a lecturer of the painting department of the course. Students who finished three-year course of basic education under the organic combination of theory and practice and the guidance of lecturers enter the university. “As the building with firm foundation does not collapse, students who entered the university after receiving solid basic education in the department do not know difficulties in improving their abilities,” said Mun. Students who graduated from the university after that display their abilities without fail at different fine art production units including the Mansudae Art Studio.

Early education for training film actors and actresses

By Kim Hak Chol PT

There are many Korean films and dramas starring teenagers to leave a deep impression on viewers. In particular, after watching movies filmed from the 1990s, people wonder from where such young “actors and actresses”, who brilliantly performed leading and minor parts, were selected. Such young artists are often chosen from the early acting education class of Changgwang Senior Middle School in Central District, Pyongyang. According to Ham Yong Suk, section chief in charge of the class, it was organized in 1992 according to a state measure for training reserve actors and actresses. National art organizations including the Korean Film Studio and the National Theatrical Troupe mostly pick young

leads from the class for their works, she added. The class picks out those who want to go in for the stage from junior middle schools in Pyongyang to give them basic education in the art of speaking, acting, dance, music and others essential for stage career. It pays special attention to the art of speaking in education. As speaking amounts to 70 percent of acting, so the education in the art of speaking accounts for more than 70 percent in practical training, Ham said. During the practical training, students reproduce some scenes of cartoons and feature films that suit their psychological features or recreate them in their own way. Ham added that the current practical training curriculum is subdivided and specialized to meet students' ages and psychology. According to the curriculum, students acquire

diverse speaking and acting skills peculiar to them as they imitate various styles of acting and diverse tones like clear, thin, deep, thick and hoarse voices. The class also pays due attention to the training of music and rhythm with the main stress put on national music and dance to make personality and aura peculiar to Koreans emanate from students in their acting. At present, the class works hard to find out the ways to further improve the quality and level of education in keeping with the trend of developing dramatic and cinematic arts including teaching methods to prepare students as scriptwriters and directors as well as actors.



Students acquire speaking and acting skills at the early acting education class of Changgwang Senior Middle School in Central District, Pyongyang.

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Pyongyang Maternity Hospital, Breast Tumour Institute

Dear home of women, palace for babies

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The Pyongyang Maternity Hospital and the Breast Tumour Institute of it stand side by side in its compound in the Munsu area of the capital city of Pyongyang. More than 40 years have passed since the inauguration of the hospital specializing in delivery assistance, treatment of women's diseases and various special medical services for women. During the period, many

women have given birth to their babies and recovered their health under best medical care. That is why Korean women call the hospital their parents' home and palace for babies. “The Pyongyang Maternity Hospital and the Breast Tumour Institute of the hospital are the gift presented to our women by the country. True to the intention of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il made sure

the hospital was built at the top level in every aspect from medical equipment to service,” said Kye Chun Yong, directress of the hospital. The employees of the hospital are devoted to delivery assistance and treatment of patients. In particular, expectant mothers of triplets and quadruplets are brought to the hospital no matter where they live and put under the special health care of doctors in charge until they leave the

hospital after childbirth. Triplets grow in incubators after birth before leaving the hospital, and the period is 100 days in general. In the period, each child is looked after by a doctor and three nurses. According to department chief Ji Mi Gyong, the 538th triplets were born recently. During their stay, all the pregnant women and nursing mothers are provided free by the state with honey and other nutritious foods and even supplies for babies.

The Breast Tumour Institute is an institution for women built under the meticulous guidance and care of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. Inaugurated in November 2012, it is furnished with top-rate medical facilities including a multi-purpose X-ray machine and latest CT monopolized by a few developed countries. Its medical workers are called “guardians of happiness of families” as they have successfully cured and

operated many cases with different mammary diseases by dint of sincere devotion and high practical abilities. A woman residing in Chollima District of Nampho who was hospitalized there twice for the treatment of invasive ductal carcinoma expressed her deep gratitude towards the country, saying that she recovered her health from a severe disease at the institute and could have a better understanding of how big the benefits of the free medical care system are.

Institute gives regular check-ups against women's diseases

Doctors and nurses of the examination department are particularly busy among medical workers of the Breast Tumour Institute of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital. Because they have face-to-face consultations with lots of women a day as all visitors to the institute come under medical examination before anything else. They also undertake outreach work to screen all women across the country for breast tumour in March and September every year. According to doctor Jon Myong Chol, breast screening for cancer is part of a routine checkup system established when the institute was opened in November 2012.

Socialist medicine is preventive medicine and the outreach medical service is aimed at widening the common knowledge of breast diseases among women and detecting and treating early cancers in time through the preventive examination system, he said. Accordingly, medical workers of the institute go out not only to factories, enterprises and educational and public service institutions where many women work but also clinics in districts for women pensioners and give them medical check-ups. They also offer short courses and technical guidance to health workers in the relevant sector in each province so that they can carefully screen all women for breast tumour.

“As breast cancer shows no subjective symptoms, many cases develop the disease without knowing it. So we advise all women to visit our hospital and have breast screening every 6 months and detect early cancer patients in time through the outreach programme,” said doctor Kim Un Hui. A mother of a three-year-old child living in Kyonghung-dong, Pothonggang District, Pyongyang, benefited from the outreach medical service. In March when the head of her neighbourhood unit told her that medical workers of the Breast Tumour Institute came to the clinic for the examination of breast, she did not have it as she thought she had nothing to do with it,



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A doctor x-rays the breast of a woman at the Breast Tumour Institute of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital.

she said. But she had the check-up on the kind advice of medical workers, she said. “I was really surprised that

an early cancer was detected in me unexpectedly and very thankful to the medical workers who gave check-ups to all without missing one of

us, women.” After receiving medical treatment at the institute shortly ago, she is now recovering her health.

