Report on 19th Enlarged Meeting of Political Bureau of Eighth Central Committee of the WPK

The Workers’ Party of Korea, a genuine party for the people that regards it as its revolutionary climate and immutable mode of existence to believe in the people as in Heaven and make devoted service for them, declared the “regional development 20×10 policy” for the promotion of the people’s well-being, to evoke lively response from among all the people of the country, heralding dynamic advance of the country which will be vibrant with new civilization and life of socialism and an unprecedentedly great change.

The strategy for developing regional industry will bring into majestic reality the brilliant change called the simultaneous, balanced and rapid development of the whole country that has been desired with faith and optimism generation after generation in the arduous and long course of struggle. The strategy is a militant banner of overall national prosperity and an immortal revolutionary programme embodying the sacred political ideal, outlook on development and transparent spirit of service of the WPK, which regards the people’s laughter and happiness as a symbol of the socialist system and the standard of evaluation of national power.

Since the 10th Session of the 14th Supreme People’s Assembly, the Party Central Committee had so far made profound study of ways for ensuring the unconditional fulfilment of the centuries-old desire cherished and hailed by all the people across the country and, on this basis, convened an important meeting to solemnly proclaim the thoroughgoing action plan and scheme.

The 19th Enlarged Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK was held on January 23-24 to confirm and clarify an epochal milestone in the development of regional industry.

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, attended the meeting. When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared on the platform, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers.

They paid the highest tribute to the General Secretary of the WPK, the great pioneer and creator of socialist civilization who is confidently bringing earlier the future of a prosperous power, where the people’s dreams and ideals are fully translated into reality, with his profound ideological and theoretical activities and devoted and sustained efforts.

Present at the meeting were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK, Central Committee, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau. Attending the meeting as observers were officials of the relevant departments of the provincial Party committees, officials of provincial designating organs and the Cabinet related to the construction of regional industry factories and officials of the relevant ministries and national agencies including the State Planning Commission and major commanding officers of the Korean People’s Army.

Up on the agenda of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Jong Un presided over the meeting.

Recalling that at the 10th Session of the 14th Supreme People’s Assembly the WPK and the DPRK government set forth the plan for setting it as an important national policy to remodel all the regional industry factories in cities and counties across the country and pushing ahead with it by naming it the “regional development 20×10 policy”, he said:

At the first short course for chief secretaries of the city and county Party committees in March 2021 three years ago, I gave directions to set the size of the regional industry factories in Kimbwa County to suit the actual conditions of the county, build them modernly as model ones and gain experience by putting their operation on a regular basis in keeping with the specific conditions of the county to weigh their effectiveness, profitability and possibility and, on this basis, to ensure that new modern regional industry factories are built in all the cities and counties across the country in the future, so that the basic material and cultural standards of the local people could be promoted and their rights and interests fully guaranteed to open up a new era of regional development.

As I briefly introduced in the policy speech made at the Supreme People’s Assembly on January 15, Kimhwa County substantially benefits from it and has made it possible for us to have a clear understanding of the possibility of developing the material and cultural life of all cities, counties and regions across the country.

In consideration of the economic situation of the country and the implementation of this enormous task, some policy leadership departments of the Party and economic bodies were paying lip service while failing to find out realistic and revolutionary possibilities. And even at the recent plenary meeting they took passive attitude by proposing building regional industry factories in only a few cities and counties with favourable conditions and stepping up preparations for the future construction in the remaining cities and counties.

I emphasize once again that if they are caught in unfavourable subjective and objective conditions and only sit idle in this way without revolutionary determination and courage, they should not admit without complaint or excuse that they cannot properly implement our Party’s economic development policy on reducing the difference between towns and the countryside and developing the regional economy, nor can they ever bring about a radical change in the realm of people’s understanding and the work for fulfilling their centuries-old desire.

This can’t be properly done with impromptu ambition and passion but can be achieved only by means of revolutionary practice and action after adopting scientific fighting strategy, correct methodology and huge efforts and adhering to all the measures in a well-knit and bold way, he said.

Now that the overall regional economy is in a terrible situation without elementary conditions and there are huge regional differences and huge gaps between regions in terms of their geographical circumstances, economic potential and living circumstances, definite and quite feasible plans and correct methods should be put forward before being accurately implemented according to scientific calculation so that we can bring about a substantial change with which to raise the standards of basic material and cultural life of regional people to a higher level throughout the country in a short period of time, he said.

It is easier said than done to undertake and strictly carry out the overall development of regional industry, another front and another great revolutionary stage, as we are now in the course of effecting a great change for rural development, a project which was already arranged, through a grand struggle, fully aware of the importance and urgency of the building of a new ideal socialist countryside, proceeding from the requirements of the turning phase for ushering in a period of comprehensive development of socialism, he said, adding:

But I am going to do this.

Being passive is not constitutionally suitable.

Can we do this? Yes, we can and will do it. We must do it.

I will repay the expectations of the people even a bit by bringing about a substantial change in developing regional industry without fail.

It is an important principle to be maintained by the Party at present and a political fighting task to be executed for opening up the period of overall socialist development to direct primary efforts to bridging the gaps between urban and rural areas and between central and local areas in all domains, expediting the building of civilized society where everything develops all together, promoting the well-being of local people and protecting their rights and interests in particular and improving the regional and rural living circumstances.

As I stressed in the last policy speech, we should not sit by and wait till the situation and conditions turn favourable but find more jobs to be faithful to our duty for the sake of the people and accept new policies and address ourselves to implementing them full of confidence by assuming a sense of heavy responsibility for ourselves.

That’s why we convened this enlarged meeting to discuss and decide on the issues concerning the implementation of the “regional development 20×10 policy”, he said, and brought up the agenda items for discussion at the meeting.

The issue of pushing ahead with the Party’s “regional development 20×10 policy” was raised as the main agenda item and measures to be taken to achieve the speedy completion of major policy-oriented building projects and the independent development of every province, city and county were discussed at the enlarged meeting.

Kim Jae Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a report on the main agenda item.

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development 20x10 policy”, which will open up an epochal turning phase in the course of struggle for the country’s prosperity and people’s well-being, is the most revolutionary strategic programme for developing regional industry which the General Secretary solemnly declared as a state policy on the basis of formulating its orientation with painstaking efforts for the improvement of the living standards of local people and determining even its feasibility in an all-round way by going through the stage of accumulating experience.

