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Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un Delivers New Year Address

The respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un delivered the New Year Address on New Year's Day in Juche 107 (2018).

Following are the excerpts from it:

Today, recollecting with great pleasure and pride and deep emotion the proud achievements we performed last year through our diligent and worthwhile labour and sincere efforts and by the sweat of our brow, we are all seeing in the new year 2018 with fresh hopes and expectations.

On behalf of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, I extend sincere thanks and New Year greetings to all the people and service personnel who won miraculous victories to be noteworthy in the national history of 5 000 years by sharing mind and purpose with the Party and supporting its determination on the road of arduous yet glorious struggle.

My New Year greetings go also to the compatriots in the south and abroad who are fighting for the reunification of the country and to the progressive peoples and other friends across the world who opposed war of aggression and gave firm solidarity to our cause of justice.

The year 2017 was a year of heroic struggle and great victory, a year when we set up an indestructible milestone in the history of building a powerful socialist country with the spirit of self-reliance and self-development as the dynamic force.

Through last year's grandiose struggle we powerfully demonstrated at home and abroad our immutable faith and will to follow to the end the road of Juche-oriented socialism opened up by the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and the single-hearted unity of socialist Korea in which all the people are firmly united behind the Party.

An outstanding success our Party, state and people won last year was the accomplishment of the great, historic cause of perfecting the national nuclear forces.

By also conducting tests of various means of nuclear delivery and super-intense thermonuclear weapon, we attained our general orientation and strategic goal with success, and our Republic has at last come to possess a powerful and reliable war deterrent, which no force and nothing can reverse.

Our country's nuclear forces are capable of thwarting and countering any nuclear threats from the United States, and they constitute a powerful deterrent that prevents it from starting an adventurous war.

In no way would the United States dare to ignite a war against me and our country.

The whole of its mainland is within the range of our nuclear strike and the nuclear button is on my office desk all the time; the United States needs to be clearly aware that this is not merely a threat but a reality.

We have realized the wish of the great leaders who devoted their lives to building the strongest national defence capability for reliably safeguarding our country's sovereignty, and we have created a mighty sword for defending peace, as desired by all our people who had to tighten their belts for long years. This great victory eloquently proves the validity and vitality of the Party's line of simultaneously conducting economic construction and building up our nuclear forces and its idea of prioritizing science, and it is a great historic achievement that has opened up bright prospects for the building of a prosperous country and inspired our service personnel and people with confidence in sure victory.

Last year we also made notable headway in carrying out the five-year strategy for national economic development.

Successes were also made on the scientific and cultural fronts last year.

All the successes made last year are the triumph of the Juche-oriented revolutionary line of the Workers' Party of Korea and a precious fruition of the heroic struggle of the service personnel and people who are firmly rallied behind the Party.

This year we will mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the glorious Democratic People's Republic of Korea. To mark the 70th anniversary of their state with splendour is of real significance for the great people, who have raised with dignity the status of their socialist

country, the greatest patriotic legacy of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, to that of a strategic state recognized by the world.

We should make constant innovations and continued progress until we win the final victory of the revolution by carrying on the tradition of heroic struggle and collective innovation which adorned the founding and course of development of Juche Korea. A revolutionary general offensive should be launched to achieve fresh victory on all fronts of building a powerful socialist country by taking the historic victory in the building of the DPRK's nuclear forces as a springboard for fresh progress.

"Let us launch a revolutionary general offensive to achieve fresh victory on all fronts of building a powerful socialist country!"—this is the revolutionary slogan we should uphold. All officials, Party members and other working people should launch an all-people general offensive to frustrate the challenges of the hostile forces who are making last-ditch efforts and raise the overall strength of our Republic to a new stage of development as they brought about a great upsurge in socialist construction overcoming all difficulties through the great Chollima upswing after the war.

A breakthrough should be made in reenergizing the overall economic front this year, the third year of implementing the five-year strategy for national economic development.

The central task facing socialist economic construction this year is to enhance the independence and Juche character of the national economy and improve the people's standard of living as required by the revolutionary counterstrategy put forward by the Second Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Central Committee of the Party.

The Supreme Leader set forth the tasks facing the national economic sectors. Noting that a shortcut to developing the self-sufficient economy is to give precedence to science and technology and make innovations in economic planning and guidance, he advanced the tasks facing the scientific research sector and economic guidance organs, as well as those for developing socialist culture in a comprehensive way.

Stressing that the self-reliant defence capability should be further consolidated, he continued:

In this year of the 70th anniversary of the development of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army into a regular revolutionary armed force by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the People's Army should perfect its features as befits the revolutionary armed forces of the Party. It should organize and conduct combat training in a highly intensive way, in a real-war atmosphere, to develop all its units in different arms, services and corps into the ranks of a-match-for-a-hundred combatants.

The Korean People's Internal Security Forces should sharpen the edge of the sword of the class struggle and detect and frustrate the schemes by undesirable and hostile elements in time. The Worker-Peasant Red Guards and Young Red Guards should enhance their combat capability in all aspects through intensive combat and political training.

By consistently holding fast to the line of simultaneously promoting the two fronts in accordance with the strategic policy set by the Party at the Eighth Conference of Munitions Industry, the defence industry should develop and manufacture powerful strategic weapons and military hardware of our style, perfect its Juche-oriented production structure and modernize its production lines on the basis of cutting-edge science and technology.

The nuclear weapons research sector and the rocket industry should mass-produce nuclear warheads and ballistic missiles, the power and reliability of which have already been proved to the full, to give a spur to the efforts for deploying them for actio7n.

And we should always be ready for immediate nuclear counterattack to cope with the enemy's manoeuvres for a nuclear war.

The political and ideological might is the first and foremost strength of our state and the great propellant for opening up an avenue for building a powerful socialist country.

In order to successfully carry out the fighting tasks facing us, we should



rally the whole Party more firmly on its organizational and ideological basis and establish a thoroughgoing revolutionary climate within the Party.

We should rally all the service personnel and people firmly behind the Party ideologically and volitionally.

Party and working people's organizations and government organs should orient and subordinate all their undertakings to strengthening the single-hearted unity.

We should give free rein to the indomitable mental strength of the heroic Korean people on the present grand Mallima march.

