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Fifth National Conference of Mothers held

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The Fifth National Conference of Mothers was held with splendour in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, on December 3-4.

The meeting was attended by the mothers who contributed to beefing up the national power and making the large socialist family prosperous by successfully bringing up their children as reliable pillars of the country, heroines who gave birth to many children, mothers who take care of orphans and women's union officials in Pyongyang and local areas.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, made an opening address.

The great socialist family is firm and the country is growing stronger as the small fences of the families which mothers have taken good care of with patriotism are supporting the country firmly as cornerstones, he said, highly appreciating that this is the immortal feat the mothers of the DPRK performed for the Party, revolution and country.

He clarified the intention of the Party Central Committee which attaches great importance to the Fifth National Conference of Mothers and declared the meeting open.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played after the meeting was declared open.



Introduced at the meeting was the fact that the Central Standing Committee of the Union of Democratic Korean Women in Japan, the General Association of Koreans in China, the chairwoman of the Women's International Democratic Federation, the national executive secretary of the Democratic Women's Movement of Portugal and the chairwoman of the Argentine Women's Union sent congratulatory messages and letters to the Fifth National Conference of Mothers.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, made a report at the meeting.

He said that the meeting is an auspicious event of great significance as it was

held with the approach of the victorious conclusion of 2023, an epitome of the mightiness and rapid development of the DPRK.

The reporter said that Kim Jong Un has energetically led the Party organizations and working people's organizations to steadily improve the work with mothers in conformity with the changed circumstances and specific conditions.

For our mothers the past period of more than ten years was a fruitful and proud one which will never be forgotten forever, he said, adding that they have supported the WPK with invariable loyalty and patriotism and firmly defended the DPRK government and socialist system despite the heinous challenges of the hostile

forces and manifold unexpected disasters.

The pure spirit and boundless devotion of mothers who brought up their sons and daughters as staunch persons while shouldering the heavy burden of housekeeping and gave continuity to the true nature and traits of our society were a powerful driving force that has steadily supported the all-people struggle for self-respect and prosperity, he said.

Noting that what is cherished in the hearts of the mothers who are bringing up their children well is pure conscience with which to think about the agony and worry of the Party and the state before their comfort, and noble consciousness

of civic duty to contribute to consolidating the ranks of the new generations who will shoulder the future of the revolution, the reporter said full of pride that more and more women cherish such a noble outlook on life.

Saying that our mothers have discharged their duty as the first educators of children, bearing in mind Kim Jong Un's teachings that the first step of a revolutionary is taken under the care of mother, he pointed out that it is the remarkable exploit of mothers that they provided firm continuity to the foremost tradition of the Juche revolution by implanting the purest loyalty in the minds

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General Secretary Kim Jong Un gives opening address at Fifth National Conference of Mothers

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General Secretary Kim Jong Un delivered an opening address at the Fifth National Conference of Mothers on December 3.

The following is the full text:

Dear participants in this Fifth National Conference of Mothers, who are present here on behalf of the seven million mothers of our socialist motherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

As I have always revered and loved our dear mothers, I am very pleased to see you at this significant meeting. To me, it is a really delightful and moving moment.

First of all, availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to extend the greatest respect and offer my best regards to our mothers, who have put their heart and soul into bringing up their children and rendered a great contribution to achieving national prosperity.

Despite the hardships and burdens they had to endure constantly in their life, our mothers have been concerned solely about how to support the country better and look after their families. Standing here in front of you, I feel my heart swelling with respect and reverence for them all.

Conference of Mothers—this is indeed a meeting reminding everybody of their beloved mothers and filling their hearts

with deep gratitude for them.

Today, converging on this venue are the warm blessings and feelings of respect from all over the country. You must have undergone many painful trials and shouldered heavy burdens of your own accord, before attending this conference with a sense of unique pride and dignity.

Taking so many heavy burdens upon your feeble shoulders, you have followed the road of your own choice without seeking selfish interests or expecting any reward; sometimes, you must have found yourself collapsing from exhaustion, but each time, you

gritted your teeth and rose up to live up to your pure conscience.

You, mothers of our dear country present here, have always overcome all sorts of mental anguish with a simple smile. For your ennobling spirit you are the most beautiful and admirable in the world, though your facial beauty keeps fading away because of the pains you have experienced.

In moments of hardship or difficulty, one would think of their mothers before anybody else, who gave birth to them, fed and clothed them, and helped them with their first steps.

The same is true of me. Whenever

I have found it hard to tackle problems in Party or state affairs, our mothers have come to my mind first.

Each time, the thought of our mothers lifts me up and encourages me, the strong-willed women who go against all overwhelming odds for the growth of their children. Even in the face of trials, they have remained unchanged in their confidence in our Party and have been invariable in their lifelong commitment to the country's prosperity. Thinking of these daring and self-sacrificing women, I would renew my duty that I must keep going even in the midst of exhaustion, sharpen my sense of responsibility and get a fresh strength.

The self-sacrificing devotion which all our mothers have displayed for the good of this country and their spirit and strength have provided nourishment not simply for their own families but for the future of their motherland as well, and this has propelled our great socialist family to dynamically advance by dint of its solid unity based on virtues and tender feeling.

Because the small fences of families, which our mothers have built up with care out of a feeling of patriotism, constitute the cornerstone that firmly

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On the Duty of Mothers for Their Families and Society

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on December 4 made an important speech *On the Duty of Mothers for Their Families and Society* at the Fifth National Conference of Mothers. He said:

Dear mothers,

On behalf of the Party Central Committee and the government of the Republic, I once again warmly congratulate the participants in the Fifth National Conference of Mothers and the mothers who received the Communist Mother Honour Prize at the conference.

I am very pleased that the conference of mothers is held with splendour at a proud time when the year 2023 is to be concluded with precious victories and epoch-making successes and that the whole country could extend greetings of thanks in chorus to the mothers who have made numerous exertions for many years.

In the glorious history of our country which advances by winning victories through all sorts of hardships, there are soldiers with arms, scientists with clear heads, devoted workers and diligent farmers.

But, on the highest peak of all of those glories and honours, there are always Korean women who are the best in the world, all the mothers of this country.

The credit for the brilliant today of our country goes to our mothers who are ordinary and simple yet the strongest before any difficulties and have become the genuine models of always devoting themselves unhesitatingly to the road of patriotism as well as the roots for raising



a large number of heroes in all parts of the country.

The period between the fourth and fifth national conferences of mothers coincides with the 10-odd years, the most arduous and grimmest period in the history of our Party and country.

Clearly imprinted in those trying days and months are the images of a large group of righteous and strong mothers who overcame hardships, regarding all

pains for the country and their children as pleasure, in order to be always upright before them.

Thanks to the mothers who silently endure all sorts of difficulties and affliction, believing that everything our Party is determined to do is right, we could decide on and push ahead with the grand undertakings as good as another great cause of nation-building, and all those projects could be crowned with successes

by the devoted efforts of the mothers who became admirable assistants and faithful servants to their husbands and children.

But for mothers who have backed up the Party policies without a change of mind, reliably supported the arms of faith held by their sons and daughters and kindled the raging flames of patriotic movements throughout the country while enduring for scores of years the harshest trials that women of other countries could hardly stand even for a few days, we could not have continued to advance steadily and vigorously along the road of strengthening the national power with confidence.

When I hear the news of good deeds done by many youths who volunteered to work at difficult and labour-consuming worksites and devote themselves, including those young builders performing new miracles at the construction site for a new street in the Sopho area which is showing its magnificent appearance from day to day, my heart is also warmed at the thought of our mothers who supported the good choice of their children and encouraged them heartily.