He referred to how the General Secretary came to declare to the world the “regional development 20x10 policy”.

Saying that the new policy on developing regional industry, a supreme task on which our Party and government should focus their attention and efforts and a grand revolution for realizing the long-cherished desire of local people, was adopted, thus making it possible to more confidently usher in the period of overall development for the country’s prosperity, the reporter pointed out that the nearly 90-year history of the Party and the 75-year history of the state have not witnessed such a policy, revolutionary, popular and original in its nature and with a new orientation of the policy of developing regional industry.

Noting that the policy reflects the firm determination and will of the General Secretary to open up a new era of material and cultural life of rural inhabitants, who will live in modern rural dwelling houses, and other regional people by giving complete facelifts to the regional industry factories every year within the next decade, not in the distant future, through the implementation of the programme for the rural revolution in the new era, the reporter stressed the validity of the new regional industrial development policy and its key significance in realizing overall national prosperity.

He affirmed that the perfect execution and successful conclusion in the yearly efforts for implementing the “regional development 20x10 policy” will serve as a revolutionary banner for correctly keeping to the course of state development under any circumstances, an ever-victorious weapon for achieving the already set goals without fail by focusing all-people patriotic enthusiasm on that single intention, and a motive force for more rapidly and more vigorously accelerating the drive for bringing about the prosperity of the country and promoting the people’s well-being, and thus record a revolutionary turn in the proud annals of the history of the DPRK.

Then followed speeches.

Speeches were made by Pak Chang Ho, chief secretary of the North Hwanghae Provincial Party Committee, Jung Myong Un, chairman of the Unsan County People’s Committee, Kim Myong Chol, chief secretary of the Kimhae County Party Committee, Pak Jong Gun, vice-premier of the Cabinet and chairman of the State Planning Commission, Ri Hi Yong, first deputy department director of the Party Central Committee, and Pak Jong Chon and Ri Il Hwan, secretaries of the Party Central Committee.

Expressing full support and approval for adopting as a resolution of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee the plan for implementing the most revolutionary, popular and original “regional development 20x10 policy” encapsulating the General Secretary’s fervent spirit of devoted service for the people and the resolve will of him as a great revolutionary, the speakers showed their determination to fulfill their duty in the van of the sacred cause to translate the revolutionary line of the Party Central Committee into a brilliant reality.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee organized sectional study and consultative meetings to take measures for tackling economic and practical issues arising in implementing the “regional development 20x10 policy”.

The General Secretary gave invaluable instructions on the orientation of the study and consultative meetings.

He called upon all the participants to examine in detail the economic and practical measures for developing the policy and orient their study to making sure that the planned important work would come to practical fruition.

He underlined the need to intensify the study and discussion with the main focus placed on taking concrete and meticulous measures to resolve such issues as the production indices in conformity with the economic potentialities, speciality, regional sizes and populations of the relevant cities and counties, the one of training technicians and skilled workers necessary for the operation of factories in a far-sighted way, and the one of organizing construction forces and establishing a well-regulated work system.

The enlarged meeting organized two-day sectional study and consultative meetings in accordance with the direction of the discussion indicated by the General Secretary.

Members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee guided the study and consultative meetings. Reasonable and feasible proposals and innovative and development-oriented opinions raised during the study and consultation were fully reflected in the draft resolution.

Jo Yong Won, secretary for Organizational Affairs of the Party Central Committee, brought the completed draft resolution before the Political Bureau.

The voting right was also granted to the alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee and all observers at the enlarged meeting, as suggested by the General Secretary.

A resolution on strongly promoting the implementation of the Party’s policy of regional industrial development was adopted with full approval at the enlarged meeting.

An order of the Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers’ Party of Korea “On mobilizing units of the People’s Army for the struggle to implement the resolution of the 19th Enlarged Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK on bringing about a regional industrial revolution” was conveyed to the participants by Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the Party Central Committee.

The General Secretary signed the order and handed it over to the chief of the General Staff of the Korean People’s Army.

The meeting, as its next agenda items, discussed and decided on the important measures of the Party for successfully completing the major policy-oriented projects for the promotion of the people’s well-being, and took technical steps to ensure the sustainable independent and smooth development of provinces, cities and counties.

The General Secretary made an important conclusion “On Forcefully Promoting the Implementation of the Party’s ‘Regional Development 20x10 Policy’”

Expressing great satisfaction over the fact that the 19th Enlarged Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK deeply discussed and decided on the measures for implementing the “regional development 20x10 policy”, which will bring about sure and rapid development of the regional economy and greatly encourage the overall rejuvenation of the state, and on the issues of expediting the major policy-oriented projects, he appreciated the strategic significance of the 20th Pyongyang enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau.

Stressing the need to perfectly implement the above-said meaningful resolutions as a great change without fail through bold action and practice by preserving the tradition and mettle of struggle peculiar to the Korean revolution, which is run through with uninterrupted innovations and advances, he mentioned the important issues arising in implementing the articles discussed and decided at the Political Bureau meeting.

Urging the leading officials of the Party and the government to fulfil their mission and duty in most thoroughly and perfectly implementing the resolutions of the meeting, regarding the deep trust by tens of millions of people as lifeblood, so as to make the people’s happy laughter resound everywhere on this land; he ardently called for working hard for the new revolutionary results of our great cause, for the overall development of socialism and for the well-being of our great people with great confidence and courage.

The conclusion of the General Secretary deeply impressed the participants in the meeting as it clearly taught them how sincerely the WPK, which has glorified the longest history as the ruling party amid the absolute support and trust of the masses of the people, should work for the great people and what sincerity and ability for devoted implementation they should display for the destiny and future of the people.

All the participants expressed full support and approval with stormy cheers and applause to the important conclusion of the General Secretary, which unveiled the most scientific operation plan and clear methodology for successfully carrying out with due care the gigantic tasks of epochal changes to bring about dynamic development of the national economy and culture, which will make the people’s happy laughter resound everywhere on this land; the General Secretary urged the leading officials of the Party and government to fulfil their mission and duty with great confidence and courage.

The enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the WPK, Central Committee, held amid the great expectations and concern of all the Party members and other people and service personnel, will shine long in history as a great political event which further highlighted the revolutionary nature and popular character of the WPK that regards the people-first principle as its supreme programme and the basic fighting principle, and which opened up a broad avenue to the historic regional development for fulfilling the centuries-old desire of the people.
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, made the following important conclusion “On Forcefully Promoting the Implementation of the Party’s ‘Regional Development 20×10 Policy’” at the 19th Enlarged Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK on January 24:

Comrades,

The 19th Enlarged Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party carefully discussed and decided on the measures for implementing the “regional development 20×10 policy”, which will bring about a definite and rapid development of the regional economy and greatly encourage the overall prosperity of the state in the future, and the issues of hastening the completion of major policy-oriented projects.

It was, indeed, an important and historic choice and decision.

This marks the beginning of a new revolution which will wipe out the centuries-old backwardness of the regions and realize the desire of the regional people in the coming ten years and will lead to taking measures to successfully complete the important plans for the promotion of the people’s well-being and adding great vitality to our grand struggle for the overall development of socialism.

The strategic significance of the current enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau is great indeed, and I am very satisfied with the fact that the meeting adopted important decisions which clearly demonstrate the basic principles and line of our Party’s struggle and the popular character running through them.

Through this meeting, our Party has confirmed all measures for the simultaneous, very balanced, comprehensive, effective and distinctive development of regional industry and thus thoroughly secured the guarantee for the development of the revolutionary front. This has provided an epochal milestone in the history of struggle of the Party which has aspired only to the good of the people for nearly 80 years since its founding.

As I have already mentioned, given the fact that rural housing construction, an unprecedentedly vast and ambitious front in ultimately breaking with the backwardness of the countryside, is being undertaken on a nationwide scale, it is not easy to make a decision for forming another large front for opening up a new phase of regional industrial development across the country and to simultaneously go through the revolutionary stages. But the long-cherished desire of the regional people is the long-cherished aspiration of our Party, the development of regional industry is the development of the regions, and the development of the regions is the overall prosperity and growth of the state. So we have made an important decision to wage a new struggle without hesitation.

Taking this opportunity, I have stressed once again that it is an important principle our Party should adhere to at present and in the future, that the work for housing should be fulfilled without fail in switching over to the period of overall development of socialism to reduce the gap and eliminate imbalance between the towns and the countryside and between the capital and regional areas in all aspects, to accelerate the building of rich and civilized society where all the regions develop simultaneously and, in particular, to give priority to promoting the well-being of the regional people, protecting their rights and interests and improving the regional and rural living environment.

We should reinforce the traditions and virtue of struggle peculiar to the Korean revolution, consistent with continuous innovation and uninterrupted advance, and thus make the meaningful decisions of today result in a perfect revolution without fail through bold and practical action.

Comrades,

I actually felt the atmosphere of the greatest upsurge across the country through the hearty response of all the participants that has constantly heated this meeting hall and could again confirm the validity of our determinations in the sincerity of you who approached the discussion of agenda items with a responsible and active attitude, which greatly encouraged me to be optimistic about the prospect of our work. And I am pleased about it.

This convinced me that our new work for the beloved people will be perfect and substantial in its process and completion like its exciting start, and I’d like to emphasize some important matters arising in thoroughly implementing the items exhaustively discussed and decided at the current meeting of the Political Bureau.

In order to make the “regional development 20×10 policy” produce successful results from this year, it is necessary to conduct the operation and guidance for its implementation in a detailed and substantial way.

First of all, it is needed to establish a well-regulated system of work for building regional industry factories in cities and counties throughout the country.

It is important to establish a proper work system in any undertaking. The construction of 50,000 flats in the capital city has been pushed forward with a well-regulated work system. As a result, 10,000 flats have been built every year without the exception of a single flat. Likewise, in order to build regional industry factories in 20 cities and counties every year without deflection, we must first establish a correct work system.

The “non-permanent committee for the promotion of regional development 20×10” to be organized should establish a well-regulated system of exercising unified control and guidance over all the work related to the construction of regional industry factories and preparations for their operation, ranging from designing to the supply of materials and funds and establishment of raw material bases, and should tighten control.

The promotion committee comprises officials of departments of the Party Central Committee, the Ministry of National Defence and relevant ministries and national agencies and accordingly they should work together well.

Noting that the Party’s call for building regional industry factories like those of Kimhwa County means building them in such a way that they are at a modern level with highly civilized working and living conditions like the regional industry factories in the country, not setting the sizes of the factories just like those of Kimhwa County, he said the sizes of regional industry factories should be set in proper consideration of the populations, residents’ demands, economic situations and natural and geographical conditions of cities and counties.

He said that it is especially important to provide designs suited to their specific conditions and that it is necessary to thoroughly establish the system of tripartite agreement between the regional, provincial, city and county Party committees and operation units so as to prevent unreasonable problems from arising in the process of operating a factory.

He said that when fixing the site of a factory, it is necessary to consider at the beginning whether it would fully meet such conditions necessary for operation of the factory as the supply of electricity and industrial water, whether it is favourable for transportation and whether it would cause inconvenience to inhabitants, in particular.

He noted that the most vigorous and militant People’s Army has been placed in the forefront of the struggle for the development of regional industry, adding that it was a very heartening and inspiring sight to see such workers like its exciting start, and I’d like to call on all the members and other working people in their regions.

He said that the regional industry factories built on a modern footing in cities and counties should produce a lot of quality goods favoured by the people by directing efforts to improving the quality of products. Just as a long journey begins with one step and a good first step leads to the next powerful step, only when we successfully complete the construction of regional industry factories planned for this year can we push ahead with the construction of regional industry factories without fail on an annual basis, looking forward to the time when we implement the “regional development 20×10 policy” set forth by the Party, he said, noting that the Party has taken a measure to get each of the members of its Provincial, city or a county to strongly promote the construction of regional industry factories.

Saying that the chief secretaries of provincial, city or county Party committees are the direct organizers and executors in the implementation of the regional development policy, he said that they should vigorously use the opportunities and indispensable jobs on their shoulders and fulfill their duties, always focusing their
Kim Jong Un visits bier of former senior Party official

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, visited the bier of Choe Thae Bok, former secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

A wreath in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid before the bier of the deceased.