They should see to it that officials, Party members and other working people carry forward the fighting spirit displayed by the elder generations who brought about epochal changes on the grand Chollima march and all of them become Mallima pioneers who vigorously rush forward in the vanguard of the era.

Last year, too, our people made strenuous efforts to defend the peace of the country and hasten national reunification in keeping with the aspirations and demands of the nation. However, owing to the vicious sanctions and pressure by the United States and its vassal forces and their desperate manoeuvres to ignite a war, all aimed at checking the reinforcement of the self-defensive nuclear deterrent by our Republic, the situation on the Korean peninsula became aggravated as never before, and greater difficulties and obstacles were put on the road of the country's reunification.

This year is significant both for the north and the south as in the north the people will greet the 70th founding anniversary of their Republic as a great, auspicious event and in the south the Winter Olympic Games will take place. In order to not only celebrate these great national events in a splendid manner but also demonstrate the dignity and spirit of the nation at home and abroad, we should improve the frozen inter-Korean relations and glorify this meaningful year as an eventful one noteworthy in the history of the nation.

First of all, we should work together to ease the acute military tension between the north and the south and create a peaceful environment on the

Korean peninsula.

The north and the south should desist from doing anything that might aggravate the situation, and they should make concerted efforts to defuse military tension and create a peaceful environment.

A climate favourable for national reconciliation and reunification should be established.

The improvement of inter-Korean relations is a pressing matter of concern not only to the authorities but to all other Koreans, and it is a crucial task to be carried out through a concerted effort by the entire nation. The north and the south should promote bilateral contact, travel, cooperation and exchange on a broad scale to remove mutual misunderstanding and distrust, and fulfil their responsibility and role as the motive force of national reunification.

To improve inter-Korean relations as soon as possible, the authorities of the north and the south should raise the banner of national independence higher than ever before, and fulfil their responsibility and role they have assumed for the times and the nation.

We will, in the future, too, resolve all issues by the efforts of our nation itself under the unfurled banner of national independence and frustrate the schemes by anti-reunification forces within and without on the strength of national unity, thereby opening up a new history of national reunification.

As a responsible, peace-loving nuclear power, our country will neither have recourse to nuclear weapons unless hostile forces of aggression violate its sovereignty and interests nor threaten any other country or region by means of nuclear weapons. However, it will resolutely respond to acts of wrecking peace and security on the Korean peninsula.

Our Party and the government of our Republic will develop good-neighbourly and friendly relations with all the countries that respect our national sovereignty and are friendly to us, and make positive efforts to build a just and peaceful new world.

Let us all march forward dynamically towards fresh victory of the revolution by displaying the unyielding mettle of heroic Korea under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

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In December last year Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, climbed on to the top of Mt Paektu, the sacred mountain of the Korean revolution.

The snow-capped ancestral mountain from which the country's mountain ranges stretch down seemed to emanate a mysterious spirit for the delight of greeting its great master again.

It fully revealed its majestic snowy looks—in an unusually clear winter weather never seen before—as the Supreme Leader scaled the summit of the mountain for the first time in December making his way through deep snow.

The centre of the ever-changing Lake Chon on the top of Mt Paektu presented charming scenery reflecting myriad-shaped rocks and peaks and dazzling sunshine on its clear and blue waves, as if to extend warm welcome to the peerlessly brilliant commander who brought about the November's mega-event of great Korea.

Standing on the ridge of Janggun Peak, the Supreme Leader recalled the stirring days when he undauntedly pressed on with the historic cause to perfect the national nuclear forces with an unwavering faith and will of Paektu, and feasted his eyes on the towering rugged cliffs and the stunning vista of endless forests.

He specified important tasks to be tackled in further developing the sacred mountain, the epitome of the great revolutionary careers of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, the spiritual pillar of invincible Korea, and the root of its indomitable ideological strength, into a base of education in the revolutionary tradition.

Visit to snow-covered Mt Paektu in December by Kim Jong Un, peerless hero, great benefactor of the nation and brilliant commander of Paektu, who is opening up the way for the advance towards victory in socialism braving through manifold difficulties, will be remembered as a historic one that hastened the dawn of final victory for Juche Korea.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un Climbs on Mt Paektu



A new type of ICBM Hwasong 15 that was developed according to the political resolve and strategic decision of the Workers' Party of Korea successfully test-fired on November 29, Juche 106 (2017).

Kim Jong Un, supreme leader of the WPK, the state and the army, oversaw the whole process of the test-fire at the site.

Upon being informed that the test-fire was ready, the Supreme Leader arrived late on November 28 at the site where technical preparations were being made.

He first viewed a 9-axis self-propelled launcher made by the working people in the munitions industry sector.

He expressed satisfaction with the launcher, saying: "We can produce such launchers as we want and as many as possible now that the munitions industry has made a breakthrough in putting on a 100 percent domestic and Juche basis the production of all the elements like the launcher body, motor, heavy tyre, lifting arm, launch platform, hydraulic jack, electric control unit and power unit."

He then went out to the launch site and stayed with defence scientists and technicians while meticulously overseeing every pre-launch process like vertical hoisting of the ICBM.

He took his seat at the observation post and checked the test-fire plan in detail before giving an order to fire the missile.

With a thunderous boom and spouting a gush of flame, Hwasong 15 blasted off at 02:48 am on November 29.