In fact, the mothers should be praised by the times only for the painstaking efforts and merits they have made while giving birth to many children and bringing them up in the days of insufficiency and difficulties and doing all sorts of troublesome work to take care of their husbands and parents-in-law.

But, with such great worries and work, our mothers are taking full responsibility for a post of the revolution, a part of socialist construction like men, and cultivating the freshness and beauty of our society with their considerate and

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supports the country, our great socialist family is solid and our country continues to grow strong.

This is an immortal exploit performed by mothers of Korea for the Party, the revolution and the country.

The current conference is a platform of boundless tribute and congratulation to them, on which the Party and state crown our patriotic and loyal mothers with the laurels of all victories achieved on the onward march of the new era. This is also a political festival which demonstrates once again the justness and promising future of our cause which regards the coming generations that represent the future of the country and mothers as sacred beings and places them first in considering everything.

Availing myself of this meaningful opportunity, I, on behalf of the Party Central Committee and the government of the Republic, would like to offer my hearty gratitude and best wishes to all those present at the conference and to

all other mothers in the country, who are cultivating the happiness of their families and the future of the country with warm feelings and affection and silent devotion.

I also offer my heartfelt thanks and encouragement to the overseas mothers who are devoting themselves to handing down the traditions of the nation and patriotism in alien lands, with their minds turned to the capital city of their motherland, where this large gathering of mothers is being held at this moment.

Dear mothers,

As society develops and becomes cultured, the position and role of women grow more important and mothers' share of contribution to strengthening the national power and propelling the revolution becomes greater.

Now we are confronted with a host of social tasks that our mothers should join to tackle.

These tasks include bringing up their children so that they will steadfastly carry forward our revolution,

eliminating the recently-increasing non-socialist practices, promoting family harmony and social unity, establishing a sound way of cultural and moral life, making the communist virtues and traits of helping and leading one another prevail over our society, stopping the declining birth rate, and taking good care of children and educating them effectively. These belong to our common family affairs, which we need to deal with by joining hands with our mothers.

In view of our mothers' position and role in their families and society as a whole and the actual problems facing our state and revolution, the Party Central Committee considers this conference to be no less important than a Party congress or a plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee.

This conference will make known the positive examples our mothers have set over the past ten-plus years since the Fourth National Conference of Mothers, before holding discussions on the tasks and ways for them to fulfil

their responsibilities and role they have assumed before society and their families.

Attending this conference are nearly 10 000 women. They include those who gave birth to many children, who have taken parental care of orphans and sent them to major posts of national defence and socialist construction, who have raised their children as performers of distinguished exploits and as talents, and who have made a great contribution to promoting the good of society and the collective while working faithfully without changing their jobs for several decades, as well as the women's union officials from the capital and different regions.

Fully convinced that this conference will mark an epochal turning point in ensuring that all our mothers, fully aware of their contemporary mission and revolutionary duty, devote their wisdom, strength and enthusiasm to the patriotic cause for the victory of our style of socialism, I declare the Fifth National Conference of Mothers open.



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loving care.

Mothers have been standing not only on the agricultural and light industrial fronts to which our Party attaches importance, but also at the scientific research bases and spark-flying construction sites. And the names of mothers have been found in the front ranks of patriotic meritorious persons who have stirred up the times and their love and affection felt in the strong breathing of the country which is overcoming the cold wind of trials and opening up the future with virtues and beautiful traits.

Their jewel-like patriotic mind and precious sweat shine in the bright laughter and happy tears of the great socialist family sharing difficulties and hardships with each other, and they can be deeply felt in the absolute strength and proud edifices of the DPRK.

Everything we have come to have and are proud of at present, all those symbolizing the high prestige and mightiness of the DPRK, will remain forever along with the history made by the mothers of Korea with noble mind and the feats they have performed with resourceful and diligent efforts.

I would like to extend once again my warm thanks to all the mothers of the country who have been great strength to our Party in the grim annals of the revolution, as they always did in the past, and devoted their pure and ardent patriotism and loyalty to the prosperity of the country where their posterity will live for all ages.

Respected mothers,

The future of a country and a nation is reflected first in the ideological and spiritual qualities of mothers and is built from the minds and hands of mothers.

Nearly one century has passed since our revolution was pioneered.

We can no longer see those mothers of anti-Japanese guerrilla origin who turned out in the sacred war for national liberation, leaving their beloved children under the eaves of other's house, and those mothers who dedicated all their children and even daughter-in-law to the revolution and who wrote epics of the Chollima era, holding aloft the communist slogan "One for all and all for one!" The generations, who have known about them only through videos and books, have become mothers now.

However, the beautiful mental world peculiar to the Korean mothers is being invariably carried forward and the history of noble life dedicated to the future is going on.

This is precious for the future of our Party and state just like lifeline and blood vessel.

If the mothers have a firm mind, the cornerstone of the country is solid, and if the spiritual world of mothers is noble, the baton of the revolution will be steadily carried forward and the intrinsic nature of Korean-style socialism will remain unchanged.

We hold such a splendid conference of mothers today because the future of Korea is shining brightly amid the steady inheritance of the proud history and tradition of mothers which have been carried forward generation after generation.

In the minds and appearances of mothers, we read their noble view of life that their life is for younger generation and their devoted efforts will result in a prosperous country where posterity will lead a happy life, and we are looking back upon the traces of their beautiful lives again.

Everyone has a mother and memories of childhood spent under her warm and benevolent care as well as of unforgettable images.

Among them, what children do not forget forever will be their mothers' whole life of devotion, in which mothers had been always busy doing everything for their children but nothing for themselves, and the tears shed by mothers who were very happy to see their children do a good thing for the country or gave a whipping to their children when they did a sinful act even a bit.

Through their examples, mothers taught their children that the political integrity given by the Party is more precious than the physical life they gave them, and that the life they devote is more valuable than the life they enjoy. Our younger generation realized the real meaning of life and patriotism in the teachings and appearances of the mothers before the books.

It is certain that a good child is to be grown up under the care of a good mother.

The generation, who were born and grew up under the care of such mothers, witnessing the traces of their mothers from aside and learning the real worth of life, hands over the baton of patriotism

and loyalty to the next generation and that baton is handed down generation to generation. This is a law-governed historical process in which the future of our country is built.

Our mothers are, indeed, truly precious persons who link the new generation with the same blood of patriotism and are the first builders of the beautiful future.

Dear participants,

It is the primary revolutionary task to prepare well the younger generation to be the main force of our society and to hold up our powerful state.

As the first step is important in human life, family education takes the first place among family education, school education and social education, and the influence of mother is particularly important in family education.

For that reason, the Party has attached greater importance to the congress of the children's union and the conference of mothers than other conferences, and the Party Central Committee directly organized this conference with deep care and much effort.

Expecting that this conference will be a practical occasion for all mothers to be more deeply aware of their responsibility and duty before the family and society and successfully fulfill them, I would like to inform you of the important policies of the Party and government and to make some requests.

As you know, the economic situation of the country was difficult and the obstructive moves of the enemies were unprecedentedly vicious, but we have made countless changes incomparable with those we made ten-odd years ago and we are going to make a stubborn struggle with a higher ideal and goal in the future and thus make an unimaginable development after another ten years.

As all our people actually see, listen and feel, the major policies being pursued by our Party and government at present are the gigantic undertakings to create better living conditions and more civilized living environments.

The most essential requirement of people's life is the problems of food, clothing and housing. The struggle to implement the Party's programme for the rural revolution in the new era is a

historic cause of solving the food problem for the people in a perfect and sustained way in the near future and, at the same time, of modernizing the countryside, which had been a pronoun of centuries-old backwardness.