Advanced technologies introduced into treatment of women's diseases

Medical workers of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital and its Breast Tumour Institute have made successes by introducing advanced technologies into the treatment of women's diseases. In recent years alone, the

women's diseases treatment laboratory of the maternity hospital has lightened the anxiety of incurable metrorrhagia patients by applying the demolition method of endometrium based on hot water therapy. In the past, doctors often introduced the method of

extracting the womb with the help of celiotomy, and this method incurred the recurrence of ailment and operation sequela. However, the medical workers completely treat diseases while preserving the womb with the help of hot water therapy by using

a newly-invented operation instrument. Kim Sung Hae, section chief of the laboratory, said that the research hit was registered as a precious invention as it is of great clinical and practical significance. The medical workers of the hospital produce

high treatment effects with the help of arteria uterina embolization which can be claimed to be one of the cutting-edge operations in the treatment of obstetric and gynecological diseases. This method is enjoying high reputation among the cases as there is no need to

suture the skin since a needle mark remains only in the skin and it gives no attack to the patient. “Until two years ago, I failed to give birth to a child owing to hysteromyoma and infertility. But I became pregnant in five months after receiving arteria uterine embolization, and thus gave birth to a lovely son today,” said a woman living in Uiam-dong No. 2, Taedonggang District, Pyongyang. The institute intensifies research into breast tumour to put diagnosis and treatment of mammary gland diseases on a scientific basis and improve their level. The medical workers of the institute now flawlessly do a dozen operations including breast evulsion and repair at the time of breast cancer. Ri Chong Won, director of the institute, said that thousands of women from across the country have so far received hospital treatment.



Medical workers have an online diagnosis consultative meeting and perform an operation at the Breast Tumour Institute.

'Everything goes well in harmonious family'

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

Everyone has parents they respect and wives and children they love.

A family is just a group of people who are related to each other by birth and marriage, including a husband and wife and their parents and children.

Whenever work is hard and you face difficulties and get weary, you long for a hot meal and warm bed. But you first think of your family members, especially your considerate parents, caring wife and loving children who always welcome you, who are frank with you and who give you strength and courage.

That is why people regard their family as their home that gives you warmth and peace of mind.

No one wants their family to suffer a misfortune.

Parents work hard while constantly making exact demands on themselves to remain an honourable and nice father and mother of their children, and willingly take any pains for the growth of their children.

And children take it as their bounden duty to be filial to their parents who gave them life and lead them step by step with all affection and devotion.

Like this, family members promote harmony with love as they support and rely on each other while sharing all hardships, joys and sorrows.

This is just a harmonious family.

Family concord is not confined to one family.

Harmonious families form a harmonious society.

Figuratively speaking, when you liken society to a living organism, a family can be said to be a cell of it and the organism can perform its functions when these cells are healthy free from illness.

In his lifetime, President Kim Il Sung would often say that everything goes well in a

harmonious family.

The saying reflects not only the noble etiquette, morality and custom of the Koreans, who have promoted harmony since olden times as they have held their parents in high esteem and spared no pains for them and truly respected and trusted and sincerely assisted their spouses, but also the history of patriotism of the Korean people who have performed miracles as they have been devoted to society and collective putting state affairs above family affairs.

As they have displayed lots of admirable traits that no others can copy and imitate, the DPRK society forms a large harmonious society.

Backed up by such fine traits, the slogans "One for all and all for one!" and "For the next shift!" were coined, which heralded the great era of Chollima, a legendary winged horse that gallops 400 kilometres a day, and produced many forerunners of the grand Chollima advance.

Such tradition has been carried on admirably and it has become a social ethic and trait peculiar to the DPRK for everyone to help and lead one another forward.

Young women get married to honoured disabled soldiers and many people adopt orphaned children and take good care of aged persons with no one to look after them as their children. Especially, lots of people donated medical supplies and foods during the top-level emergency anti-epidemic period in order to relieve others of their pain. And young people continuously volunteer to work at difficult and labour-consuming sectors for the prosperity of the country.

Every Korean is determined to realize the dream of a powerful nation by overcoming difficulties on the strength of virtues, affection and unity as a member of a harmonious family and a grand harmonious society.

Warm affection pervades harmonious family

By Ri Sang Il PT

The family of Han Pong Chan residing in neighbourhood unit No. 22 of Kaeson-dong in Moranbong District of Pyongyang always resounds with happy laughter.

Although he is nearly 90, he is still hale and hearty. "Children's concern for their parents, parents' care for their children and wife's devotion to her husband and vice versa lead to harmony, I think," Han said.

This is exactly the main theme of the diary written by the old man who has led a fulfilling life while promoting family concord.

"As my children have looked after their parents with all devotion, I and my wife have led a comfortable life in good health," said Han.

His daughter-in-law Kim Un Hyang has paid primary attention to health care of the aged parents-in-law for over 10 years since her

marriage.

She shows special concern for each meal of them. Regarding regimen as the most important in their health care, she is solicitous about preparing foods according to their tastes.