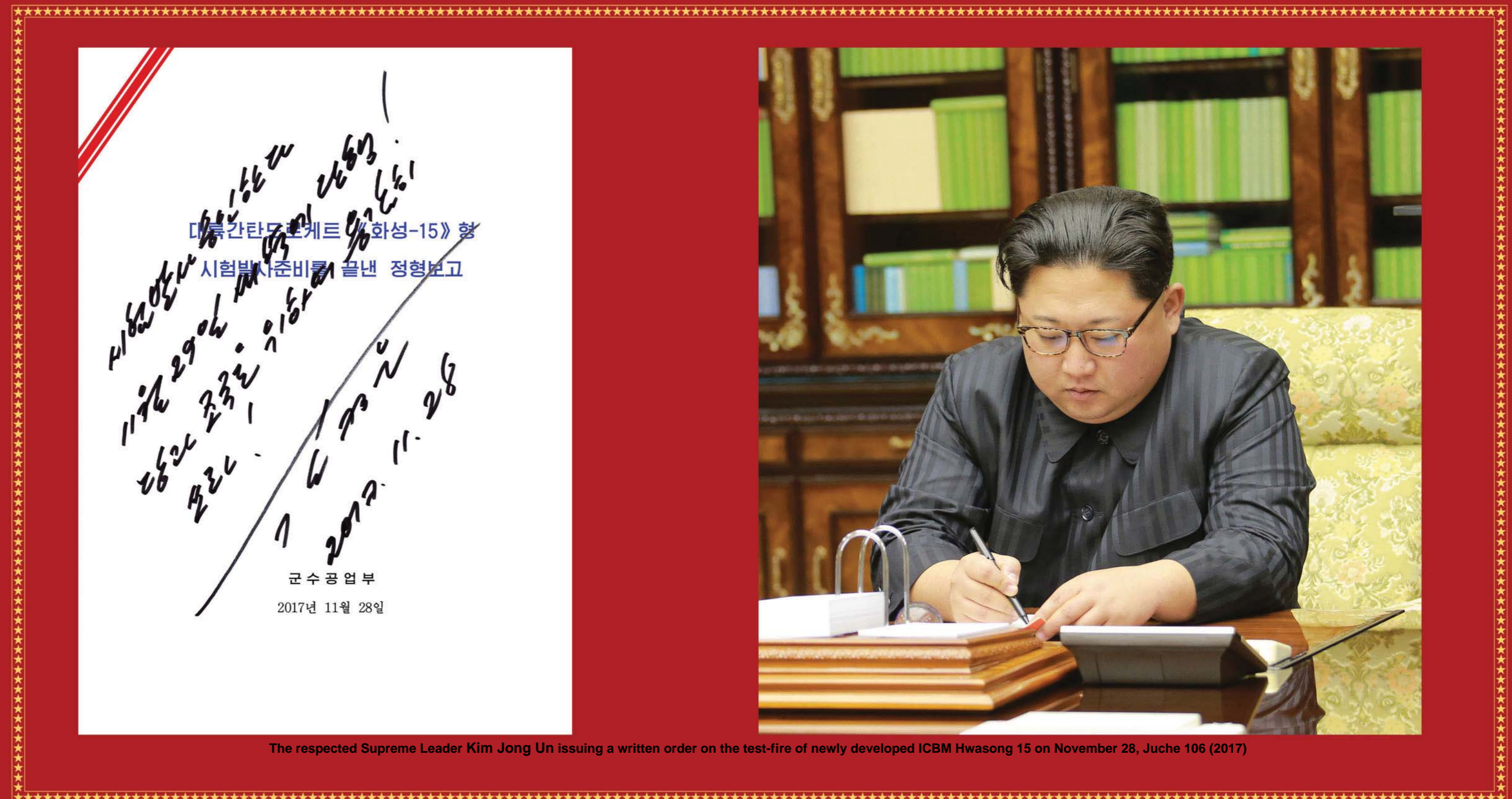
The test-fire was conducted in such a way as to ensure the highest angle of the launch with the aim of verifying the tactical and technical data and operational reliability of the new weapon system.

The ICBM climbed up to 4 475 kilometres and made a flight of 950 kilometres for 53 minutes before landing home on the target international waters in the East Sea of Korea.

The test proved that all the parameters of the weapon system exactly met the requirements of the design and that it can fully satisfy the combat needs in line with its mission.

This means the DPRK is armed with another latest ICBM system that is capable of delivering a super-heavy nuclear warhead.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un was more than happy with the straight success of Hwasong 15, saying passionately that today marks a defining moment when the historic cause of perfecting the national nuclear forces, the cause of building a missile power, has been accomplished, adding that the day witnessing the birth of a great strength that has further raised the strategic position of the DPRK should



The respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un issuing a written order on the test-fire of newly developed ICBM Hwasong 15 on November 28, Juche 106 (2017)

Accomplishment of Historic Cause of Perfecting National Nuclear Forces Great Success in Test-fire of New-type ICBM

be etched into the annals of the country's history.

The tangible achievements which are now being made across the country including in the defence science sector are part of the brilliant fruition of the WPK's line of pushing economic construction and nuclear buildup simultaneously and its

policy of attaching importance to science and technology, he said. And he attributed the success to the heroic Korean people who have faithfully supported the Party's cause with no vacillation even in the face of all trials of history.

In hearty congratulation, he had a group photograph taken with the defence

scientists, technicians, workers and officials, who demonstrated Juche Korea's dignity and prestige to the world once again through the successful test-fire.

On December 1 service personnel and people gathered at Kim Il Sung Square in the capital city of Pyongyang to celebrate the accomplishment of the historic cause

of perfecting the national nuclear forces, the cause of building a missile power, under the leadership of the WPK. The rally was followed by a dazzling display of fireworks to celebrate the successful test-fire of ICBM Hwasong 15.

Similar rallies took place in provinces, cities and counties in the country.

Scientists, technicians, workers and officials who contributed to the successful test-fire of ICBM Hwasong 15 stayed in Pyongyang and spent unforgettable days, enjoying the enthusiastic welcome of the people throughout the country.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho



The respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un overseeing the test-fire of Hwasong 15 [November Juche 106 (2017)]





Conference Marking a Milestone for Effecting a Radical Turn in the Development of Juche-oriented Revolutionary Party

Amid great expectation and close concern of all Party members, service personnel and people in the country the Fifth Conference of Cell Chairpersons of the Workers' Party of Korea was convened in December last year in the capital city of Pyongyang.

The conference was attended by chiefs of Party cells and branch organizations in many units in different sectors of the national economy and the subordinate units of the military organs, as well as Party officials from the central and local organizations.

Amid the playing of welcome music Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, appeared on the platform followed by members of the Executive Policy Council of the Party Central Committee and other leading officials from central and provincial Party organizations. All the participants burst into enthusiastic cheers to welcome him.

Chairman Kim Jong Un of the WPK delivered an opening address.

The conference of Party cell leaders is held for the fifth time in the history of our Party as arduous yet vigorous efforts are being made to bring about an all-round efflorescence on all fronts where socialism is being built under the great banner of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, he said.