To accomplish this cause at an early date, the Party and the government offer the countryside lots of farm machines and farming supplies by mobilizing the important sector every year even in times of shortage and difficulties and, this year, launched large-scale projects to restore and perfect the irrigation facilities across the country, which had not been touched for decades, and thus made big strides in laying foundations for agricultural production.

At present, our agricultural sector is pushing ahead with the work to go over to the farming with focus on rice, wheat and barley, develop the animal husbandry and the fruit farming and build large-scale greenhouse farms. This work is for gratifying the desires of mothers who wish to provide their children and families with tasty and nutritious food all the time.

Saying that the reclamation of tidelands falls under the same category, Kim Jong Un noted that President Kim Il Sung highlighted the need to reclaim the tideland on the west coast without fail in order to feed all the people with rice and that our army addressed itself to the project for reclamation of tideland in a bid to complete it in seven to eight years.

Though it is a hard and grand nature-remaking project, we should complete in our generation it to be flawless for all ages. Then, the future generations will benefit from it forever, without knowing what the lack of farmland and the food problem are like.

For the issue of raising children - the foremost concern of mothers - we have done not a few jobs and have a promising prospect.

Still now I feel very fulfilled that our Party and government, with much effort, managed to feed all the children of the country nutritious dairy products every day, fully provide all the schoolchildren with "Sonamu"-brand school bags,

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uniforms and things and give a facelift to children's palaces, camps and halls.

However, not content with this, we put forward a policy of making a great revolution in education and are striving for its implementation to ensure that our rising generations receive the best education under the best and advanced educational conditions and circumstances in the world in the whole school system ranging from kindergarten to university.

While putting titanic state efforts into establishing a new chemical industry and creating the production capacity of chemical fibre in order to satisfactorily settle the clothing problem for people, we actively encourage such development levers as an exhibition of advanced garments to develop in a more civilized way the costumes of all the people including mothers.

Recent years saw more gigantic construction projects than ever on a nationwide scale, and what is most important here is to solve the housing problem for people at a high level.

According to the decision of the Eighth WPK Congress, the project for building 50 000 flats in the capital city has been carried out for three years so that over 10 000 households of the capital moved into new houses every year. And modern rural houses fit for an ideal society have taken shape across the country from last year to be offered to agricultural workers one after another.

By carrying out a construction project to remodel the provincial, city and county seats to meet the requirements of modern civilization, we intend to bring about a new world where the whole country from the capital city to local areas and mountain villages has undergone radical changes.

And we plan to solve the problems of running water, cooking fuel, public transport, lift and heating for the citizens of the capital city first and, on this basis, satisfactorily tackle the necessary living problems including the problem of providing running water for local cities.

Noting that the important policies planned by the Party and the government at present include a project for building general hospitals equipped with modern, advanced medical service facilities in every provincial seat, Kim Jong Un went on to say:

In addition, various important popular policies are on the table and I believe that if all these come to fruition, a truly fundamental change will be made in the life of our people.

All mothers should fulfill the responsibility and duty they have assumed before society and families with confidence in and optimism about the prospects of our socialist construction and a changed ideal society to come in the near future.

They have heavy mission to bring up their children to be pillars of socialist and communist construction and masters of future society.

The first step of a revolutionary is taken under the care of the mother and his true growth can be guaranteed by his mother's

care.

No one can replace mothers for their position and duty.

If mothers fulfill their responsibility as educators, faster and more remarkable progress will be made in making the young people and all other members of society communist persons.

First of all, mothers themselves should become communist mothers who have noble and beautiful moral qualities.

Unless a mother becomes a communist, it is impossible for her to bring up her sons and daughters as communists and transform the members of her family into revolutionaries.

There is a saying that if you want to judge a man, you should judge his mother, so there is a large difference between the outlooks on life and the world of the children who grow up under the care of mothers who devote themselves to society and the collective and are willing to help those suffering pain, and of the children who grow up, seeing their mothers devote all energies to only their children and families.

So, the traits of all our mothers should be the virtues of helping others tide over their difficulties and sharing others' sorrow and the humanity of sharing their happiness with their neighbours and rejoicing at others' success as their own one.

The harmony of the families our mothers defend and tend also has a great effect on the growth of their children.

Mothers should always bear in mind that it is a great thing for the country to manage their household affairs carefully and promote the happiness and harmony of the families as housewives, and make an effort to become a meticulous mother, a sympathetic wife and a kind-hearted daughter-in-law.

If a mother truly wants her children to be fine persons, she should train her children consciously through the revolutionary struggle and the practice of socialist construction.

The posts for national defence and the sites of socialist construction are revolutionary universities which give the children valuable experiences of life that cannot be gained in the yard of their families and cultivate the spirit of loving their comrades and the collective and the will and ability to surmount difficulties.

It will be mothers' greatest pleasure to see their children growing up as pillars of the country while realizing in the struggle and life how precious our Party and social system are.

With their inborn true feelings with which they flogged their kids with tears in their eyes to bring them up as honest persons, mothers should have no hesitation in making their beloved children work in the difficult and labour-consuming posts and workplaces.

For mothers, another important thing is to always pay close attention to their children's mental and moral lives.

The children, who were well-mannered and innocent when they were young, grow up to be unmannered and become tainted with a bad thing if their mothers pay less attention to them as they get older.

Mothers should give regular education to their children so that they can study and lead an organizational life well and lead a sound moral life not only when they are young but also after they have entered university and society.

Some mothers pay attention to their children's studies while neglecting their education in courtesy and morality, including the polite way of speaking, and their use of words and deeds different from our own style. Some other mothers think that they perform their responsibility as mothers when they bring their children up in a special way, providing special clothing for them.

The struggle against alien practices now intensifies in society. Only when mothers actively join in the struggle, can all such practices be eliminated.

Mothers should take an active part in socialist construction and exert a revolutionary influence on their children by setting practical examples.

Though the word working woman is an everyday word, it means the brilliant honour and clear criterion for a communist human being who devotes herself to our cause with firm confidence in its truthfulness and victory.

Mothers should go beyond the bounds of their homes and take an active part in public life to devote their sincere patriotic sweat and make innovations at factories and other workplaces. By doing so, they should be socialist working women of whom their children are proud and live a worthwhile life enjoying the love and trust of the collective.

They should also fully discharge their duty as citizens by actively doing good things that will contribute to the prosperity of the country, including assistance to the army and the grand construction sites.

It is important for mothers to know well about the acuteness and cause of the present grave situation and the key to the great change occurring even under such circumstances, Kim Jong Un said, stressing the need for mothers to have pride and self-esteem in the victory we are achieving today, fully understand the validity and truth of our Party's policies which can never be denied with anything and thoroughly reject all the attempts and hypocrisy of the enemy.

He said that when all mothers clearly understand that it is patriotism to give birth to many children and do so positively, our cause of building a powerful socialist country can be hastened that much.

He called upon the Party organizations and working people's organizations including the women's union to positively lead and help mothers to fulfill their duties for families and society.

Children rely on their mother's care and their mothers rely on the care of their organizations.

The organizations' constant warm care will be an encouragement to our mothers who have more troubles, worries and difficulties than others owing to imperfect living conditions.

Our Party hopes that not a few special mothers but all mothers of the country would lead a worthwhile life in the same ranks advancing towards communism.

There will be no greater joy if those women who have so far led a humdrum or even dishonourable life become exemplary mothers and innovators in the future, thanks to the sincere efforts of organizations.

The Party organizations and women's union organizations should organize and guide the work properly so that mass movements involving mothers become voluntary work based on patriotic enthusiasm and civic duty.

Referring to the principled issues arising in expanding the ranks of communist mothers, he stressed that the Party organizations and women's union organizations should enlighten and sincerely help mothers to voluntarily get aware of their duties before families and society and give birth to many children and bring them up with devotion.