When Han Pong Chan slipped and fell on an icy path and broke an arm last winter, she sat up all night at his bedside in a hospital to nurse him with all care as she helped him take gruel of pine nuts she prepared.

Her husband Han Il Son gives a great deal of encouragement to Un Hyang who supports him and looks after their children and his old parents while working at a factory.

He gives her active help, taking it for granted to help and support his wife as her husband.

"It is a bounden duty for children to take good care of their parents and for new generations to respect their elders. I only try to repay the careful consideration of the

parents-in-law who care for me as their own daughter," said Un Hyang.

The old couple are considerate and helpful to their well-mannered and caring daughter-in-law.

They keep the house clean and prepare supper lest she may be solicitous about household chores, while giving her advice so that she can fulfil her responsibility at work.

As everyone cares for each other, there has never been a slight quarrel at Han's family.

If something goes wrong, each one blames oneself, saying "Sorry, it is my fault" or "I've made a mistake".

"Harmonious families are everywhere in our society where it is a social trait to care for and helping each other and live in harmony. And such harmony makes elderly parents healthy and vigorous and other family members happy," said Han Il Son.



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The family of Han Pong Chan residing in neighbourhood unit No. 22 of Kaeson-dong in Moranbong District, Pyongyang, always resounds with happy laughter.

By Pang Un Ju PT

Ri Myong Hui, a resident of Sinmae-dong No. 2, Sariwon City, has collected 730 000 small medicine bottles to send them to relevant units for the past ten years.

"Considering that a carton holds 1 000 bottles, 100 cartons are needed to hold 100 000 bottles. As the saying goes, 'Every little makes a mickle'. Though her work seems to be trifling, it reflects her deep care for the country," said Kim Chol Ok, chief of neighbourhood unit No. 5 in Sinmae-dong No. 2.

Here is a reason why Ri Myong Hui formed a connection with medicine bottles.

In spring for more than ten years ago, Ri was upset as her daughter attending a primary school was hospitalized.

Her daughter's condition improved much by the devotion of medical workers, but she worried that her daughter would face some hardships in her study as the newcomer of the primary school was absent from lessons for several days.

However, her worries melted. When the daughter was recuperating, her class teacher visited the hospital every evening on her way back home from the school and taught her the contents of lessons she had failed to receive.

"While hearing about commendable deeds through the

mass media, I regarded them as commonplace in our society. But when I came to be indebted to others in person, I made up my mind to repay the favour, overwhelmed by the gratitude toward the country and social system," she said.

Seeing the empty medicine bottles in cartons at that time, she thought that they could be recycled and she could contribute to the country even a bit if she collected such bottles.

"There were dozens of medicine bottles which were used for Hyon Yong. So many medicines were administered for a child and how many medicines needed for vaccination and treatments would be injected to the people in the whole country,

I thought. So I was determined to collect medicine bottles and send them to relevant units," said Ri Myong Hui.

Since then, she has always gathered medicine bottles together with her daughter.

Since they were small bottles, it was not satisfactory although they worked hard to collect them.

She collected about two thousand bottles in the first year, and later she gathered more bottles every year while touring other villages and clinics of factories and enterprises.

Many women's union members turned out in a do-good-thing movement of the country after being informed of her deed.

Places of animal feats filled with people's laughter

Merry laughter ringing out of the Central Zoo adds zest to this spring



By Sin Pyol PT

The people's laughter reverberates through seal and other animals' corrals at the Central Zoo, adding gusto to the spring.

Heroes of the corrals are fur and common seals.

During a 20-minute performance, they flaunt their refined skills which they learned from tamers. Their skilful stunts amount to nearly 30.

"Fur and common seals are very sensitive. In particular, when they make any mistake, their behaviour becomes strained and give up the performance and even do not eat properly. It is not easy to ensure successful performance while overcoming such characters," said Kim Ryon Hui who has worked for over 40 years as a tamer.

Viewers extend unstinting praise and applause to clever marine animals when they swim in the water kaleidoscopically and pass through a ring in the air or perform the technical movements of high degrees of difficulty with a ball or ring which ordinary people cannot do.

They play on tamers' affections asking for tasty fish as a reward after performing stunts. Their looks cause considerable mirth among the audience.

"My daughter insists on turning their steps toward the seal corral when she comes to the Central Zoo.

She likes best when she sees the stunts of fur and common seals. They also make me pleasant," said Kim Chun Mi, a resident living in Pothonggang District, Pyongyang.

Such people brimming with delight and joy can also be seen at the animals' corral which is called the stage of land animals.

According to tamer Yu Sung Ok, the performers of feats are pet dogs, monkeys and goats.

During their 30-minute performance, spectators smilingly express praise and admiration or become strained since their costumes, tricks and representation are humorous and thrilling.

Pet dogs perform skills, the combination of intelligence, art and charm like calculation, playing of musical instruments and dancing. Monkeys and goats perform comic and acrobatic movements of high degrees of difficulty by using different tools and devices.

"I'm a football fan. That's why I'm very interested and find pleasure in football. Impressive are the energetic looks of spectators who root for their teams divided into two. Today, the dogs I rooted for won the game," said Hyon Kwang Hyok living in Phyongchon District, Pyongyang.

In the future, the animals' stunts will be further updated and developed to bring surprise and delight to the people.



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Stunts performed by different kinds of animals are sights to behold at the Central Zoo.