He added that the Party Central Committee has convened the conference to further strengthen the Party cells and effect a fresh turn in their work in keeping with the requirements of the developing revolution and true to President Kim Il Sung's and Chairman Kim Jong Il's original Party building lines and ideas of attaching importance to basic Party organizations.

Kim Jong Un declared the conference open, being hopeful that the event would mark another turning point in strengthening the Party cells and enhancing the role of the Party cell leaders so as to build up the Party's militant efficiency in every way.

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, made a report.

The distinguished leadership exploits of the Chairman of the WPK, who illuminated the path of strengthening the Party cells as required by a new era of the Juche revolution by embodying the ideas and exploits of the great leaders in attaching importance to Party cells, and led the efforts for its implementation, will shine for ever in the history of building a Juche-oriented Party, he said.

The past five years after the Fourth Conference of Cell Secretaries of the WPK were the fruitful years in which the WPK has steadily advanced the cause of socialism, fully demonstrating its might as the revolutionary Party of Juche under the wise leadership of the Chairman of the WPK, he noted. Referring to the successes made by Party cells, he stressed that all the Party cells should be developed into loyal cells, into vanguard ranks for implementing Party's policies and thus increase the leadership ability and militant efficiency of the Party.

Speeches were made in the conference.

Speakers mentioned the achievements and experience gained for the past five years in their work to consolidate the Party cells into the epitome of faith sharing the same ideology with the Party Central Committee, into the ranks of point men in implementing the Party's policies, and discussed the ways of improving the Party cell work as required by the developing reality.

Kim Jong Un delivered a historic speech ***Let Us Strengthen Party Cells into Loyal Cells, into Vanguard Ranks for the Implementation of the Party's Policies.***

He said that the conference correctly analyzed and reviewed the successes, experience and mistakes, latent or revealed, which have been made in the work of the Party cells since the Fourth Conference of WPK Cell Secretaries, adding that the event



The respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un delivering a historic speech at the Fifth Conference of Cell Chairpersons of the WPK [December Juche 106 (2017)]

marks an important occasion in seeking a proper orientation of the future effort to further strengthen the Party cells.

He expressed satisfaction with the successful holding of the conference as intended by the Party Central Committee, and pointed out some matters of improving and strengthening the Party cell work in line with the current practical requirements of the revolution that is making steady progress.

Noting that the buildup of the Party cells is precisely that of our Party and their role is just its leadership ability and fighting efficiency, he called on them all to be fully aware of the mission they assume on behalf of the Party and revolution and work hard for the development of the WPK and the victory of the cause of the Juche revolution.

All the participants in the conference burst into enthusiastic

cheers, extending the greatest glory and warmest greetings to Chairman Kim Jong Un of the WPK, who provided an immortal program for ushering in a comprehensive prosperity on all fronts of accomplishing the cause of socialism by strengthening the functions and role of the Party cells, grass-roots organizations of the WPK, to the maximum.

Kim Jong Un made a closing address.

The main spirit of this conference, he noted, is to make all Party cells those of loyalty and vanguard ranks in carrying out Party policies in order to bring about a fresh turn in the efforts to strengthen and develop the Party and build a socialist power.

Expressing the conviction that all Party cell leaders would live up to the trust and expectation of the Party Central Committee by bearing in mind the spirit of the conference and thoroughly





Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un acknowledging the cheers from entertainers in the celebration performance and participants in the conference
[December Juche 106 (2017)]

applying it to practice, he declared the conference closed.

Kim Jong Un posed for a photo with the participants in the conference.

He also enjoyed with them an artistic performance given in congratulation of the participants.

The performance that staged in two parts new pieces created in praise of the WPK that is leading socialist Korea to open up a new era of a thriving country and translate the dreams and ideals of people into reality received the accolade of the audience.

After the performance a storm of thunderous cheers for the Supreme Leader pervaded the venue.

Kim Jong Un expressed his belief that the Party cell chairpersons would fulfil their mission and duty as primary political workers of the Kimilsungist-Kimjongist Party in strengthening the WPK organizationally and ideologically

and promoting the revolutionary cause of Juche, the socialist cause.

Participants in the Fifth Conference of Cell Chairpersons of the WPK got together to adopt a letter of pledge to Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

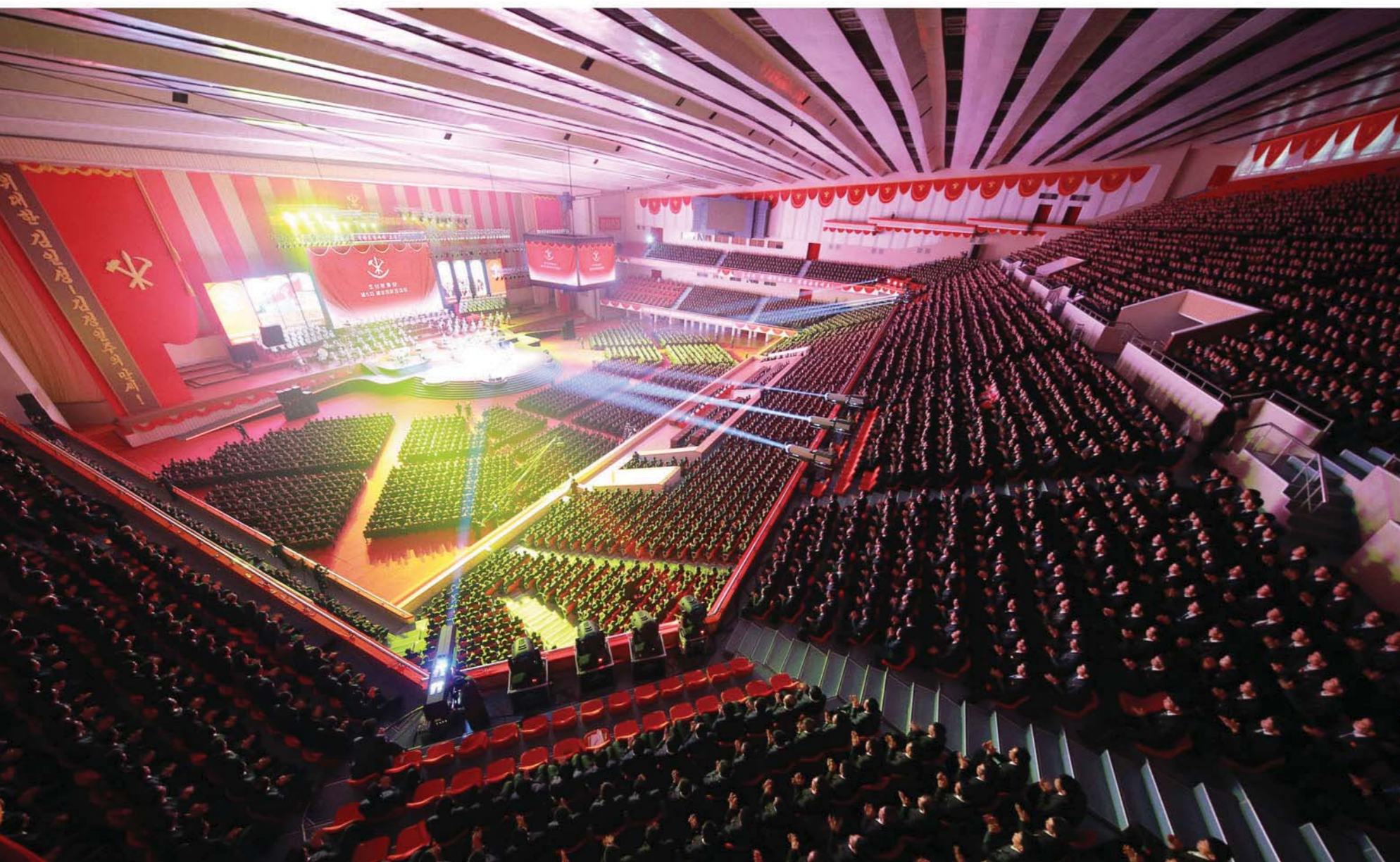
They visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun to pay noblest tribute to the great leaders and other places in Pyongyang.