It is necessary for the Party Central Committee and provincial, city and county Party committees to always pay attention to the women's union organizations so that they can perform their role properly, bearing in mind that the work of the women's union is an important part of our Party work, and solve the problems arising in the women's union on a priority basis and strictly guard against the practice of imposing excessive burdens on it.

The Party and power organs and economic bodies should ensure that the families with many children enjoy state benefits such as giving priority to them in the allotment of dwelling houses, the supply of foods and commodities and the provision of medical service, apply special subsidies so that they can actually contribute to their living and take more preferential treatment measures in various aspects.

Dear mothers!

It is the long-cherished desire of our Party to provide our people, who are the best people in the world and have endured more sufferings and troubles than anyone else, with a happy and highly-civilized life as soon as possible. This reflects the dream our mothers have had generation after generation.

It is the most glorious and honourable task to bear in mind the mothers' dreams and wishes for bringing up their children well in the beautiful land of socialism and communism and realize them to the utmost.

Our Party will make more dynamic struggle to achieve everything desired by the toughest and most beautiful mothers in the world and their beloved sons and daughters as soon as possible.

Dear mothers!

I regard it as the greatest pride that our mothers are the most honest and greatest in the world.

It is a great blessing and fortune for the sons and daughters of this country to call such good mothers their mother.

Heartily wishing all the mothers of the country good health and happiness in reflection of the minds of all the sons and daughters on this land, I declare the Fifth National Conference of Mothers closed.



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of their children.

He also referred to the beautiful life of mothers who have raised their children to be ardent patriots dedicating themselves at the important posts of defending the state and building socialism and made the large socialist family more harmonious.

He introduced that 11 heroines of the DPRK, over 50 labour heroines and more than 3 500 meritorious persons of socialist patriotism have been produced among our mothers after the Fourth National Conference of Mothers.

He said that it is the fighting task and firm will of the Party to provide the rising generations with the best life in the world by speeding up the overall development of Korean-style socialism.

Noting that some non-socialist negative elements are being revealed among the rising generations in society, the reporter said that it is closely related to family education. He called upon the mothers to give steady continuity to the revolutionary family with more efforts to the education of children as befitting the first educators responsible for the physical and mental

growth of their children.

Saying that they should be sensitive to the Party's line and policies and become good teachers and models of their children by setting practical examples in the struggle for implementing them, he called for working faithfully at their posts and workplaces with the noble desire to become the cornerstone and roots of a thriving nation and thus leaving an indelible trace of lives to be remembered forever by the younger generations.

The eternal harmony and prosperity of the large socialist family and the future of the country prospering generation after generation depend on the role of our mothers, he said, calling for working harder for the rosy future of great Kim Jong Un's Korea, the bright laughter of their beloved children and Korean-style socialism best in the world, bearing deep in mind the great honour and mission bestowed by the times and revolution.

Speeches were made at the meeting.

Listening to speeches, the participants keenly realized how beautiful and noble the life of love and devotion to the country and the younger generations is, and hardened their determination to remain

faithful to the duty of mother before the Party and the revolution to the last.

The congratulatory group of the Korean Children's Union entered the venue of the conference and recited a congratulatory poem "We extend glory to the great mother".

The congratulatory poem revved up the atmosphere of the conference as it eulogizes in an excited tone the world of sincerity and devotion of the mothers of this country forming the foundation of the powerful might and high prestige of the country.

The newly-enacted Communist Mother Honour Prize, diplomas, certificates of gifts and gold rings were awarded to the women who made distinguished contributions to the prosperity of the country by fulfilling their responsibility and duty as mothers for society and families, cherishing boundless loyalty to the Workers' Party of Korea and ardent patriotism.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made an important speech *On the Duty of Mothers for Their Families and Society*.

He clarified the steadfast will of the WPK to more dynamically struggle,

regarding it as its honourable duty to exert itself to the utmost to realize the dream and desire of mothers to bring up their children well on the beautiful land of socialism and communism. He sincerely wished the mothers across the country good health and happiness along with the hearts of all their sons and daughters on this land, and declared the Fifth National Conference of Mothers closed.

A ceremony took place on December 5 to convey gifts sent by the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea to the participants in the Fifth National Conference of Mothers.

They toured various places in the capital city of Pyongyang, including President Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae, the Korean Revolution Museum, the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong and the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery, amid warm congratulations of citizens.

They spent a pleasant time at service facilities.

A performance was given on December 6 to congratulate mothers who were blessed by the great Party Central Committee at the Fifth National Conference of Mothers.



Kim Jong Un has photo session with participants in Fifth National Conference of Mothers

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, had a photo session with the participants in the Fifth National Conference of Mothers on December 8.

Present there were Kim Tok Hun and Ri Il Hwan.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the venue, all the participants raised stormy cheers for the great father of the large socialist family who convened a grand meeting for those who had fulfilled their due responsibility and duty of motherhood for their families and society and shows all privileges and warm loving care for them.

Kim Jong Un was presented with bouquets of fragrant flowers by participants in the conference in reflection of the unanimous best wishes of all the mothers across the country.

Waving back to the enthusiastically cheering participants, he extended warm greetings to them and all other mothers across the country who have devoted themselves to the sound growth of their beloved children, harmony of their families and the rosy future of the country.

He said that the heroic feats performed by tens of millions of sons and daughters

of the DPRK who recorded the history of the Korean revolution with victory and glory are a precious fruition of the boundless affection, love and devotion of the strong and considerate mothers who have brought up the pillars of the country and become the roots for ensuring the steady continuity to the cause of Juche and that all the wealth created on this land is densely permeated with the jewel-like patriotic loyalty and precious sweat of our

resourceful and diligent women.

The family affairs precisely mean the state affairs and the great socialist family will further prosper only when every family, a cell of society, is strong and viable, he said, adding that the noble life of the mothers in this country cultivating the freshness and beautiful future of society has come to further shine as the great pride and honour of all children who grow to be upright and

as the inexhaustible strength of our Party and state with the Fifth National Conference of Mothers as an occasion.

He had a photo session with the participants in the conference, again wishing all the mothers, who have displayed the mental and moral traits of the Korean women best in the world while invariably taking the road of devotion for their families and younger generation and for the prosperity and development of the country as they cherish deep in mind the dearest and sacred call, mother, good health and happiness.

He also had a photo of love taken with the schoolchildren who carried out the honourable mission as a congratulatory group of the Korean Children's Union of the Fifth National Conference of Mothers on the same day.

The respected fatherly Marshal kindly waved his hand to the KCU members jumping up and down with great joy.

Embracing schoolchildren following him with tears in their eyes, he gave them warm blessing, hoping that they would more stoutly grow up to be the masters of the future responsible for the country, always bearing in mind the earnest wish of mothers as they added joy and fresh strength to all mothers with their bright and cheerful looks at the conference.



Reconnaissance satellite operation office of NATA Pyongyang General Control Centre begins its mission

KCNA

The reconnaissance satellite operation office organized at the Pyongyang General Control Centre of the National Aerospace Technology Administration (NATA) started to discharge its mission on December 2.

The reconnaissance satellite operation office of the NATA Pyongyang General Control Centre will perform its mission as an independent military intelligence organization.

The information acquired through the discharge of the mission shall be reported to the relevant permanent executive department of the Central Military Commission of the Workers'

Party of Korea and, on instructions, will be offered to major units regarded as war deterrent of the state and the General Reconnaissance Bureau of the Korean People's Army.

The DPRK Ministry of National Defence expressed expectation that the war deterrent of the DPRK would assume more perfect military posture.