Large numbers of small medicine bottles

South Korean ruler's US trip comes under censure, derision, arouses serious concern

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Recalling that growing stronger is the resentment of the public protesting against the "talks" and the "Washington Declaration", the root cause of escalating military tensions on the Korean peninsula and its vicinities, the organization noted in a statement:
"The talks were humiliating ones to south Korea as they were run through with what the US wants based on its state-first principle, and submissive ones instigating camp confrontation between the US, Japan and south Korea on one side and the DPRK, China and Russia on the other side, openly antagonizing the north under the pretext of strengthening the 'extended deterrence'."
"We cannot but call Yoon traitor as he invokes his power for the US only and seeks to maintain his power by kowtowing to the US in denial of the history spanning more than 100 years.

"Let's punish the Yoon Suk Yeol regime which has invited the danger of war."
Over 110 professors of Sookmyong Women's University in south Korea released a declaration on the current situation in protest against Yoon's humiliating diplomacy.

Accusing Yoon of such evil deeds as give-and-take-nothing "summit talks", low-keyed response to the US eavesdropping, provocative diplomacy disturbing peace and aggravating the danger of war based on a divisive stand of viewing anyone as enemy if he is not friendly, and incurring huge social expenses and economic losses by destabilizing the situation of the Korean peninsula, the professors in the declaration noted that whenever Yoon glosses over his serious diplomatic gaffe with denial of facts and lame excuses, instead of making a responsible explanation and apology, the "national prestige" and "national interests" oft-repeated by him are seriously damaged with the collapse of public confidence and international trust. Stunning is his brazen-faced attitude and complete ignorance of history, they added, strongly urging him to immediately stop his ruinous diplomacy and unilateral administration.

The south Korean organization of "Council of Christian Churches" released a commentary in opposition to the "Washington Declaration" bringing the danger of a nuclear war to the Korean peninsula.
Noting that the "declaration" specifies the strengthening of the "extended deterrence" and the establishment of a new "nuclear consultative group", the commentary expressed deep concern over the deployment of a US strategic nuclear submarine and the US policy of strengthening the

"extended deterrence" which will give rise to a greater possibility of war.

The secretary general of the Seoul Headquarters of the Confederation of Trade Unions, addressing a candlelight rally in Seoul held in protest against Yoon's country-selling visit to the US, said Yoon hypes much the "alliance" with the US and Japan day and night but such "alliance" is just the "US-Japan alliance" in which south Korea serves as a best man and the US and Japan share their interests, and went on:

What will south Korea actually get from the "alliance"? He is a gourd that leaks both at home and abroad, and we can no longer bear it. It's time to break the gourd and replace it with a new one.

Even political figures of south Korea are strongly criticizing Yoon Suk Yeol, utterly disillusioned by his unprecedented submission during the trip.

The leader of the Minjoo (democratic) Party blamed Yoon for his humiliating behaviour, saying he neither protected the industry and business of south Korea nor demanded apology from the US for the suspicious wire-tapping of his "presidential office" but remitted the crime, took the attitude of indifference to continued wire-tapping and only "received the bills" on the issues of Ukraine and Taiwan during his visit.

The chairman of the Policy Committee of the Minjoo Party, questioning the "success" allegedly achieved by the Yoon group during the visit, said that Yoon had better focus on how to restore the weakened economy and business in the future, rather than talking big about the "great success".

The chief spokesman for the party in a commentary termed Yoon's visit "diplomacy on empty cart with loud noise", "hollow rice cake" and "real flop", saying people were so disappointed to see Yoon returning with an empty suitcase. He urged Yoon's "government" to face up to the cold reception by the public.

A lawmaker belonging to the Justice Party expressed concern over the "Washington Declaration", saying it might cause an adverse effect of bringing the permanent danger of war to Northeast Asia. He added that he would like to give a school warning (given by school to a student for too low academic results or attendance rates) if he was a marker of Yoon's visit to the US.

There has been a barrage of criticism against him including "The situation in which the Korean peninsula actually turns into a battlefield", "It would be better to come back empty-handed rather than to bring a large bomb", "People are greatly concerned about future troubles", "It is not too much to trim the talks the ones of the US, by the US and for the US, and security is unsafe and economy has gone bankrupt", "He left with the largest-ever economy delegation

but returned empty-handed", "It ended with diplomacy for deceiving the people beyond empty-handed diplomacy", "Shameless big-power worshipper", "US restriction on the south Korean economy has not been removed, though he has fully satisfied the US demand and confirmed it even in a document", "He did not do what he had to do, but did what he should not do", "Is the fruit of Yoon's US trip a 'success for giving impression only'?"....

Amid such accusations, a lawmaker from the Minjoo Party, recalling Yoon had even belted out an American song in English before Biden, said "Yoon had sung a song costing '150 trillion won' at the most expensive karaoke bar called the White House".

Overseas Koreans are also becoming increasingly vocal in their protest against and derision of the puppet traitor Yoon engrossed in committing the acts of treachery and destroying peace by kowtowing to the US.

Overseas Koreans in 56 cities of 13 countries issued protest statements when he visited the US.

The statements strongly demanded the resignation of Yoon's "government" who brought south Korea to total bankruptcy in a matter of one year after his "presidential" inauguration for ignorance, incompetence and irresponsibility and by making arbitrary decisions in disregard of the people, adding "his resignation just means salvation and peace".

During Yoon's begging trip, Koreans in the US expressed their anger, saying that they were not sure what Yoon Suk Yeol would do wherever he went, but it was likely that he would present everything to the US and return empty-handed. They called for forcing him to step down from his office as he would not do so by himself.