The conference which was held under the guidance of the WPK Chairman will be etched in the history of the WPK as a significant meeting in bringing about a great turn in the building of the Party and socialist power in the new era of the Juche revolution by strengthening the Party's organizational and ideological solidity and militant might in every way.

Article: Kim Hyon



Participants in the conference adopting a letter of pledge



Participants visiting the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum and other places in Pyongyang



The respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un looking round the newly-built Samjiyon Potato Farina Factory [December Juche 106 (2017)]



The respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visiting the Samjiyon Youth Railway Station nearing completion [December Juche 106 (2017)]

To Turn the County into a Model Mountainous Town

In December last year the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, who unfolded a great plan of building a thriving socialist power, inspected different sectors of Samjiyon County in Ryanggang Province.

He visited the newly-built Samjiyon Potato Farina Factory.

Making the rounds of the general control room, farina workshop, showroom, welfare service facilities, sci-tech learning space, storehouse and other places of the factory, he acquainted himself with the construction and production and expressed his satisfaction over the high level of the factory's modernization.

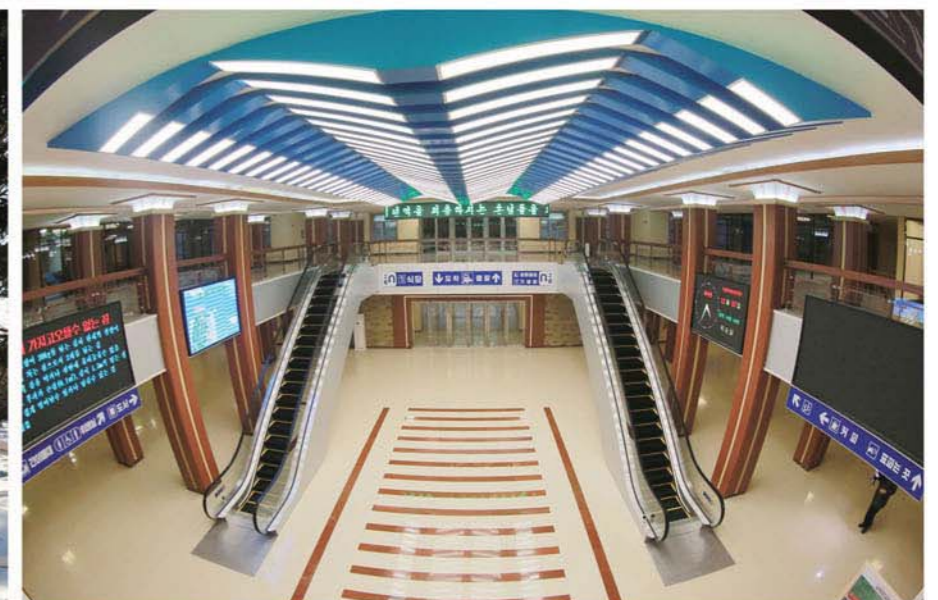
He said that the factory should additionally equip itself with a wider variety of machines and facilities for production of processed potato so as to turn out not only potato farina but more processed products, like nutritious potato rice, pancake, twisted doughnuts and noodles, as iconic specialities of Samjiyon County.

Stressing that it should work to put the production on a normal track and make more processed products, playing its part as a factory that would bring substantial benefits to the people, the Supreme Leader specified important tasks to be tackled by the factory in management and operation.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visited the reconstructed Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Study Hall in the county.

He looked round several rooms of the study hall and said that it was finely

built as befits a base of education in the Party's monolithic ideology. Then he underscored the need for all Party organizations to run the study hall on a planned and regular basis so that officials, Party members and other working



people should be firmly prepared as genuine Kimilsungists and Kimjongilists to staunchly defend the revolutionary ideas and undying exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and dedicate their all to the victory in the cause of the Juche revolution.

The next leg of his visit was to the renovated county town hotel and general store, Samjiyon Youth Railway Station and Samjiyonmotka Station that were nearing completion, and dwelling houses newly erected in the county town area.

In addition, he familiarized himself with other sectors of the county.

Seeing a miniature replica of the reconstructed county, the Supreme Leader stressed that good arrangements should be made to turn Samjiyon County, the spiritual native place of our people, into an impeccable county in the world, a

unique county to be never imitated by others, and the best one in the country. He then specified important tasks to be tackled in pushing the reconstruction project.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un's visit to several sectors in Samjiyon County made the cheers for the Workers' Party and socialism reverberate in the county, the highest village under Mt Paektu. It also served as a significant occasion for encouraging the Korean service personnel and people to turn out in a sacred and worthwhile campaign to rebuild the county into a revolutionary sanctuary, with a firm resolve to carry forward the revolutionary history of Chairman Kim Jong Il and add eternal lustre to Juche Korea as Kim Jong Il's country.