Kim Jong Un paid silent tribute to Choe Thae Bok who performed distinguished feats in the sacred struggle for the development of the WPK and the DPRK government with his boundless loyalty to the leader, transparent revolutionary principle and spirit of devoted service to the country and its people.

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He looked round the bier of Choe Thae Bok with the bitter feeling of losing an old revolutionary who had grown up to be a competent official in the field of education under the trust and special care of the Party and devoted his all to the implementation of the policy of the Party on science and education, the development of socialist culture and the dynamic advance of the revolutionary cause till the end of his life.

All the officials should fulfil their mission and duty in carrying out the decisions adopted at today’s enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau most thoroughly and perfectly and thus live up to the great trust of our people unconditionally and without fail.

We should always remember what the people are to us and for what and for whom we have voluntarily shouldered the responsibility for such a huge undertaking in the most difficult period.

As long as there are the most correct line and policies of struggle set forth by our Party, the already accumulated experience and the solid potentialities of the self-supporting economy, the new era of regional change will be opened up in reality soon, not in the distant future.

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Let us all struggle vigorously for the new innovative fruition of our great cause, for the overall development of socialism and for the well-being of our great people with great confidence and courage.

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concern and thinking on the development of their regions and the improvement of the people’s living standards.

In particular, the Party Central Committee would estimate the Party spirit, spirit of serving the people and sense of responsibility of the chief secretaries of provincial, city and county Party committees with the results of their work for implementing the regional development policy, he said. And he instructed the chief secretary of each provincial Party committee to build raw material production bases and train skilled workers in a responsible manner so as to actually operate the regional industry factories to be built this year in two cities and counties and make a report about the results to the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee at the end of the year.

He urged the chairmen of the provincial, city and county people’s committees to enhance their responsibility and role in implementing the regional development policy as befitting the administrator responsible for the livelihood of inhabitants in their regions and dedicate themselves to the struggle for ushering in a new era of regional change with the same mind and intention as the Party Central Committee.

He called on the regional industry construction guidance section to be set up at the Organizational Leadership Department of the Party Central Committee to guarantee the regional industry construction guidance section to be set up at the Organizational Leadership Department of the Party Central Committee to guarantee the regional development 20×10 policy by providing effective political guidance and policy guidance, and clarified in detail the duty and role of the section.

He referred to the fact that the Party has taken important measures at the meeting for the rapid completion of unfinished major policy-oriented projects, and underlined the need to bring about substantial changes desired and awaited by the people this year, too. He went on:

Today we are faced with a heavy yet honourable task to provide the people with more civilized and happier living conditions and environment. The leading officials of the Party and the government present here should regard the great trust of tens of millions of people as their lifeblood and carry out the decisions of the current meeting without fail through redoubled efforts and with stronger fighting spirit so as to make sure that the happy laughter of the people can be heard everywhere on this land.

What you should bear in mind and be fully aware of is the spirit and attitude of serving the people.

I think that the success of the enormous revolutionary work we intend to do should be guaranteed by the transparent outlook on the people of our leading cadres and officials, before any existence and provision of fund, materials and manpower and the meticulous economic operations.
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SPA Standing Committee chairman visits Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex

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Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People’s Assembly, inspected the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex.

Making the rounds of various places of the complex, he gave pep talks to its officials and workers all out for readjustment and reinforcement and increased iron and steel production in hearty response to the decisions of the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee.

Familiarizing himself with the projects for building an energy-saving oxygen blast furnace and establishing the Sambwia iron production process now underway at the complex, he underscored the need to bear in mind the importance of the projects in further consolidating the foundations for Juche iron production and boosting production, carry out phased plans without fail and ensure a timely supply of raw and other materials and fuel in order to attain the iron and steel production goal set by the Party without fail.

He called for constantly updating the database of the sci-tech learning space so that officials, technicians and workers could acquire technical knowledge fit for their workshops and jobs and perfecting the integrated production system at a high level as required by the IT era. The field consultative meeting discussed the issue for the leading economic officials to make it a habit to carry out the Party’s decisions in an absolute and unconditional manner and conduct operation and command in an efficient and determined manner so as to expedite readjustment and reinforcement, the issue of satisfying the demands for iron and steel in various sectors of the national economy through an increased production drive and the issue of paying special attention to the supply service for employees, and took relevant measures.

Enlarged plenary meeting of Central Committee of SWUK held

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The Ninth Enlarged Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Central Committee of the Socialist Women’s Union of Korea (SWUK) was held in the DPRK on January 23. Present there were members and alternate members of the SWUK Central Committee, with the attendance of women’s union officials from the capital city and local areas as observers.

The enlarged plenary meeting discussed the issue of thoroughly implementing the resolutions of the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, the issue of carrying through the tasks posed in General Secretary Kim Jong Un’s important speech made at the Fifth National Conference of Mothers, and other issues.

Kim Jong Sun, chairwoman of the Central Committee of the SWUK, made a report on the items for discussion. Speeches were made there.

The meeting adopted relevant resolutions with unanimous approval.

Processing manual for production of school uniforms issued, passing-on-technique sessions held

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A processing manual for the production of school uniforms has recently been issued throughout the country to clothe all students in smart school uniforms that fit them perfectly. Passing-on-technique sessions based on the manual were held simultaneously at all school uniform production units in all provinces.

Producers of school uniforms say in union that they will put their heart and soul into making each of them with pride in producing them for valuable rising generations.

At the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un stressed once again that it is the consistent policy of the WPK and the eternal state policy of the DPRK that the Party and the state supply necessities for schoolchildren in a responsible manner and clarified the principal issue of holding fast to in the production and supply of school uniforms, bags and shoes to be pushed forward by relevant institutions and school uniform production units in different parts of the country as an undertaking involving the entire Party and the whole country in the new year, too, and the ways to that end.

Last year, a new guide to body measurement of schoolchildren was issued for the production of school uniforms.

Miners move into new houses in Komdok area of Tanchon City

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The mining town in Tanchon City of South Hamgyong Province is in a festive mood with housewarming every day. Thousands of elegant low- and multi-storied dwelling houses have newly been built along the ravines of Paegam- and Songwang-dongs. A new fairyland village has also newly been built along the ravines of Muhak-dong and Ryongchon-dong of Tanchon City in South Hamgyong Province.

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Choe Ryong Hae (fourth from right) inspects the Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex.