Chinese and south Korean media continue to expose and denounce the dangerousness of the puppet traitor Yoon Suk Yeol's visit to the US and serious consequences to be entailed by it.

China News Service carried an article titled "Storm rages after Yoon Suk Yeol's visit to US", which reveals the criminal nature of the "Washington Declaration".

The keynote of the "Washington Declaration" is to expand the US-south Korea negotiations about the nuclear crisis, stage more military exercises and simulation training, set up the Nuclear Consultative Group (NCG), and dispatch the US strategic assets to the vicinity of the Korean peninsula more frequently, the article said, and continued:

The NCG is aimed at enabling the US and south Korea to conduct strategic cooperation, including the sharing in the nuclear-related field, under the pretext of coping with the DPRK's "nuclear threat". Such contents were not included in the concept of the past "extended deterrence".
The "Washington Declaration" is

not favorable to the stability of the regional situation.

The executive director of the school for international relations studies of Nanjing University commented that the "Washington Declaration" offered "legitimacy" to the likely deployment of intermediate-range nuclear missiles in south Korea by the US and made it possible to conduct policy coordination and communication for it.

A professor at Jilin University said that the US-Japan-south Korea cooperation is a component of the US strategy for building a NATO version in the Indo-Pacific region.

The US is going to expand joint military exercises with south Korea, strengthen the "defence cooperation" with Japan and south Korea and form a "southern triangle" over the future Korean peninsula issue.

The strengthening of the three-way cooperation will have great influence on the regional security situation and prompt strong responses from neighbouring countries.

If a new Cold War structure is gradually formed and steadily maintained in Northeast Asia, blocs will be embroiled in dangerous confrontation.

The Chinese Huan Qiu network, in an article titled "How could south Korea talk about freedom while studying the face of the US", noted that Yoon Suk Yeol's constant flattery and subservience to the US are actually based on a mistaken perception of Washington. It said:

The fundamental purpose of the US' so-called support, aid and protection of south Korea is not really for the benefit of south Korea but rather to maintain and pursue US national interests. South Korea is just a tool for the US to maintain and realize its own interests, but Yoon mistakenly sees it as US support and assistance for south Korea.

Although Yoon Suk Yeol led a high-profile business delegation to the US, he did not reach any substantive agreement with the Biden administration on the "Inflation Reduction Act", the "CHIPS and Science Act" and other core issues such as south Korean business investment, product sales, and technological upgrading. But the US encouraged Yoon to continue to serve the interests of the US.

It is unknown whether Yoon, who has been deceived by the US, will calm down after returning home, think and distinguish about the so-called promises and support given by the US, and deeply reflect on his wrong perceptions.

Pointing out that Yoon weakened south Korea's status and role as he placed all its security and development rights on the US and the south Korea-US alliance, the article further said:
Adopting a policy of siding with the US not only diminishes the position of south Korea, but also

deprives it of flexible space.

Yoon's thinking and approach actually expose his lack of confidence and independent consciousness. In Washington's eyes, what they care about is whether south Korea can serve the US' national interests. Hence, to woo south Korea, the US will roll out the red carpet, making it mistakenly believe that the US is its "firm" ally.

The so-called extended deterrence guarantee from the US, Yoon's touted achievement of his visit to it, exposes once again the US mockery and strict control over south Korea, the article said, and went on:

The establishment of the Nuclear Consultation Group between south Korea and the US mentioned in the Washington Declaration is fundamentally different from the position and function of the Nuclear Planning Group in NATO, making it impossible to compare the two. And moreover, this "consultative" system is similar to "Extended Deterrence Strategy and Consultation Group" previously established between the US and south Korea in function and content, so it is hard to find any essential differences between them. Accordingly, there are many doubts and questions in south Korea regarding the establishment of the NCG.

However, Yoon treasures this empty gesture like a precious gem, highly excited, believing that the Washington Declaration is the most important achievement of his visit, and that the guarantee given by the US can provide south Korea with sufficient security and protection. Americans are deceiving Yoon by offering lip service, making him misunderstand that the US is protecting and supporting south Korea with its unprecedented military muscle.

Yoon is utterly unaware that the US is using this consultation mechanism to control and influence his "government", preventing south Korea from acting recklessly on the nuclear issue and making it strictly obey the US control and instructions.

Yoon's misguided words and deeds to please the US and cater to the US have created risks and challenge for south Korea while further deepening the impression that south Korea is a vassal of the US.

South Korea's local media also disclosed and denounced the true colours of Yoon Suk Yeol as a traitor and pro-US sycophant.

Kimchon Ilbo of North Kyongsang Province in an article titled "American belligerence and President Yoon Suk Yeol's submission" said:

Amid the growing concern about the escalating danger of war and worsening economy, a poet satirized south Korea as "a sweet potato field infested by wild boars",

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provoking bursts of laughter.

The "foreign policy" of Yoon is in great peril. It seems as if, just like the poet's humorous derision at Yoon's visit to the US, Yoon as a lackey of the US would jump into the flames of war at the end of his sycophancy of leaving sovereignty to the tender mercy of the US after getting robbed, backstabbed and mocked by the US in return for his devotion to it.

The US, which is styling itself a "liberal democratic state", has killed innumerable innocent people by igniting many wars. Nearly 250 years have lapsed since 1775. For more than 225 years of that long period, the US have been restless to fight wars for building a country, expanding its territory, becoming a "superpower" and maintaining world supremacy.