Posters brought out to celebrate successful launch of reconnaissance satellite

KCNA

Posters related to the successful launch of reconnaissance satellite "Malligyong-1" have been brought out.

They reflect the high praise and reverence of all the people for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who opens up a shortcut to a space power and adds glory to the DPRK's dignity and position on the highest level with

his outstanding ideology and wise leadership.

The poster depicting the new-type carrier rocket "Chollima-1" carrying reconnaissance satellite "Malligyong-1", which soars up into the sky to demonstrate inexhaustible strength of the country to the world, excites every viewer like at the moment of the successful launch of the satellite which filled everyone with great joy and excitement.

Farmers move into new houses in Unsan County

KCNA

Modern farmhouses have been built at the Tapsang Farm in Unsan County of North Phyongan Province.

Single- and low-storey and terraced farmhouses stand in rows to suit the topographical features of the area and apricot, ginkgo and other good species of trees have been planted around houses in the new village. It has a public stable and is equipped with a lighting system based on solar panels. Farmers can also have a good time at the

wading pool and resting place.

A house-moving ceremony took place at the farm on December 5.

Present there were Mun Kyong Dok, chief secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, builders and agricultural workers who were to move into new houses.

At the ceremony, licences for the use of houses were awarded amid the warm applause of the participants and speeches were made.



Farmers are happy to move into new houses at the Tapsang Farm in Unsan County.

Amid cheerful dances, officials visited the families who were moving into new houses to share joy with them.

HOME NEWS

Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 opens commodity show

The 14th Pyongyang Department Store No. 1 commodity exhibition opened.

On display at the exhibition are over 760 000 goods in thousands of kinds, including industrial goods, foodstuff, household articles and electronic products which were made by ministries and national agencies, and factories and enterprises in provinces.

Officials and employees from ministries, national agencies and production and commercial service units attended its opening ceremony on December 5.

the North Hwanghae Provincial Sci-Tech Library has been renovated splendidly.

It has an e-reading room, online lecture room, science film showing room and all other necessary facilities.

Its inaugural ceremony took place on December 5.

It was attended by Pak Myong Son, chairman of the North Hwanghae Provincial Rural Economy Committee, Mun Chang Il, secretary of the provincial Party committee, officials concerned, working people, students and employees of the library.

Fish farm built, goat farm renovated in Rason

Rason City has built the Ryongphyong Fish Farm and renovated the Kuryongphyong Milch Cow and Goat Farm.

The modernly-built fish farm and milch cow and goat farm form material foundations for providing the residents and children in the city with fresh fish and dairy products by further reenergizing fish farming and animal husbandry.

Their inaugural ceremonies took place on the spot.

North Hwanghae Provincial Sci-Tech Library inaugurated



Amid the vigorous efforts to train their own talent forces who will promote regional development by dint of science and technology,

Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities marked



The art group of the Korean Art Association of the Disabled gives a performance to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

KCNA

A meeting took place at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on December 3 to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

It was attended by Yun Chang Il, chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, officials of relevant units, persons with disabilities and their families, working people in Pyongyang, foreign diplomatic envoys and staff members of foreign

embassies in the DPRK and China-based Koreans staying in the homeland.

A video introducing the successes made in the protection of the disabled in the country this year was shown at the meeting.

Then a performance "I Love You" was given by the art group of the Korean Art Association of the Disabled.

Prior to the meeting, the participants looked round photos showing the disabled persons enjoying a happy life under the socialist system.

Year of radical change in agricultural production



Rich harvests are reaped at all farms across the country in autumn. RODONG SINMUN

High-yield farms increase in number

By Yun Kyong Il PT

The number of farms which produced high yields has rapidly grown more than ever before in the DPRK this year.

It is because every province, city, county and farm planned and carried out all farming operations in a scientific and bold way after making full preparations.

A variety of projects were planned and pushed forward, including the improvement of soil fertility, establishment of scientific cultivation methods, the reclamation of low-yielding farmland before the farming season and the restoration of irrigation systems and facilities.

Industrial establishments across the country sent various kinds of harvesters, threshers, sowers and other farm machines in large quantities to the farms seething with rice transplanting, harvesting, threshing, and winter wheat and barley sowing, thus contributing to their producing high crop yields this year.

In accordance with the measures taken at the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth

Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, scientific farming promotion teams were organized and dispatched to provinces, cities and counties. They conducted intensive research activities to fully prove the strong effects of science and technology from the beginning to the end of farming this year by intensifying the guidance of scientific farming on farms and ensuring the timely production of advanced agricultural science and technology products.

As a result, not only the farms well known across the country but also many other farms which had produced poor yield for various reasons in the past exerted themselves to achieve remarkable successes in grain production.

Proudly reviewing the year's farming at the meetings for year-end account settlement and income distribution livening up with the "Song of Rich Harvest" and cheerful peasant dance, the agricultural workers extended their heartfelt thanks to the Workers' Party of Korea that has brought them this great joy and happy event.

Vast sea of farm machines across country

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Looking at gratifying large stacks of grains built in the new era of rural development, farmers across the country excitedly said they did farming this year with greater animation by using new-type efficient farm machines.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, has put his heart and soul into the mechanization of agriculture in order to achieve radical development in agricultural production in this year which is of key importance in implementing the five-year plan.

After pointing to the need to push ahead with the work to lay the material and technical foundations of farm machine producers in a planned way at the Second Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee, the General Secretary said at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee that the plan of the Party Central Committee is to concentrate investment on major farm machine factories and farm machine study field while developing

the Kumsong Tractor Factory into a general factory capable of producing various efficient farm machines as well as high horsepower tractors so as to completely update the farm machine industry of the country. He took a special crucial measure for its realization.

In particular, he said at the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee which would be recorded in the history of the socialist agricultural development that the machine-building industry and agricultural sectors should produce and supply to the rural communities more new and highly efficient farm machines which are the most necessary and effective in putting agricultural production on a modern and advanced basis, while steadily propelling the work for renovating the farm machine sector in an innovative way.

This year, too, he gave detailed guidance and instructions for unfolding a sea of farm machines.

He referred to the need to strengthen the material and technical foundation of the farm machine sector in

January and select the variety of farm machines to be generalized in the future and manufacture trial products as samples in February, clarified the problems arising in the second-stage modernization of the Kumsong Tractor Factory and the production of tractors and farm machines in March, paid close attention to introducing a farm machine design browser in April, showed concern for sending manual rice-seedling transplanters and small motors to provinces in May and took measures for modernizing production processes of farm machine factories and cooperative production units in June.

During his inspection of the Kumsong Tractor Factory in August, he stressed the importance of its duty in implementing the programme for the rural revolution in the new era, learned about the modernization of the factory and specified the future fighting goals and tasks.

Working people across the country turned out for producing new-type farm machines, true to the intention of the General Secretary to cover all farms of the country with modern

farm machines and enable all agricultural workers to do farming merrily with machines, thereby unfolding a new scene in the socialist countryside.

The workers of the munitions industry sector wonderfully manufactured highly efficient farm machines, including new-type mobile combined rice and maize threshers and wheat and barley sowing machines, and sent them to farms this year again after last year.

By learning from their fighting spirit and traits, those of the Kumsong Tractor Factory, Taean Heavy Machine Complex, Sungni General Motor Enterprise, Kusong Machine Tool Factory, Haeju Farm Machine Factory, Anju Tractor Parts Factory and others fully displayed the spirit of self-reliance and the might of the mass technical innovation movement to produce and send highly efficient farm machines to farms.

Therefore, farmers across the country unanimously exclaimed that they could reap a bumper crop this year, thanks to the sea of farm machines provided to farms by the General Secretary.