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Farm machine exhibition runs into new year

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The farm machine exhibition “Development of farm machine industry-2023” continues in the new year at the Agriculture Hall of the Three-Revolution Exhibition House.

On display there are hundreds of kinds of farm machines.

Aim of the exhibition

Various kinds of farm machines in the exhibition present a spectacular sight as if it is a collection of the sea of farm machines, the most noticeable scene unfolded in the socialist rural countryside of the DPRK in recent years.

On the front wall of the venue is a photograph of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, with a bright smiling on his face at a farm field with rich harvest.

“It is an unflinching decision of the General Secretary to usher in as soon as possible an era when the agricultural workers enjoy farming with the help of machines and harvest rich crops. The current exhibition has also been arranged on the initiative and under the guidance of him,” said Choe Song Gon, a deputy director of the Agricultural Commission.

As more than 100 photographs of the General Secretary on display on the second floor of the exhibition show, a new era of rural development has now been ushered in.

The comprehensive mechanization of farm operations takes important part in it.

Under the care of the General Secretary, who illuminated the path to be followed by the country’s farm machine industry and gives meticulous guidance to it at the plenary meetings of the WPK Central Committee and the continued field inspection tour, the renovation and modernization projects of major industrial establishments have been pushed forward and large quantities of farm machines produced and sent to farms across the country every year.

The exhibition is held, divided into 11 sections including power-driven, soil-management and manuring and cultivation machines on two floors.

Most of the exhibits are farm machines which can be used in the low-lands, midland and mountainous areas.

The farm machines on show in each section depicting green fields and also the epitome of the farm machine industry, each of which has been developed and completed one after another and introduced into the socialist countryside according to the journey of the General Secretary.

On January 2, the General Secretary visited the exhibition venue and said that it is most important to correctly evaluate the existing technical abilities for actual making farm machines from the viewpoint that quality is prior to numbers and the main point in attaining the goal of mechanization in farm work and, on the basis of it, work out a long-term development plan scientifically. To bring about revolutionary change in the field of the farm machine industry at present is an important guarantee for implementing the programme for a rural revolution in the new era, he said, clarifying the principal issues arising in stepping up the modernization and capacity building in the field of farm machine production and tasks to this end.

The current exhibition is aimed at determining the direction of development of farm machines.

Participants and visitors fully express their opinions as to the merits of the exhibits for introduction, economic effectiveness, development aspect and development of farm machines to suit the specific conditions of each unit.

To suit local features and conditions

The exhibition focuses on making all kinds of farm machines to meet the regional features of our mountainous country, suit the physical constitutions and characteristics of our farmers and contribute to actual agricultural production. This is also a characteristic of this exhibition,” says Kang Phyong Bok, an official of the State Commission of Science and Technology.

Small farm machines are exhibited in a concentrated way at the centre of the exhibition venue with main emphasis on mechanization in the mid-land and mountainous areas.

They include various kinds of walking tractors, tractor-drawn farm machines and other farm machines.

Most noticeable are small farm machines which can be used without walking tractor. Among them are a small ridging machine capable of building ridges on tilled fields and readjusting ditches by rotating the powered body of revolution of crankshaft with a 6 hp motor and a small rice harvester which can be used in the lowland as well as rice paddies in the midland and mountainous areas.

Efficient tractors

The Kumsong Tractor Factory and the Chungsong Tractor Factory have presented various kinds of tractors with good engine performance and suitable for local geographical conditions.

An upgrade of 80 hp tractor launched several years ago, the exhibited 80 hp tractor (brand name: Chollima-804A) is highly facile and reliable in power transmission and also high in assembling accuracy. In particular, the producers increased the pulling speed 1.3 times and distributed the driving elements conveniently for control. They also replaced sheet metal processed products with GFRP to reduce the production costs.

The 12 hp tractor, capable of not only transporting load in the areas with a gradient of below 10° but also performing farm operations by connecting medium and small-sized farm machines to it, can be used for fruit, vegetable and other farming as well as grain production in the mid-land and mountainous regions.

In addition, there are the 110 hp tractor, which can mechanize farm operations by connecting tractor-drawn farm machines in potato farming fields, and the tractor for sloping fields, which can work properly in areas with a gradient of less than 15°.

Farm machines for soil management

On show at the exhibition are a large number of soil managing agri-cultural machinery.

The combination soil management machine attracts particular interest of visitors.

Designed to plow land with rotating blades, the machine till and harrow land by breaking large lumps of soil to save much labour.

The seven-blade frame plow is suitable for tilling paddy field in re-claimed tideland in spring by connecting it to 80 hp tractors to ensure the depth of plowing.

On display is also the stone assorting machine which is important in mechanizing dry-field farming.

The machine plows land and assorts stones over 5 cm in size from 20 cm deep soil. It works on the principle of separating the soil and stone moved up from plowing blades during the movement of the transport plate.

Also seen in the exhibition are the machine for ridge between paddy field, the swampy rice field tilling and harrowing machine, ridging machine, choline, hollow digging machine, capstan plow, plow for level tilling of paddy field and others.

Popular products

Several production units have presented various kinds of rice-transplanting machines, sowing machines, threshers and harvesters.

The new nutrient rice seedling transplanting machine made by the State Academy of Sciences helps boost the productivity and improve the quality of rice seedling transplanting operation. Ri Myong Song, a section chief of the academy, said that two stages were added to the trans-mission gear of the transplantor to make four gear change stages and from 70 up to 100 plants are fed into it so it can be used on all farms.

The combined thrasher of dry field crops has been designed to thresh wheat, barley, maize and soybean by arranging two feeding sections and threshing ribs in a threshing drum in order to increase its utilization rate all the year round. As it has the high fine selection rate and quality, the crops can sell immediately after threshing.

Visitors look round the farm machine exhibition “Development of farm machine industry-2023” at the Agriculture Hall of the Three-Revolution Exhibition House. PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES
SCI-TECH

Scientific event promotes development of national economy

By Yun Kyong Il PT

Various sci-tech festivals, presentations and exhibitions held on a nationwide scale last year helped provide public interest in science and technology, enhance scientific exchange and cooperation. The 36th national sci-tech festival, which was held on the theme of “Attaching importance to and prioritizing science and technology” in the form of virtual exhibition in April, further fostered sci-tech exchange and cooperation throughout society.