The US is the most bellicose and outrageous imperialism in the world.

Korea was liberated and divided after the Second World War. However, we regard the US as benefactor of liberation only, not as the chief culprit of division.

That is why we doggedly called the US troops that occupied Korea the "liberation army", though they were styling themselves the occupation forces at that time. And far from criticizing the US war of aggression in Vietnam denounced by the entire world and its invasion of Iraq opposed by the UN, we sent volunteer troops, describing the wars as the ones for "freedom" and "democracy".

To make matters worse, Yoon is siding with the US malicious policy to deter China, including the "Indo-Pacific strategy", which makes China enemy and even causes economic losses as well as security crisis.

The biggest and most important "success" of Yoon's visit to the US is allegedly the "Washington Declaration" that specifies the provision of the "nuclear umbrella" by the US, in which the US takes retaliatory action when a nuclear attack on south Korea is carried out, and frequent deployment of nuclear-capable bombers and submarines near south Korea.

This just escalates the danger of war far from promoting security, doesn't it?

Will the north step back with its spirit dampened or develop more powerful nukes and missiles in the face of frequent deployment of the US nuclear assets in south Korea? In order to prevent the north from using nukes and missiles, an end should be put to war and peace treaty should be concluded. Then is it reasonable to intensify the US-south Korea joint exercises?

They are making far-fetched assertions that the war cannot be terminated because the north is armed with nukes. Why then didn't they accept the north's proposals for terminating the war and concluding a peace treaty in the past century when it had no nukes?

As long as south Korea resorts to the US-south Korea alliance, the north and China will remain as the enemy due to the US policy of hegemony and the possibility for reunification and peace on the Korean peninsula will as ever diminish and trade deficit and economic losses will increase.

This is the present situation of the US-south Korea alliance. As Yoon is blindly following the US,

devoting everything to it, the US ignores and despises Yoon inwardly while treating him as a "state guest" and offering him a luxurious dinner outwardly.

This is the background to the widespread saying that "south Korea is the 51st state of the US", and "the north is the enemy respected by the US when south Korea is an ally despised by it".

There is increasing concern about the serious impact on peace and security of the Korean peninsula, region and the world by puppet traitor Yoon Suk Yeol's extreme sycophancy to the US.

China's *Global Times* quoted analysts as saying that Yoon's overwhelming pro-US policy could become a nightmare for south Korea and its losses would outweigh gains.

The paper said, "South Korea's new nuclear deterrence agreement with the US that could allow Washington to dispatch a strategic nuclear submarine to south Korea has drawn strong criticism from its neighbouring countries."

It continued:
Experts said that deploying US nuclear weapons on the Korea peninsula is an extremely dangerous and provocative act toward China, Russia and the DPRK, warning that Washington and Seoul will face strategic level retaliation which could spark another nuclear crisis in the region.

A military expert said that the US' "extended deterrence" strategy is not for defending its ally south Korea but an approach to use north Korea's military development as a pretext to deploy US strategic assets, including nuclear weapons, to impose more strategic pressures on China, Russia and the DPRK.
"This will do nothing good for the denuclearization of the peninsula but make the situation worse and also seriously threaten the security of China, Russia and the DPRK. Like the one in Europe, the US is likely to use the Korean peninsula nuclear issue to provoke another crisis in Asia, but China and Russia will not allow the US to do so," he noted.

If Seoul ignores such warnings and completely executes the US' instruction for "extended deterrence" in the region, south Korea will likely face retaliation, said experts. This could become a "nightmare" for Yoon and his country, and the protection and investment provided by the US are not worth the loss that south Korea will suffer in terms of both economy and security, they noted.

They said that Yoon's latest remarks completely confuse right and wrong and his increasingly extreme pro-US foreign policy could destabilize the Korean peninsula and that the so-called "extended deterrence" would only provoke Pyongyang to implement its principle of power for power and head-on contest.

It is the US-south Korea military exercises that escalate regional tensions, the Chinese newspaper said, quoting a foreign analyst on Korean affairs as saying in a news commentary on China Global TV Network that "public opposition to Yoon's diplomatic strategy is rampant. And south Korea will get nothing for its unbalanced diplomatic approach entirely dependent on the US."

Russian magazine International

Affairs carried the following article titled "US-south Korea: Nuclear deterrence against the DPRK instead of talks" by a senior researcher of the China and Modern Asia Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences:
Yoon Suk Yeol's visit to the US had carefully been prepared for a long time. However, the results of the visit were disappointing.

The main topic of the "talks" was the "deterrence" against the DPRK, which would not improve the security situation in Northeast Asia at all.

The US and south Korea are planning to form a bilateral "Nuclear Consultative Group" at an early date, start discussions on nuclear and strategic plans in this way, conduct frequent military drills in the field of nuclear deterrence on the Korean peninsula and, at the same time, make the US strategic nuclear submarines equipped with nuclear ballistic missiles regularly call at south Korean ports.

Such situation has arisen for the first time in the recent 40 years.

Strangely enough, Biden stressed that the "US is seeking to make a diplomatic breakthrough in the relations with the DPRK" as regards the results of the recent "talks". However, no matter what breakthrough he may make, the US nuclear obligation to south Korea won't be affected. And moreover, he openly threatened the DPRK.

As seen above, the Biden administration is acting in a quite contrary direction, far from seeking talks on building military confidence.