New history of irrigation construction is written

By To Kyong Chol PT

The Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea set it as the primary task in ensuring the stable development of agriculture in the present time to step up the perfection of the overall irrigation system to cope with abnormal weather conditions and put forward

the assignments of pushing ahead with irrigation projects for this year and perfecting the irrigation system of the country in the period of the five-year plan.

Remarkable progress has been made as irrigation projects have been pressed on simultaneously at lightning speed on a nationwide scale with the commitment of powerful construction forces.

The irrigation construction

goal for this year has been achieved successfully.

The system for irrigating more than 200 000 hectares of paddy and dry fields, including an irrigation network for watering 60 000-odd hectares of dry fields, has undergone a radical change with the main stress put on the areas prone to drought. In a little over two months, over 24 000 kilometres of irrigation canals were repaired,

groundwater facilities in some 12 000 places built or expanded, irrigation facilities in more than 1 500 places constructed or repaired, a project for laying over 2 400 kilometres of pipes for dry-field irrigation completed and pumping stations built in at least 3 000 places.

South Hwanghae Province completed the projects for desalinating Lake Kangnyong and digging waterways

which have considerable significance in its agricultural production.

In addition, the Chongchon River-Phyongnam irrigation waterway was completed to irrigate the granary along the west coast.

The project that started in February 2016 was an enormous undertaking to build a dam on the Chongchon River, excavate well over a million cubic metres of earth, remove hundreds of thousands of cubic metres of earth, tamp concrete, dig earth canals and

waterway tunnels and build more than 50 structures of various kinds.

Service personnel of the Korean People's Army who undertook the irrigation project fulfilled those huge tasks in the highest quality and in the shortest time possible.

As the irrigation systems were wonderfully readjusted and reinforced under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and life-giving water runs through the new irrigation system, agricultural workers shed tears of gratitude and delight.

Development of dance creation support system and its superiority

By **Ryom Un Gyong** PT

The researchers of the Korea Alphabetic Dance Information Bureau recently developed a choreography support system “Ryultong(rhythm)”, which can be claimed to be a remarkable success in putting the alphabetic dance notation on a scientific and IT basis.

Their success is based on the Korean alphabetic dance notation which has strenuously been developed since the 1970s.

Creation of alphabetic dance notation

It was the time when a revolution was brought about in art and literature in the country under the direct guidance of Chairman Kim Jong Il, an

artistic and literary genius.

A dance notation research group was organized in October 1973 and it conducted painstaking research for more than 10 years under the detailed instructions and guidance of the Chairman, completing the Korean-style dance notation, “Alphabetic dance notation”, in 1987.

In April 1988, an international presentation on the Korean alphabetic dance notation was held under the sponsorship of UNESCO, with dancers and choreography experts from 15 countries in attendance.

In particular, the scientific accuracy and plainness of the alphabetic dance notation of the DPRK were clearly proved through the 10th general meeting of the International Dance Council held in Pyongyang in September

1992 and the subsequent international workshop and presentation on the Korean alphabetic dance notation.

Dance experts from over 80 countries participating in the events unanimously recognized that the new dance notation could note not only Korean dance but also any national dances of all countries of the world.

Informatization of alphabetic dance notation and choreography support system ‘Ryultong’

After the creation of the alphabetic dance notation, a dance notation typewriter, which can record the symbols of the alphabetic dance notation by turning them into printing types, and a general electronic music and dance typewriter, by which the symbols of the

notation are presented at the same time when the music of dance is played and those of the composition are represented as pictures, were developed in the DPRK. On this basis, positive efforts have been made to preserve and use the achievements made in the production of the art of dance by noting them.

In November 2010, Chairman Kim Jong Il visited the then Pyongyang University of Dance and assigned it the task of completing a score editing program as required by the developing era.

Later, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un set forth the task of putting the Korean alphabetic dance notation on a scientific and IT basis at a high level on several occasions to glorify generation after generation the immortal exploits Chairman

Kim Jong Il had performed in the field of research on dance notation and wisely led the work to carry it out.

By relying on the successes and experience gained in the past, the research group further enhanced the scientific accuracy and plainness of the notation by optimizing the dance letters and their coupling schemes and, on this basis, developed and completed the dance creation support system “Ryultong”.

Developed for the purpose of printing and visualizing the dance movements by inputting the dance letters and facilitating dance notation education, the system consists of the dance letters input program, the score editing program, the dance simulation program and the dance notation study program.

The dance simulation program can simulate and show dance pieces written by introducing computer graphics, inverse kinematics, animation production based on the characteristics of the movements of the human body, physical simulation and other technologies. The score editing program can draw up, edit and print scores.

Data on dance movements are input by using the dance

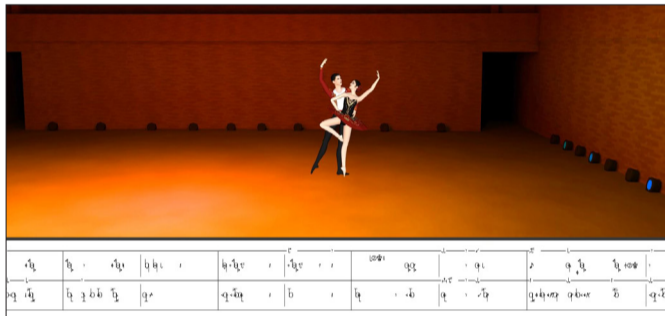
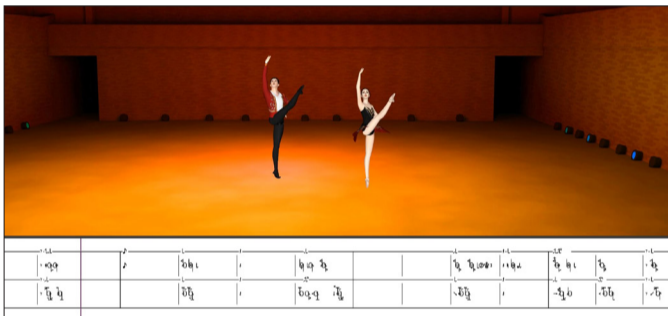
letters input program, which can be used to enter the dance letters into other programs.

The dance notation study program is divided into a training ground for reading music, a training ground for collecting and arranging songs on musical sheets and a learning room.

A combination of information technology in various fields, the software can show the choreographer’s plan in a three-dimensional way and give lifelike reproduction of dance pieces described as scores on computer by establishing a dance movement simulation technology into which advanced technologies are condensed.

The researchers of the Korean alphabetic dance notation information bureau have introduced their alphabetic dance notation into practical creation and education by noting and simulating with it many works including Korean dances “Three-Person Dance” and “The Nodul Riverside”. They also proved that the dances of different countries including ballet dance drama “Don Quixote” can be written and simulated by it.

Now the bureau intensifies research to further develop the alphabetic dance notation.



Scenes of ballet dance drama “Don Quixote” and dance notation.

New varieties of flowers developed

By **Jong Hwa Sun** PT

The Pyongyang Floriculture Institute has achieved remarkable progress in research into the breeding of new varieties of flowering plants and their cultivation.

“We are intensifying research to breed new flower varieties with beautiful colours, original shapes and a long flowering period,” said the director.

In recent years alone, the institute has bred many new varieties by crossbreeding and different other breeding methods and by acclimatizing world-famous flowers to the local conditions and registered them as national varieties.

Among them are the roses that produce big and beautiful flowers with pleasant fragrances.

It has also developed new varieties of stockagilly flower again after last year, making it possible to produce large numbers of quality double flowers with high resistance to diseases using the same workforce

and greenhouse area.

Yellow, orange and red dwarf varieties of Cosmos sulphureus have been bred so as to diversify its colour and use them in decorating flower beds, flowerpots and flowerpot stands in summer and autumn.