Organized into dozens of panels, the participants conducted intensive scientific and technological activities focusing on solving technical problems arising in attaining the 12 major goals for the development of the national economy. At the scientific symposium, participants discussed in detail different proposals dealing with the updating of the chemical indexes of farm machines and realistic measures to provide the people with satisfactory conditions of cultural life by preventing the erosion of rivers and ecological environment.

At the national sci-tech presentation and symposium, participants worked in close and creative cooperation over the sci-tech issues arising in improving the variety of technical items and stationery and the findings having bearing on farming and culture on a large scale.

Palmson technical lectures were also given to indicate the ways on developing the economy and improving the people’s living standards to suit the specific conditions of the country and the global trend of sci-tech development.

Tens of thousands of working cadres and others aware of intellectual property actively shared the presented research findings, heightening and advance their creative opinions.

The Intellectual Property Office sponsored the 17th national inventions exhibition in June on the theme of “Invention, production and recycling”. The exhibition was held by way of virtual exhibition technology (invention) website on the national data communication network. It brought together the technologies and products that obtained patents by realizing domestic production and recycling in different economic sectors. It was considered raising public awareness about intellectual property and speeding up the development and improvement of the living standards through the positive dissemination, exchange and distribution of the technologies and products.

Hundreds of units from the Ministry of Economy, including ministries, national agencies and provincial people’s power industries, obtained 1,200 proposals which obtained patents in recent years.

Charts, models and videos were displayed at the three- and two-dimensional exhibition in various forms by ministries, national agencies and technical sectors. A large variety of sci-tech achievements and proposals were shown as they could see the exhibits as smooth images with on-demand access.

At the presentation, novel ideas, experience and technical contents related to excellent inventions were presented and explanations were offered about legislation including intellectual property rights and the distribution of intellectual products, while products made by applying such technologies were held on demand at the intellectual products exhibition of the Intellectual Property Office.

There were requests for technical data, placing of orders for introduction of them and conclusion of contracts between participating units.

Many other presentations and exhibitions were held, including the exhibition of advanced science and technology and products-203, in October.

Presents science and technology achievements and promotes exchange

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea held in early January set forward as one of the main tasks of the new five-year plan for national economic development to strengthen organic relations between key industries while holding metallurgical and chemical industries as crucial links for economic development so as to put spurs to economic revival in a substantial way.

Accordingly, sci-tech presentations and symposiums were held vigorously in the sector of key industries last year, including the metallurgical and chemical industries.

Over 30 valuable study papers and experiences were introduced at the national sci-tech presentation in the metallic material sector on the theme of “Qualitative improvement of metallic materials”. Various problems were viewed the interests of visitors as they contribute to implementing the industrialization of production and processing of metallic materials.

The national sci-tech presentation of the chemical industry sector took place by way of virtual exhibition at the Sunchon Chemical Complex in September.

Divided into the panel of the C1 chemical industry and rare-earth application technology and the panel of base and plastic fertilizer industries, such proposals as the making of large-size panel rotate-press working mill, the establishment of nutrition fertilizer production process and the manufacture of tannin catalysts for producing polypropylene drew the attention of participants.

And the national sci-tech presentation of the chemical industry sector held on the theme of “Domestic production of raw and other materials and fuel”, the sci-tech proposals, including the manufacture of catalysts for acetone production and phosphoric acid, was highly appreciated for their economic effectiveness and practical significance.

Meanwhile, there were discussions and Q&A about suggestions at the seminar on the purification of the base oil of lubricant and improvement of the quality of additives.

At the national sci-tech presentation and symposium of the chemical industry sector held on the theme of “Making lathes high-speed, precise and modern”, sci-tech proposals dealing with the issues arising in enhancing the stiffness of lathe, designing and manufacturing rotating dividing head for increasing the output of reducer and ensuring the precision in assembling the main shaft of lathe were highly rated for their economic effectiveness and practical significance.

The national sci-tech presentation of the mining sector was held by way of videoconferencing at the Umpha Mine in August on the theme of “Expansion of the production capacity of minerals and nonferrous metals”. Highly appreciated at the presentation were different proposals which are conducive to ensuring massive mining potential and developing new materials of mines in stopes and realizing the domestic production of agents in the ore dressing process.

At the national sci-tech presentation of the welding sector held in Taedong Hydrotube, Nampho City, in November over a dozen proposals which highlight development technology, including the development and production of sophisticated machines and rods, and welding rods produced by different units won high appreciation as they meet the requirement of domestic production and their quality is excellent.

At the national sci-tech presentation of the rail transport sector held on the theme of “Ensuring the cultural level and convenience of passenger cars”, papers on the improvement of existing facilities of passenger trains and air spring for rolling stock were presented at the Grand People’s Study House in the capital city of Pyongyang under the sponsorship of the Nanotechnology sector of Nanotechnology under the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea in early November last year.

It drew scores of units in the nanotechnology sector from across the country which exhibited new nano materials, products made with them and books on nanotechnology and presented valuable research papers.

“At present, solid foundations are being laid in the country for establishing a nanotechnology-based industry. While looking round the exhibition, you can see a rapidly growing share of this technology in macroeconomic development and the improvement of the people’s living standards,” said Kim Jong Hyon, PhD, associate professor, secretary general of the association and deputy head of the Nanotechnology Branch of the State Academy of Sciences.

Eye-catching were different kinds of scientific rings with the Plastic Surface Plasma Processor, which was produced by the Research Institute of the Materials Science Faculty of Kim Il Sung University, and nanocomposite materials manufacturing technology. They have been made with locally-available raw materials and domestic technology and with less cost than imported ones and have a long lifespan.

Nano composite materials are said to greatly improve tensile strength, elastic modulus, heat deformation temperature and other living standards of the people. The institute completed a new nano composite materials manufacturing technology, which was used for producing a nano composite separating membrane, plastic surface plasma processor, hydrogen generator based on proton exchange membrane and hyperfine bubble generator.

In particular, a nano composite plastic belt was much favoured by visitors as it has a longer lifespan, greater tensile strength and lower abrasion rate than conventional ones. Devices and products made from new nano materials have proved effective in different economic sectors, said Park Un Yong, candidate academician, Prof, PhD and head of the Nano Physics Institute who developed the plastic belt. The most eye-catching of the exhibition was the booth of the Nano-engineering Branch of the State Academy of Sciences.