In conclusion, Yoon Suk Yeol's visit to the US showed that the US and its followers made big retrogression over the issue of security of the Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia.

China Daily in an article titled "Washington ensnares Yoon into geopolitical trap" said Yoon Suk Yeol's visit to the United States could have far-reaching impacts on the future of the peninsula and that of the region, and perhaps, in some ways, of the world at large.

It commented that the "Washington Declaration" and the "joint statement" which Yoon claims as a "bountiful harvest" appear to be potentially lethal, and there has been complaint that Yoon may have just submitted semiconductor makers, among other things, to the US control.

Unless the new agreement is completely withdrawn, it will deal a massive blow to the south Korean economy, apart from poisoning its overall relations with China, the paper said, adding he has allowed south Korea to be sucked further into the US' "Indo-Pacific" strategy.

South Korean puppet media and experts are also becoming increasingly vocal denouncing puppet traitor Yoon Suk Yeol's visit to the US as a traitor's war-oriented visit to turn the Korean peninsula into a theater of nuclear war.

South Korean newspaper *Hangyore* noted that the regular exhibition of the US strategic means entering the Korean peninsula will not serve as "expanded deterrence" but as "extended crisis".

Recalling that deployment of a US strategic nuclear submarine was confirmed by the high-profile "Washington Declaration", the newspaper quoted the US Pacific air force commander as saying at

an interview with Japanese media that the US strategic bombers will regularly conduct operations in and around the peninsula and land in south Korea.

It is abnormal for a strategic nuclear submarine operating underwater to surface and enter a south Korean port, and for a strategic nuclear bomber operating in the air to land on the soil of south Korea, it said, voicing concern that such military action of the US and south Korea will spark sensitive reaction from the neighbouring countries and deepen tensions and crisis.

An executive member of the Solidarity for Culture of south Korea said that Yoon seems to struggle hard for the sole purpose of making south Korea "a country needed by the US", in disregard of the security of people, geo-political stability, peace on the peninsula and retaliation by neighbouring countries and many other factors, quoting the public as saying that the "diplomatic disaster" of Yoon's regime continues and it is "self-ruining diplomacy".

The member noted that foreign media and experts on diplomacy and security and even pro-US conservatives in south Korea were stunned by Yoon's behaviour.

South Korean websites are deluged with articles deriding Yoon's visit to the US as a war-inviting visit to complete the US-Japan-south Korea triangular military alliance. They called for bringing down pro-US warmonger Yoon who is inviting a nuclear war, commenting that Yoon earned an ill fame for his "top-notch" evil rule such as pro-US and pro-Japanese flunkeyism, treachery, corruption, incompetence, anti-worker and anti-people policy, fascism and warmongering.

Others censure his visit, branding him as "an idiot taking the lead with a rifle in executing the US war strategy", saying "if Yoon is left intact, a war will break out and south Korea will be exposed to a shower of attacks", "it is as fool as a wart standing against a cart to level a gun at the nuclear and missile power," "one cannot but wonder about Yoon's behaviour of trusting even a thief", and "the recent US visit would lead Yoon to a grave".

The internet media *Voice of Seoul* derided the wretched plight of puppet traitor Yoon having a hard time for his wild act, saying:
Outwardly the ruling party seems to be indifferent to Yoon's submissive diplomacy toward Japan and wild rhetoric of "ironclad trust" in the US over its wiretapping, but it is jittery inwardly and is lamenting with deep sigh. In less than a year in office Yoon has made naught of everything. Economy went bankrupt with increasing debts.

He is hyping up his considerable successes during his visit to the US, but what he achieved is not as good as it looks.

He seems to have miscalculated that everything will turn out OK if he holds hands with Kishida and Biden. But only yawn comes out at the thought of the argument that Yoon and the ruling party will win in the next year's "general election".

Voters are the people on this land, not Kishida and Biden.

The ruling party is seething because Yoon has gone too far. No wonder, he is ruining even the economy, diplomacy and security.

Briefly

Cuba
Nation never to opt for submission
Cuban President Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez, addressing an international meeting on May 2, stated that although his country is facing big challenges, it would never opt for submission.

He censured the imperialists for clinging to cultural colonization moves and for being engrossed in an anti-Cuba media campaign while following the logic of supremacy and domination. Although the enemies are intensifying blockade against Cuba to obstruct it in everything, the Cuban people are overcoming the malignant epidemic crisis with their own strategy and efforts, he said.

Young people, in particular, are devoted to economic development while taking the lead in the effort to smash slander and calumny through the social network, and it is important to strengthen unity in the field of ideological campaign, he noted.

He added that the Cubans are advancing as they hold out their chests to the enemies' gun muzzles and waging a struggle while displaying the creative spirit and heroism every moment.

Russia
Anti-epidemic measures continue to be taken

The public information office of the federal bureau for protection of consumers' rights and supervision of human well-being of Russia announced on May 5 that the spread of COVID-19 at home is still under control.

Noting that all necessary anti-epidemic measures have been taken to check the spread of the malignant virus like the work to identify infected cases in time, it said that residents are informed of urgent issues for preventing the infection of this virus and the anti-epidemic situation is observed constantly.

The situation of the world pandemic is not smooth yet, but serious in some countries, it stressed.

Iran
Anti-terror operations conducted

On May 6 Iran executed the chief of a terrorist organization which had committed all sorts of terrorist acts, including murder of many civilians, in Khuzestan in collusion with foreign intelligence services.