In addition, such new varieties as deep pink double-flowering Impatiens walleriana with a long blossoming period and excellent indoor decoration effects and light green carnation of high ornamental value with unique colour have been developed to add beauty to street scenery and contribute to the people’s cultural and leisure activities.

The institute is also successful in enhancing the ornamental effects of cacti.

In order to add variety to their monotonous colour while preserving the good features of cacti that are varied in shape and that purify indoor air, the researchers adopted grafting to bring out various bright-coloured cacti.



New varieties of flowers bred by the **Pyongyang Floriculture Institute.** JO RYONG / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



South Hwanghae specialties relished in Pyongyang

By **Pang Un Ju** PT

The Okkye Restaurant is situated in Taedonggang District, Pyongyang.

The restaurant serving specialties of South Hwanghae Province was named after the crystal-clear Okkye River flowing along the foot of Mt Suyang.

The two-storey restaurant serves traditional special foods of the province and other dishes.

The locals of the province have cooked savoury and appetizing foods since olden times. Their typical food is Haeju *kyoban*.

It is a special food in the Haeju area made by cooking boiled rice with oil and putting bracken and parsley growing on Mt Suyang, Ongjin laver and other garnishings.

The story about *kyoban* is told even today. Once upon a time, refugees who found shelter in Mt Suyang suffered a serious food shortage during a war against foreign invaders. So they dug bellflower roots and picked mushrooms and bracken growing there, mixed them with fermented hot pepper bean paste and ate them. Thus they could win the battle of Sokchon.

“Haeju *kyoban* is widely known to our country along with the Pyongyang boiled rice with assorted mixtures. The special

feature of the dish is that among its ingredients like edible herbs and meat, the bracken growing in Mt Suyang and roasted and crumbled Ongjin laver are a must,” said Jang Pun Ok who has long worked as head chef of the restaurant.

According to her, President Kim Il Sung tasted the dish prepared by a restaurant during his field guidance tour of Haeju City decades ago and appreciated it, describing it as a Haeju speciality that tastes good and looks good.

“I tried Haeju *kyoban* for the first time at the Okkye Restaurant after moving into Taedonggang District a decade ago. Attracted by the unique mixed flavour of a variety of edible herbs, I became a regular customer of this restaurant,” said an old man called Kim Jong U.

The restaurant also serves Sinwon steamed rice cake, Yonan rice cake dumpling covered with bean paste, Jangyon twist and Pyoksong Chwiya noodles by preserving the characteristics of the Hwanghae provincial region which is known as a granary as it is blessed with vast plains.

In addition, there are other specialties prepared with fish and seafood from the West Sea of Korea including steamed blue crab, steamed large clam and

steamed neck clam and crab flesh pickled in vinegar.

According to Jang Pun Ok, the restaurant serves more than 40 kinds of special foods. Diners commented that it has become a favourite haunt of visitors for good taste.

Cooks of the restaurant flawlessly brought out such distinctive national foods as Haeju *kyoban* at different cooking festivals and contests, thereby winning the first place there.

The Okkye Restaurant was inaugurated in November 1975.



A cook of the Okkye Restaurant explains the traditional recipe for Haeju *kyoban*. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Illegal double standard can never be tolerated in space, common asset of mankind

Statement of the spokesman for National Aerospace Technology Administration

A spokesman for the National Aerospace Technology Administration of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea released a press statement entitled "Illegal double standard can never be tolerated in space, common asset of mankind" on December 4.

The statement said: The US, which is hell-bent on illegal denunciation of and sanctions on our country over its exercise of sovereign rights, has brazenly committed a double standard-based act of launching a spy satellite of the "Republic of Korea". This is a space-wide tragedy.

While patronizing and

shielding its stooges' possession of military capabilities for aggression against the DPRK, the US is unreasonably insisting that our satellite launch constitutes a threat to regional peace and stability and yet impudently asserting that the ROK gang's satellite launch is different in nature in terms of "observance of international law".

Ten years ago the US said that south Korea's satellite launch was unlike that of north Korea as the former had no military intention. Now, however, I am anxious to know how unreasonably the US will explain the launch of the ROK gang's spy satellite with clear military purpose.

At present whether the launch of the satellites of the same kind is legal or not is judged for the reason that one is of the DPRK, an independent sovereign state, and the other is of the servile and pro-US ROK. This tragic situation clearly shows who disturbs peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and violates universal international laws.

Considering the US military movements hostile towards the DPRK and the region, it is as clear as day what the spy satellite of the ROK, a military colony of the US, will be used for.

If the US' gangster-like logic that its stooges can do anything but a country to which it is hostile

cannot exercise even its fundamental right as a sovereign state is connived at and tolerated, global peace and stability will be exposed to irretrievably serious danger.

It is intolerable that the gangster-like American standard is enforced even in space, common asset of mankind.

To have a sharper "eye" and a stronger "fist" to cope with the high-handedness and hegemonic ambition of the US is the most important precondition for safeguarding the legitimate right of the DPRK and ensuring regional security.

The DPRK's activities for space development will be more steadily conducted in

accordance with the general will of all the Korean people and the universal equal authority given to sovereign states by the UN Charter and other international laws, instead of standard or norm of legality defined by anybody.

The National Aerospace Technology Administration of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will resolutely and perfectly carry out its important mission of building a capacity for aerospace reconnaissance to thoroughly watch and grasp the ever-worsening military moves of the US and other hostile forces, according to the state's plan for strategic space exploration.

Ensuring rights of the disabled consistent policy of the DPRK

By Choe Yong Nam

It is the consistent policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK to also put forward persons with disabilities as masters of the state and society and make them lead a fulfilling life in all fields of social life.

"The work to take care of and help the disabled and ensure their rights in the DPRK already began with the building of a new Korea," said Ri Kwang, senior staffer of the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled.

He noted that General Kim Il Sung saw to it that the issue of providing living conditions for the disabled was stipulated in the Labour Law for the Factory and

Office Workers in North Korea, the first labour law of the country established in 1946, the year after the liberation of Korea, and that the democratic union of the blind of north Korea was established as the first organization of the disabled in February 1948.

In the grim period of the Fatherland Liberation War, he took a measure to build honoured disabled soldiers' school to make sure that they learned technologies and skills.

Always paying attention close to the life of persons with disabilities, Chairman Kim Jong Il, ensured that the Central Committee of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled was organized and the Law of the DPRK on the

Protection of the Disabled instituted, thus laying the foundation for conducting the work to protect the disabled on a wider scale.

Under the leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, the legal system related to the protection of the disabled has been further perfected, policies for them have continued to be enforced and it has become a social trait of the country to take good care of them.

The Law of the DPRK on Ensuring the Rights of the Disabled was adopted at the Ninth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly in September this year.

The law concretely stipulates the contents related to providing the

disabled with stable and favourable living environment and conditions in all fields of social life and thoroughly protecting their rights and interests.

It also lays down the matters of principle arising in ensuring the rights of the disabled, including the issue of establishing social traits of treating and helping them kindly, thus further regularizing the working system and order to provide them with a stable and happy life and enabling the disabled to receive more benefits than ordinary people.

Such persons enjoy a worthwhile life while realizing their wishes.

Among them is Jon Ju Hyon who was a table-tennis player of the Korean

Sports Association of the Disabled.

Jon Ju Hyon, who became crippled as he was hurt at the one leg unexpectedly 20 years ago, realized his dream of becoming a table-tennis player with the help of the association and won a gold medal at the ITTF Asian Para Championships 2019.

As a technical staffer of the Pukgae electronic product company at present, he contributed to making the company become one of national top 10 IT businesses in 2021 and played a leading role in introducing a new integrated dialogue function program into a smart phone which the company presented to the light industrial goods exhibition "Development of Light Industry-2023".