Article: Kim Jong

The Day that Adorns the Army Building History

With February 8 coming round, the Korean people remember in deep emotion the historic day when the Korean People's Revolutionary Army was developed into the Korean People's Army, a Juche-type revolutionary armed force, in Juche 37 (1948) and the columns of the military parade marched in fine arrays, rending the heaven and earth.

In the past the Korean nation, because it did not have strong national strength, was forced to leave the guard of its royal palace in the hands of a foreign army and even regard it as its miserable fate to be occupied militarily by Japanese imperialism and have its own army disbanded.

The centuries-old desire cherished by the Korean nation to have its powerful regular army to defend itself was realized by the great leader Kim Il Sung.

Kim Il Sung organized the Korean People's Revolutionary Army to wage a revolutionary struggle to win back the lost country and led the anti-Japanese armed struggle to victory, thereby achieving the historic cause of national liberation (August 15, 1945). After liberation, he advanced the line of building regular armed forces and wisely led the efforts for its implementation so as to prevent the Korean people from reducing to slaves of imperialists again.

Building regular armed forces in the liberated country was also an important requirement for reliably safeguarding the building of a new country by force of arms as well as defending the nation's right to independence.

Moreover, owing to the tense situation created by the United States that militarily occupied the southern part of Korea, reinforced its military troops



Kim Il Sung reviewing the military parade of the Korean People's Army [February Juche 37 (1948)]

and continuously committed military provocations, the regular army building was posed as a more urgent demand.

With a keen insight into the prevailing situation, Kim Il Sung set up the Pyongyang Institute and Central Security Officers School and ensured that a Juche-oriented military education system was established as required by modern warfare and the Korean revolution, in order to train a lot of military and political personnel to play a hardcore role in the regular revolutionary army. He also chose the site of a munitions factory, the first of its kind in the country, to establish a Juche-based defence industry, thus laying material and technical foundations for the building of a regular army.

Under his energetic guidance Korea was able to found the Korean People's

Army, a genuine people's army inheriting the glorious revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and regular armed force equipped with various arms and services and self-reliant munitions industry to cope with modern warfare, in such a difficult and complicated situation after the liberation.

The Korean People's Army guaranteed more firmly the dignity and prestige of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as an independent sovereign state with a regular army of Juche and revolutionary characters.

It defeated the US imperialists and achieved a great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War (June 1950 – July 1953). Afterwards, it defended with credit the security of the socialist country and the well-being of the people from the



Kim Jong Il inspecting the KPA unit defending Cho Island, a frontline post on the West Sea of Korea [November Juche 85 (1996)]



Kim Jong Un inspecting a KPA navy unit [December Juche 103 (2014)]

continuous imperialists' manoeuvres of aggression and war.

The Korean People's Army built as regular revolutionary armed forces thanks to the leadership of Kim Il Sung was further developed into an invincible army under the Songun-based revolutionary leadership of Kim Jong Il. The KPA has become the army of the leader and the Workers'

Party of Korea, the army strong in ideas and faith, and the army equipped with modern means of attack and defence, and reliably defended the country, the revolution and socialism smashing every attempt of the US and other imperialists to stifle and isolate the DPRK.

The heroic KPA is now fully demonstrating its might as a revolutionary

army of the Party which advances, holding high the red flag of the WPK as its leading banner, sharing the Party's ideology, drawing breath with it and keeping pace with it, and as an elite revolutionary army which is possessed of Juche-oriented combat methods and equipped with powerful nuclear deterrent and modern military hardware to resolutely frustrate all moves of

aggression by the US imperialists. The credit goes to Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un.

Along with the history of the Korean People's Army adorned with only victory and glory, February 8 will be remembered for ever.

Article: Kim Hyon



Under the wise leadership of brilliant commanders the heroic Korean People's Army has developed into an invincible revolutionary army that crushes down any formidable imperialist aggressors at a stroke and staunchly defends the country, the revolution and socialism



Kim Jong Il giving on-spot guidance to the shooting of the film *An Jung Gun Shoots Ito Hirobumi* [March Juche 68 (1979)]



Kim Jong Il congratulating the actors in the revolutionary opera *The Flower Girl* [December Juche 61 (1972)]

Ushering in a Golden Age of Juche-oriented Art and Literature

Greeting with boundless yearning and the greatest respect the Day of the Shining Star (February 16, birthday of Chairman Kim Jong Il), the Korean people are looking back upon the leadership exploits Chairman Kim Jong Il performed in ushering in the golden age of Juche-oriented art and literature.

Art and literature are created and develop continuously along with social development.

In the late 1960s Kim Jong Il advanced a unique line of developing Juche-oriented art and literature in the era of independence with his extraordinary wisdom and outstanding leadership, and wisely led the efforts for its implementation.

By making public such works as *On Juche Literature, On the Art of the Cinema, On the Art of Opera, On the Art of Drama, On the Art of Music, On Fine Art, On the Art of Dance, On Acrobatics* and others, he explained profound and unique ideas and theories on art and literature, including the theory on the Juche-oriented humanics, idea of the seed of literary and

artistic works, and idea of speed campaign in literary and artistic creation. He also established the socialist and revolutionary systems of conducting creative work and guiding it.

Under his outstanding and meticulous guidance immortal classic works produced by President Kim Il Sung during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, including *The Sea of Blood, The Fate of a Self-Defence Corps Man* and *The Flower Girl*, were adapted to the screen in a few years. On the basis of the success gained in the creative work a lot of masterpieces that inspired the entire people were produced, a new era of the *Sea of Blood*-style revolutionary operas and the *Mountain Shrine*-style revolutionary dramas was opened up, and a fresh turn was effected in all other branches of art and literature, including literature, cinema, music, dance, fine art and acrobatics.

It was a tremendous change in all fields and realms of art and literature to do away with outdated things and create a fresh, revolutionary socialist art and literature based on the Juche idea, as well as a great revolution that raised the Korean art and



Kim Jong Il visiting the Mansudae Art Studio [June Juche 67 (1978)]



Kim Jong Il giving guidance over the artistic creation of the Mansudae Art Troupe [April Juche 68 (1979)]

literature to the highest level.