The graphene lithium battery developed by the branch can be effectively used in cars, electric cars, trolley busses and other transport means as it is lighter and has a longer serviceable life than a lead battery.

Other eye-catchers included nanotechnology products for agricultural use like the nano-silicon fertilizer and photosynthesis stimulant giving substantial help to increasing crop yields and 0.5% nanocomposite materials manufacturing technology. The exhibited nanotechnology products were designed for the development of the hi-tech industry through the exchange and transfer of successes and experience gained in the nanotechnology sector.
For modernizing medical supplies production

By Pang Un Ju PT

In October last year the Pyongyang Dental Hygiene Supplies Factory was inaugurated followed by the inauguration of the Pyongyang Pharmaceutical Factory and the Maebohang Medical Supplies Factory in November. In December the Simju Anti-epidemic Medical Supplies Factory was inaugurated. And many other projects of key importance in the development of socialist public health are now near to completion.

It is the fruition of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un’s wise leadership that there were built in one year such many medical facilities conducive to materially enhancing the protection of people’s life and promotion of their health.

At any cost

It happened one day in January a few years ago when Kim Jong Un visited the Pyongyang Pharmaceutical Factory.

At that time official staffs and employees of the factory were quite glad to show him what they had achieved in the modernization of the factory, including the turning of production processes into energy-saving ones and the overall establishment of its integrated production system.

While looking round the factory for a long time, he highly appreciated their efforts devoted to the modernization of the factory, and set them a higher goal of modernization, saying to the officials that the modernization of the Pyongyang Pharmaceutical Factory has just begun.

Along with the officials very surprised to hear him, he told them that they should modernize the factory to reach the world level and specified the orientation and ways for modernizing it. That day, he referred to the need to shore up the Hungnam Pharmaceutical Factory in order to ensure a sufficient supply of raw materials to other pharmaceutical factories before familiarizing himself with different series of production processes to be built in the factory.

Saying that we should improve the socialist health service, the work to promote and protect people’s health, at any cost and that it is the requirement of our revolution, not merely the policy task facing the public health sector, he made sure that the two factories were modernized at the same time.

It was his plan to turn the Pyongyang Pharmaceutical Factory into an exemplary model factory and modernize all other pharmaceutical factories across the country by modelling on the factory.

Thus it was inaugurated on November 21.

Nothing is unimportant in work for the people

Medical supplies can be seen as trifling part of the pharmaceutical and medical appliances industries.

But nothing is trivial for Kim Jong Un when it comes to matter for the good of the people.

After giving instructions on completing medical supplies factories each in the eastern and western regions as planned at the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea, he took measures to that end several times.

At the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee he also put it forward as the most pressing issue, he told the Pyongchon People’s Public Health Factory in a speech.

“Let us see to the matter for the good of the people. What can we do for modernizing medical supplies factories each in the eastern, western, northern, and southern regions?”

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Winners of December 5 Medal of Quality

Quality of disposable syringes improved

By Kim Il Jin PT

The Taedonggang Syringe Factory completed the processes for the production of disposable hypodermic syringes and entry needles.

“As the disposable hypodermic syringe (5ml) is tight enough to cause no leakage, the variation in its graduated contents has decreased by less than 0.2 percent,” said Cha Thae Song, chief engineer of the factory.

Another characteristic of the syringe is that its plunger moves more smoothly than other syringes, thereby overcoming the previous defaults of making patients suffer pain due to the unevenly injected medicine. And it is also highly transparent.

Its production cost fell to a fourth of the previous ones and the price also dropped.

Technicians of the factory ensured the domestic production of the major graduation printing facility which had to be imported before.

The quality of the newly-made entry needle has also markedly improved.

The entry needle is completed through different stages of complicated physical, mechanical and chemical processing, and its quality is rated according to how accurately and precisely its tip is processed.

The technical staff of the factory intensified research for minimizing the pain caused by the needle and thus found a way to solve the problem in the fixing of its angle.

They found out the most rational numerical values for the primary, secondary and chemical processing and of its tip to change the form of the tip, thus ensuring the precision of the machined surface of the needle.

According to doctors and nurses at different hospitals who used these needles, the sense of injecting with the syringes was remarkably better than that by imported syringes.

They said patients never feel pain when they are injected by the syringe.

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They won the December 15 Medal of Quality, an award to local products of top quality.

Urokinase for injection with high remedial value

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The Jongsong General Pharmaceutical Factory manufactured urokinase for injection by using a new cutting-edge separating and refining technology.

Urokinase has been recognized in the world as a typical medicine in the treatment of thrombotic circulatory diseases.

The factory had already put the production process of urokinase on an industrial basis and produced it.

But its yield was low in separating and refining processes though expensive and special reagents were used to produce it in the then progressing process.

“We buckled down to research to establish our own production process several years ago to overcome this,” said Ju Chung Nam, section chief of the factory.

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Urokinase for injection whose price is much cheaper than imported ones and whose quality reaches international standards.

Urokinase performs the function of dissolving thrombus by activating plasminogen, which is also a protective enzyme in the body. It is said that the product proves effective when it is used within six hours after such thrombus symptoms as pulmonary and peripheral artery embolisms occurred.

Shortly after, the urokinase for injection was awarded the December 15 Medal of Quality, the top prize quality in the country.
To safeguard justice and peace, aspire toward progress and development and promote friendship and unity—foreign policy stand of DPRK

By Choe Yong Nam PT

It is the steadfast foreign policy stand of the DPRK to safeguard justice and peace, aspire toward progress and development and promote friendship and unity. In an important policy speech he made at the 10th Session of the 14th Supreme People’s Assembly of the DPRK, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the DPRK will never tolerate the heinous infringement on its sovereignty by the US which is wantonly trampling down and plundering world peace and stability with illegal double standards, regarding anti-imperialist independence as its immutable and consistent first national policy, but will strive to realize international justice based on non-interference in internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit and establish a new international order.

The DPRK sets as its primary task to steadily strengthen its relations with socialist countries. Socialism is the core force of anti-imperialism and independence and a decisive factor promoting the struggle to shatter the imperialists’ moves to wage war and realize global independence. Socialism, whose basic aim is to defend and realize the independence of the masses, and whose intrinsic demand is peace, regards it as one of its basic missions to ensure national security and contribute to global peace.

The DPRK government has made positive efforts to strengthen friendship, unity and solidarity with socialist countries on the basis of independence. Even when capitalism revived in several countries, it made a great contribution to saving the socialist cause from the crisis and strengthening solidarity among socialist countries.

The DPRK government also maintains as its consistent principle of its foreign policy to dynamically wage the anti-imperialist joint action and struggle on an international scale and unite and cooperate with all countries and nations aspiring to independence and justice, regardless of differences in ideology and system.

The destiny of each country and nation is linked to the common destiny of mankind. The people’s struggle for independence and justice is in a relationship of mutual support and develops inevitably on the basis of organic correlations and solidarity.

It is very important to strengthen unity and cooperation with countries aspiring toward independence and justice. Only when friendship and unity between the anti-imperialist independent forces are strengthened can the independent forces overawe and support the independent forces over the dominationist forces be ensured in the international arena and, on this basis, peace can be defended resolutely against the moves for aggression and war.

The validity and vitality of the independent, peaceful and friendly foreign policy stand of the DPRK government have been clearly proved through practice. Despite the further undiluted high-handedness and arbitrariness of the hegemony-seeking countries, the DPRK could firmly defend the socialist system and fully demonstrate to the world its dignity and might as an invincible power by firmly maintaining the stand of independence.

In the past it established diplomatic relations with many countries irrespective of differences in ideology and system and expanded and developed economic and cultural exchanges and cooperation with them and strengthened the bond and solidarity with progressive peoples aspiring to independence and justice.

Last year alone, it promoted visits and exchanges at different levels with many countries, thus developing mutual understanding.

In particular, the visit to the Russian Federation by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was a remarkable event in strengthening the strategic communications and traditional friendly and cooperative relations for realizing international justice based on respect for sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit and establishing a new international order.

The DPRK government will, as ever, fulfill its responsibility and role in safeguarding justice and peace, aspiring to progress and development and promoting friendship and unity for realizing international justice based on respect for sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit and establishing a new international order.
Korea

The Third South Summit took place in Kampala, the capital of Uganda, on January 21-22. It was attended by heads of state and government and high-ranking delegations from more than 80 countries, including a delegation of the DPRK government, and representatives of regional and international organizations.

By Kim Jin Hyang PT

Fifty-six years ago the US armed spy ship Pueblo which intruded into the territorial waters of the DPRK was captured by the vessels of the Korean People’s Army Navy on a regular guard duty. This incident shocked the world. The grave situation on the Korean peninsula caused by the incident aroused great concern of the world people at the time. When its ship was captured, the United States, instead of admitting and making an apology for the espionage activities, mobilized tremendous aggression forces to drive the situation to the brink of war, devastating the US vessel abducted in the sea since the very first day, and its crew were taken prisoner, suffering a “retaliation”.

Then the DPRK announced its decision to take a firm stand against the US aggression. It made the statement that it would respond to the “retaliation” of the US boasting of its omnipotence with an “all-out war” with an all-out war, blustering that it was the first time in its history since its foundation. The head of the DPRK delegation headlined by Vice Foreign Minister Kim Son Gyong, special envoy of the DPRK government and delegates from observers states and representatives of international and regional organizations.

Chairman Kim Jong Il paid deep greetings from Kim Jong Un , president of the DPRK to the 19th NAM Summit held in Kampala as a special envoy of the DPRK government, and representatives of regional and international organizations.

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Mujigae Rock in Sea Chilbo

By Choe Yong Nam PT

The Mujigae (rainbow) Rock in Sea Chilbo is located on the northern seashore of Pocheon-ri, Myongchon County, North Hamgyong Province. The eastern part of the rock faces the sea and the western part is linked with a low hill. The northern part is a low cliff overlooking the sea and there are round basaltic rocks under the cliff. Pine, oak, maple and other trees on a hill in the west add beauty to the scenery as they blend well with the yellow igneous rocks around the rock.

The rock took on the form of an arch as a round heap of volcanic ash was covered by the lava of rhyolite of Neogene and the ash was washed away due to marine erosion leaving only the solid arch-shaped rhyolite layer. The height of the rock is about 8m, the ceiling height of the cave under the rock is 4.5m, and the cave length is 10m. The upper part of the cave is 3 to 4m in width. The queerly-shaped rock has long been known as a scenic spot. The rock with a typical sea cave under it is a natural monument of academic significance as it shows the forming course of such caves and the uplift movement of the earth’s crust.

Boxing champion and her coach

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Girl born for boxing

Born into a farmer’s family in Jongju City of North Phyongan Province, Pang Chol Mi started learning boxing at Jongju City Extracurricular Juvenile Sports School in 2005 and won the girls’ boxing event at the 48th national games of juvenile sports schools to draw the attention of experts.

After starting her boxing career at the Kumsangsan Team in 2012, she strove to acquire perfect physical, technical and tactical abilities under the guidance of her coach to be a world champion.

As she trained harder to possess various punching skills, she began to distinguish herself at domestic contests. She won the women’s 54kg-category event of the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, last year.

She is People’s Athlete and one of the top ten four times.

Coach put on top ten list five times

Pak Chol Jun, women’s boxing head coach of the Kumsangsan Team, has trained several boxing aces.

Born into a worker’s family, he began to learn boxing at the then Pyongyang sports college in 1986. With the makings of a successful boxer, he was adamant in training and bouts and fraternal, modest and cheerful in daily life.

After graduating from Korea University of Physical Education, he started his boxing career at the April 25 Combat Sports Team (the then April 25 Sports Club) and was successful in several international games.

Then, he was appointed as a boxing coach of the Kumsangsan Team (the then Kumsangsan Sports Club) in 2004. He started his coaching career with a high ambition of training his boxers into excellent players. He solved several difficult problems with strenuous efforts to help his trainees become successful in different domestic games, before being promoted to the head coach of women’s boxing of the national team in 2016.

He coached members of the national team including Pang Chol Mi by making detailed plans and employing scientific methods to enable them to distinguish themselves at international games.

He was selected as one of the top ten coaches of the DPRK for five consecutive years until 2023. He still puts his heart and soul into coaching to contribute to the development of the country’s boxing.