That day, the Iranian police conducted an anti-terror operation in Baluchestan va Sistan, thus punishing three criminals who murdered a policeman in the region in late April.

COVID-19
Global situation

According to a foreign news report, 688 036 657 persons contracted novel coronavirus, 6 872 511 died of it and 20 701 093 were undergoing medical treatment in the world as of 24:00 on May 10.

Nation seethes with sporting activities in spring

By Han Kwi Hun PT

This spring the country is seething with greater sports fervour than ever before. The first-stage preliminaries of the 2022-2023 DPRK Premier League and the 2023 spring national sports festival showed the development aspect of the country's professional sporting techniques and such amateur competitions as the mass-based sports competition between cities, counties and industrial complexes that started in March, the 10th sports games of the public health sector and the National Inter-provincial Games-2023 reflected the ever-growing social interest in and enthusiasm for mass sports.

2023 spring national sports festival



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A glimpse of the basketball match between April 25 and Amnokgang teams.

The festival consisting of more than 540 events of 31 sports drew the attention of many from the beginning.

Every team fiercely competed with others to snatch gold medals as they adopted various tactics and displayed remarkable skills, team spirit and solidarity.

Special draws were the April 25 team trying to remain a frontrunner in such ball games as football, volleyball and basketball, the Amnokgang team striving to overtake the former and the male shuttlers of the Defence Sports Club who employed various drive skills and offensive tactics.

During the festival, national and world records were broken in different events.

The previous national record was broken at the 4x100m mixed freestyle

relay in the swimming event.

In the track and field event, similar successes were made in the men's 100m and 200m races by shaving 0.03s and 0.2s respectively off the national records.

New national records were set and Olympic, Asian and world records bettered in weightlifting events.

And new national records were established in the men's 61kg and 67kg snatch, the men's 81kg snatch, jerk and total and the women's 55kg snatch, jerk and total.

Asian and world records were beaten in the men's 81kg jerk and the women's 49kg jerk and total, and the world record in the women's 55kg total. And three players bettered six Asian and world junior weightlifting records.

competition was an eye-catcher as all the team members ensured constant unity of action in performing complex movements, while the thrilling contests of sparring, self-defence, special techniques and power breaking drew the admiration of spectators.

The spectators felt thrills as they saw sparring games in which players knocked down opponents with powerful kicks and punches, swift movements and surprise attacks and burst into enthusiastic applause when players displayed sophisticated skills to defend themselves from several

opponents in the self-defence event.

Players demonstrated the great striking power of the Korean orthodox martial art by smashing thick pine boards in the power breaking event and amazed and earned unstinting praise from spectators in the special techniques event as they showed exceptional physical abilities they acquired through constant and assiduous practice.

Meanwhile, paduk (go) and janggi (Korean chess) players had fierce matches in dead silence as they demonstrated great mental powers which struck spectators with admiration.

of unity at the tug-of-war event.

Those who won popularity were not only the winners but players from Kangwon Province who had failed to enter the rankings in the previous seven rounds of the games.

Although they received silver medals in the recent games, they have emerged as a strong team.

Such sports and amusement games as 4x400m relay, hurdles and leg-tied race enjoyed great popularity and spectators saw the penalty kick event with special interest.

The selection of the

penalty kick as one event made the games more conspicuous.

Considering that the goal is 7.32m wide and 2.44m high and a football is about 22cm in diameter, the goal can be covered with more than 300 footballs.

Each team consisted of ten kickers, but only one or no player could score in a match, which showed that penalty kick is not that easy.

Those who rendered distinguished services in the event were goalkeepers. The spectators burst into enthusiastic applause when they blocked shots or narrowly saved them.



A Taekwon-Do player of the Pyongyang municipal team makes a kicking attack in the sparring event.

Sports games of public health workers

In the period when different sports competitions including the 2023 spring national sports festival were going on, the 10th sports games of the public health sector took place at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium, attracting so many spectators. Among them were sports fans who came to enthusiastically root for doctor players and the latter's

colleagues and relatives.

In the games, Ri Nam Chol, No. 11 of the male basketball team of the Kim Man Yu Hospital, was the top scorer and Jon Yun Mi from the Okryu Children's Hospital left a strong impression on spectators at the women's volleyball competition as an adroit playmaker.



Players from provinces display collective power in the leg-tied race in the National Inter-provincial Games-2023.

Finals of metal workers' sports games on May Day

Preliminaries of the sports competition of workers in the metallurgical industry sector-2023 had been held, divided into eastern and western regions.

And metal workers played the final matches of the competition on May Day, the international holiday of working people all over the world.

They were seen by senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea, the government and the military and working people.

The football final between the Chollima Steel Complex

and the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex was a wonderful match showing the strong and passionate temperament of the Korean working class, while their power of unity and spirit were demonstrated at the tug-of-war match between the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex and the Songjin Steel Complex.

In the football match, the Chollima Steel Complex beat its opponent 2-0 and in the tug-of-war, the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex defeated its opponent 2-0.

Martial arts championships of national sports festival

The national martial arts championship of the 2023 spring national sports festival took place at the

Taekwon-Do Hall and the Taekwon-Do Holy House in Pyongyang.

The team pattern

In the event a variety of sports were played with unique attraction.

"Herculeses" from each

province and city under direct jurisdiction of the government did their best to demonstrate the might

National Inter-provincial Games-2023