Hell of spiritual, moral corruption

By Choe Song Jun PT

Unethical murders are occurring successively in Japan, increasing social unrest.

Surprisingly, most of the cold-blooded murders are taking place between relatives, friends and colleagues.

Recently, in Aichi Prefecture, a 35-year-old man killed a fellow worker by stabbing him with a knife and, in Hokkaido, another man strangled his wife with

a strap.

A couple who dumped the dead body of their infant and a man who left his father's body in the house have been arrested by the police.

It seems to be a trend of the present Japanese society that terrible murders instilling fear in the public are becoming more and more commonplace.

It is quite normal that horrible crimes are growing rife in the corrupt Japanese society where the mental and moral corruption of the people has reached its

extremes.

I need no one except "me" in this world—this is the extreme egoistic outlook on life and ethics, which dominates the consciousness of people in the Japanese society where immorality and depravity are rampant.

The spiritual and moral corruption makes them have no scruples about killing their parents and children, regarding them as troublesome beings.

A university professor in Japan deplored that

the law of the jungle and the extreme misanthropy prevailing in the Japanese society turn people into beasts and lunatics who are ignorant of their parents and the elementary ethics of humanity.

As murder cases are successively reported, the Japanese are afraid of visitors to their homes and take fright at encounters on streets, and even keep an eye on their relatives and family members.

That is why the horror-stricken Japanese people

say that all they hear every morning are the news of crimes and they live in fear of being killed by their own children at any minute.

Facts show that the Japanese society is a spiritually and morally corrupt society, a veritable hell where all sorts of social evils are rampant.

Briefly

Cuba

US slander and calumny censured

Cuban President Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel Bermudez denounced the slander and calumny of the US against his country through SNS on December 2.

The "report on terrorism" issued recently by the US contains insult to and false facts against Cuba, he said, and added that it is nothing but another pretext to continue blockade of mass destruction.

Iran

President expresses full support to Palestine

Iranian President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi expressed full support to Palestine as he addressed a meeting on December 3.

It is one of the duties specified by the Constitution of Iran to render support to the oppressed people, he said, adding that it has been one of the basic principles of the Iranian foreign policy to defend the rights of the Palestinians since the Islamic Revolution in 1979.

Palestine

Massive killing persists in Gaza Strip

The Israeli forces keep conducting genocidal military operations in the Gaza Strip of Palestine.

On December 3, they made an air raid targeting a residential building of a Palestinian refugee camp located in the northern part of Gaza, killing and injuring 37 persons.

More than 700 Palestinians lost their lives that day alone due to their indiscriminate bombings of crowded streets, dwelling houses and hospitals in the city.

Hundreds of the wounded are now being treated on the floor in hospitals as medical service facilities have been destroyed and the health crisis has further worsened.

Israel's escalation of the genocidal war is further endangering the humanitarian situation in the region, arousing a serious concern from the international community.

US

Racial discrimination widespread

Racial discrimination poses a serious social problem in the US.

According to poll results recently released by the Pew Research Center, nine out of ten Asian-Americans are suffering verbal abuses and getting various kinds of discriminatory treatment in public places like restaurants.

The majority of respondents bitterly criticized the authorities for not paying attention to the problem of racial discrimination.

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2023-2024 DPRK PREMIER LEAGUE STARTS

By Ri Sung Ik PT

The 2023-2024 DPRK Premier League began on December 1 amid high expectations and interest of soccer experts and fans.

Men's Jebi team and women's Kigwancha team, which took the first place in the second division last season, advanced to the premier league while men's Ponghwasan team and women's Myohyangsan team, which took the last place in the first division, were demoted to the second division.

The Premier League will be held in three rounds, involving 12 teams of men and women respectively including April 25, Ryomyong, Sobacksu, Amnokgang, Kigwancha, Wolmido and Rimyongsu teams.

That day women's premier league's first-round matches between Jebi and Kigwancha, between Naegohyang and

Rimyongsu and between Ministry of Light Industry and Kalmaegi took place at Kim Il Sung Stadium. The Jebi, Naegohyang and Ministry of Light Industry teams beat their rivals 3-0 respectively.

Men's premier league's first-round matches took place at the same stadium on December 4.

Hwaepul and Pyongyang teams tied 1-1 and Sonbong and Kigwancha teams beat Rimyongsu and Jebi teams 2-0 and 5-2 respectively.

An eye-catcher was the match held between the April 25 and Amnokgang on December 5.

The teams got to top five at the men's event of the 2022-2023 DPRK male and female premier league of last season and the Amnokgang lifted the trophy with nine wins, two draws and no defeat in 11 matches at the men's event of the male and female premier league of the DPRK

Championships.

Meanwhile, the April 25 lifted the trophy at the men's event of the 2022-2023 DPRK male and female premier league with 24 wins, four draws and five defeats in 33 matches.

Therefore, the spectators were anxious to see how the teams would play in the new season.

The April 25 beat the Amnokgang 2:1 in the match held on December 5.

The league has only just begun, so it is now impossible to predict the tactical intentions of both teams correctly. But considering the result of the match, experts and fans think that the April 25 intends to press upon the Amnokgang from the beginning and that the latter intends to calm its players mentally and physically and make them build up their strength so as to bring about a good conclusion without widening the scoring gap with the April 25.



A glimpse of match between April 25 and Amnokgang teams. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Stone River on Mt Okryon and Ninety-Nine Curves of Chonsang Stream

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The Stone River on Mt Okryon in the upper reaches of the river valley flowing down the southwestern slope of the mountain is located in Munam-ri, Pujon County, South Hamgyong Province.

Known as the biggest and rarest among Korean stone rivers, the natural wonder was formed as some of the masses of rocks on top of the mountain moved along the river valley.

The altitude of the stone river is about 1 850m and 1 460m at the starting and ending points respectively.

It is some 120m wide and 700m long and has a surface gradient of about 10 degrees. Though the water is invisible as it flows beneath the stones, the sound of the water is heard.

Stones are piled up 4-5m thick on average and 15-20m thick at the valley. The total length of the

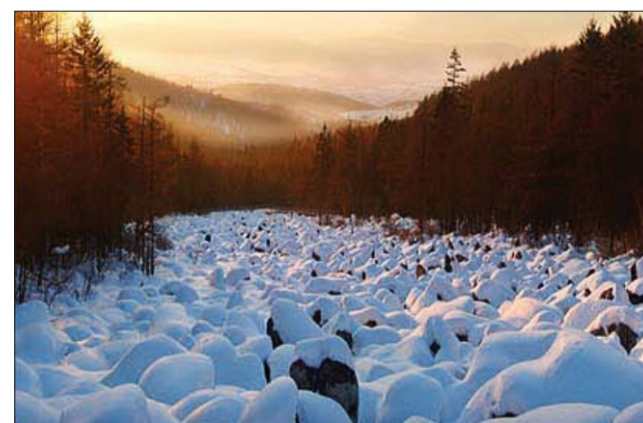
stone river is about 2km when the part covered with plants is added.

The Ninety-Nine Curves of Chonsang Stream are located in the valley through which flows the stream, a branch of the Yonmyon River, in Sampho-ri, Yonsa County, North Hamgyong Province.

The stream flows in a high place, hence the name Chonsang, and the Ninety-Nine Curves point to the large number of rocky curves in the stream. The stream is also called a stony river with ninety-nine curves.

The bottom and both sides of the curves are bedrocks. In the rainy season, the stream runs down swiftly with roaring sounds and, in the dry season, round stones, big and small, are exposed in different places.

The spectacular river is situated in the highest place among rivers in Korea.



The Stone River on Mt Okryon in winter.