Kim Jong Il led the efforts to organize the April 15 Literary Production Company, Phibada Opera Troupe, Mansudae Art Troupe, Pochonbo Electronic Ensemble and other relevant institutions at the highest level. He inspired the creative workers

and artists with warm comradely trust and affection, thus training them as competent personnel to promote the development of Juche-oriented art and literature.

Busy as he was with overall affairs of the Party and the state, he frequently visited the creative workers and artists to acquaint

Under the energetic guidance of Kim Jong Il to effect a revolution in the art of cinema, opera and drama, the *Sea of Blood*-type revolutionary operas and *Mountain Shrine*-style dramas were created, and a radical change was made in music, dance and all other fields of art and literature



himself with their work and life and encourage them to carry out their assignments with credit. Under his meticulous care the Korean art and literature could fulfil its honourable mission of leading the times and the people.

Performance of the State Merited Chorus, a model unit in creating the revolutionary art and literature to inspire the entire people to a revolutionary upsurge, mass gymnastics and artistic performance *Arirang*, Kim Il Sung Prize winner, drama *We Will Recollect Today* and light comedy *An Echo among the Hills*, and other masterpieces are brilliant results of the Chairman's leadership over the art and literary sector.

Thanks to the wise leadership of Chairman Kim Jong Il, the Korean art and literature was developed into a "model of revolutionary art" and the "acme of world art" admired by the world's progressive people, playing its role as revolutionary one to lead the era of independence, and is continuously performing its vanguard role as genuine art and literature to contribute to the implementation of the cause of independence of the masses, the cause of socialism.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho



Mass gymnastics and artistic performance *Arirang*, winner of Kim Il Sung Prize



The State Merited Chorus inspiring all the service personnel and people to a new revolutionary upsurge with its vibrant performance



Service personnel, people from all walks of life and youth and students visiting the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill to pay floral tribute in celebration of new year Juche 107 (2018)



Schoolchildren staging a dancing party at Pyongyang's Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace before the New Year performance



Schoolchildren playing folk games at several places in Pyongyang

New Year Juche 107 (2018) Celebrated



National Symphony Orchestra giving a concert at Moranbong Theatre



The Pyongyang Ice Sculpture Festival-2018



Performance Looks of Korea given in Pyongyang in celebration of the new year



A stunning display of fireworks in Pyongyang marking the New Year 2018



Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA

Loud Whistles of Vessels with Full Loads



January 8 Fishery Station has been inaugurated to supply fish exclusively to baby homes, orphanages, primary and middle schools for orphans and old people's homes in the country, thanks to the warm affection of the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un for the rising generations and people.

Though it has only been several years after its establishment, the fishery station is rushing forward in the vanguard of the fishery sector in creating the history of "gold seas."

It carried out the last year's fishing assignments by 160 per cent, and, not resting on its laurels, is making careful arrangements so as to accomplish this year's assignments.

It is making full preparations for fishing in a far-sighted way, such as ship repair and provision of fishing equipment, and, based on them, is increasing the number of days engaged in fishing to the maximum.

By putting the exploration of fishing grounds, fishing prediction and production command on an IT footing and organizing dynamic socialist emulation drives among fishing fleets and individual vessels, it is also

increasing the fish catch.

All its fishing vessels including *Tanphung 18-04*, occupy the fishing grounds on the East Sea of Korea, braving through raging storms, and engage in fishing collectively and separately while applying various fishing methods, so as to ensure the growing number of hauling.

The fishery station that is well equipped with discharging facilities maximizes their utilization, thus reducing the unloading time of fishing vessels and increasing the frequency of fish hauls.

Double spiral flow-lined deep freezer and other modern freezing facilities at the station are in normal operation at full capacity so as to process the fish without any waste.

Loud whistles of the vessels with full loads resounding through the fishery station bring happiness to the orphaned children and elderly people in the country.

Article: Pak Pyong Hun
Photo: Hong Kwang Nam





Scientific methods of finding shoals of fish are applied as a priority to energetically conduct fishing in a diversified manner

Fishermen's delight in landing a big haul





New Model of Trolley Buses Manufactured

The Pyongyang Trolley Bus Factory is turning out a new model of trolley buses in its effort to raise fierce flames of creation and innovation by dint of Mallima spirit.

The Chollima-316 trolley buses are the products of self-reliance and

self-development spirit displayed by the factory's officials, workers and technicians.

During the previous decades they developed and manufactured various models of trolley buses by their own efforts and technology and made a great

contribution to accommodating the convenience of the Pyongyang citizens in traffic. Entering the new century, they set a goal of producing new models befitting the ever-changing appearances of the streets in Pyongyang.

They completed the design of the good-

looking and convenient trolley bus and turned out the Chollima-316 trolley bus, a large-size, new model, last year. The new-model trolley buses that are designed to meet the requirements of short-distance passenger transport vehicles are being produced in a serial way.

The factory has also produced battery buses.

Article: Kang Su Jong
Photo: Ri Myong Guk



Efforts are made to produce battery buses



The factory endeavours to solve scientific and technological problems arising in the manufacture of trolley buses by its own efforts and turns out trolley buses in larger numbers

Quality Knitwear Goods Are Produced

Hamhung Knitwear Factory in Hoesang District, Hamhung, South Hamgyong Province, is one of the leading knitwear producers in the country.

It has modernized its production lines in recent years to radically increase its knitwear and hosiery production capacities. Its officials, workers and technicians are now making innovations in hearty response to Supreme Leader

Kim Jong Un's New Year Address to bring about a turn in improving the people's standard of living.

Workers at the weaving workshop in charge of the initial process are turning out a tidy length of fabric as they make the effective use of the technical specifications of such equipment as back winders and latch needle plain fabric circular knitting machines, while reducing raw materials consumption.

Workers at the dyeing and cutting workshops are strictly observing the technical regulations and standard operational regulations so as to operate modern equipment at full capacity, improve the quality of dyeing and increase

the cutting yield.

Processing workshops Nos. 1 and 2 are ensuring that the links between processes are dovetailed to obtain a high level of productivity while raising the standard of assessing the quality of the products.

The hosiery workshop the capacity of which has increased by ten times is paying a great attention to improve its workers' level of technical knowledge and skills.

The officials of the factory give priority to the supply of raw and other materials and encourage technicians and skilled workers to display their creativity in making technical innovations and increasing production with a consciousness of being masters of the factory.

The knitwear goods of the factory are much favoured by people.

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Photo: Ri Myong Guk



Working people at the factory turn out to produce more knitwear goods at the outset of the new year



Some of products

School for One Student

An unusual opening ceremony of a branch school of Sonbong Primary School in Sonbong area of Rason took place on AI Island, a far-flung island on the East Sea of Korea on April 1 Juche 89 (2000). It had the only one student, a child of the lighthouse keeper on the island.

The branch school was set up, thanks to the people-oriented education policy administered by the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK. Since then the bell tolled ceaselessly for 18 years on the island.

For the only one student the country had the school built and

all necessary teaching conditions provided, including teaching aids and facilities, textbooks, and school things, and even sent a teacher to the school.

The first teacher of the school, Kim Sun Ok, has been teaching the children of lighthouse keepers ever since.

With a firm resolve to devote herself to bringing up the children on the far-flung island as the competent personnel of the country, she even married a lighthouse keeper and dedicated her all for the educational work.

Though she teaches one or two students, she exactly executes

curriculum for the primary education like ordinary schools on the mainland do, and arranges scrupulously for the extracurricular activities as suited to the students' aptitudes and hobbies.

She has so far produced eight graduates, and among them were a prize-winner in a national secondary school contest and an awardee of "Our Classroom" literary prize.

At present there is one student studying at the branch school.

Though small, the branch school on AI Island is bringing up a stout pillar of the country.

Article: Kang Su Il

Photo: Kim Yun Hyok





Factory and other similar factories for the convenience of the people.

Kimchi contests are held frequently to promote kimchi-making.

Last year alone a kimchi contest took place between November 17 and 30 at the cooking festival hall on Ryomyong Street in Pyongyang, drawing public service facilities in the city as well as housewives.

The contest was attended by the units under the General Bureau of Public Catering Service, ministries and national agencies, Pyongyang municipal



public service facilities, and housewives.

During the contest pickling of cabbages, seasoning making and dressing the vegetable with them, and tasting of kimchi were made. The contest served as a showcase for the developing cuisine culture in the country and also as a good opportunity for encouraging the contestants' enthusiasm and improving their culinary techniques.

The jury of the contest highly appreciated the presentations by cooks from Okryu and Chongnyu restaurants, Kyonghung Guidance Bureau and Mangyongdae District Restaurant and housewives from Mangyongdae District.

Article: Kang Su Jong

Photo: Kim Sol Hui

Kimchi is made at home as well as by industrial method all the year round to be conducive to enriching the dietary life of the people



A variety of kimchi, including whole cabbage kimchi, cubed radish kimchi and radishes pickled as a whole in salty, seasoned water, are much favoured by the Korean people as non-staple food to provide vitamin C from winter to early spring

Kimchi, Traditional Dish of Korea

Kimchi, a traditional dish of the Korean nation, is one of the most favoured foods of the Korean people for its spicy and refreshing tastes and flavour.

According to the historical documents, the Korean people had prepared the pickle of cabbages, radishes and other vegetables and edible herbs fermented with a mixture of spices and salted fish. At first they called the dish *kumchae*, food as precious as gold, which is fixed as kimchi at present.

Kimchi has scores of variety, and is prepared with seasonal vegetables throughout the year.

The custom of kimchi-making is an indigenous one in Korea, and presents a spectacular scene in November known as the season of preparing winter kimchi.

In this season the Korean housewives devote all their sincerity and efforts to make kimchi, including whole cabbage kimchi prepared with pickled whole cabbage and spicy seasonings, radishes pickled as a whole in salty, seasoned water, and cubed radish kimchi. Although the taste of kimchi differs from the hands of the maker and ingredients of the seasoning, kimchi retains its unique flavour and aroma.

Kimchi is widely known as a traditional Korean dish and as a world-famous health food for its nutritive value.

In the DPRK kimchi is produced by industrial methods at Ryugyong Kimchi



The Cooks Association of Korea hosts a contest every year to develop kimchi



All the staff members take an active part in sports activities like rhythmic exercise, table tennis, basketball and volleyball



Mounting Enthusiasm for Sports

Brisk mass-based sports activities conducted at the Sci-Tech Complex are getting wide publicity in the DPRK.

Though the complex was inaugurated only a few years ago, it has ranked among the winners in the Paektusan Prize games of civil servants held every year.

Staffed mostly by researchers, the complex attaches primary importance to making sports activities mass-based and part of daily life.

It has excellently laid out volleyball and tennis courts and table tennis halls in its compound, thus encouraging all officials and researchers to take an active part in physical exercises and sports games.

It is taking into account the abilities of the people and classifying them into several categories as suited to the enterprising and competitive features of intellectuals in organizing competitions, so as to create a favourable environment and atmosphere to make everybody participate in sports activities.

Such measures encourage a growing number of the people to engage in sports activities, and the sporting grounds, which were used by only some sports enthusiasts at first, are always crowded with people, not only in leisure times but also on Sundays.

In such a strong sports wind sweeping the complex, its employees have developed their sports techniques tremendously, and they finished in second place in the 22nd Paektusan Prize games of civil servants held last year by winning four gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

Not only this. The employees of the complex help each other and lead forward to further successes in the work, and the complex is always pervaded with optimistic sentiment.



Enthusiastic cheering inspires the players with great strength and courage



Article: Kim Son Gyong
Photo: Kim Yun Hyok



Korean footballers enjoying enthusiastic cheers from the spectators



Women footballers honoured with the awards for the best player, top scorer, the best defender and the best goalkeeper

Women Footballers Win Three Consecutive Victories

- At the 2017 EAFF E-1 Football Championship -

Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA



The DPRK women football players took part in the 2017 EAFF E-1 Football Championship held in Japan between December 8 and 16 last year. They thrashed out China 2-0, south Korea 1-0 and Japan 2-0, thus lifting the trophy and winning third straight win following 2013 and 2015.

Women footballers who returned home after exalting the honour of the country are warmly welcomed

