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ANNIVERSARY

National meeting highlights anniversary of militia

A national meeting was held at the People's Palace of Culture on January 14 to mark the 60th founding anniversary of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards, revolutionary armed force of the Workers' Party of Korea.

President Kim Il Sung mapped out a far-reaching plan for arming all the people and founded the Worker-Peasant Red Guards on January 14 1959.

The meeting was attended by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, Choe Pu Il, minister of People's Security, Kim Nung O, chairman of the WPK Pyongyang Municipal Committee, Ri Yong Rae, department director of the WPK Central Committee, officials of civilian defence forces, leading personnel and members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards in Pyongyang including those of ministries and national agencies.

Also present

there were officials of military organs including Army General Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army.

Choe Ryong Hae, in his keynote speech, said that as Kim Il Sung founded the WPRG, the all-people and nationwide defence system with the KPA as the core was established and a steadfast guarantee was provided to firmly defend the sovereignty and dignity of the country and nation and vigorously accelerate socialist construction.

The WPRG which was firmly prepared as reliable revolutionary armed force of the WPK, together with the KPA, has fulfilled its mission and duty in every rigorous decade while smashing the enemies'

vicious moves to start a new war, he noted.

He recalled that the leading WPRG officials and members who firmly held rifle in one hand and hammer, sickle or writing brush in the other performed brilliant labour feats in the struggle for realizing the patriotic desire of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il for building a powerful country.

He called on them to bear unshakeable confidence in final victory and burning patriotism and fulfil their honourable mission and duty in the campaign for defending the country and building a socialist power under the leadership of the great Party.

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MEDIA

Supreme Leader's China visit hits world headlines

DPRK Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un's China tour grabbed the world headlines between January 8 and 11.

China's Xinhua reported that talks were held between Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission, and President Xi Jinping, who is also general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

The leaders of the two countries had an in-depth exchange of views on bilateral relations and matters of common concern in a friendly and amicable atmosphere and shared a significant common understanding, it said. Both sides agreed to promote the new development of bilateral relations in the new era without letup and make concerted efforts to properly manage the Korean peninsula situation and ensure regional peace and stability, it noted.

Referring to the fact that the DPRK leader visited China for the fourth time, *The New York Times* said that the international community expects peaceful dialogue to be held for the settlement of the Korean peninsula issue and a rare, historic opportunity has been offered for the political settlement of the peninsula issue.

China's CCTV and many other broadcasting stations and

networks, Russia's TASS and over 100 media outlets as well as those of Mongolia, Laos, India, Pakistan, Singapore, Nepal, Japan, Kuwait, Bulgaria, France, Uganda and other countries gave wide coverage to the news under such titles as "Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visits China", "DPRK Supreme Leader goes to China" and "DPRK, China reach consensus on many issues".

The DPRK leader's departure for Beijing, arrival in Pyongyang, and other details of the news were reported by newspapers, news agencies, broadcasting stations and websites of all countries. They included Cuba's *Prensa Latina*, Syria's *SANA*, Iran's news agencies, newspapers and broadcasting stations, Cambodian National TV, Thai newspaper *The Bangkok Post*, Indonesia's internet newspaper *Tempo*, Myanmar's newspaper *The Global New Light of Myanmar*, Czech news agency and internet news agency, France's *AFP*, Germany's *DPA*, the UK's *BBC*, Ethiopian news agency, Egyptian papers, the website of the National Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the US' *AP*, *UPI* and *The Washington Post*, and Venezuela's *Telesur* and *VTU*.

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ELECTRICITY

Power producers boost production

The electric-power industry is waging a campaign for increased production to make a breakthrough in revitalizing the economy.

The Pukchang Thermal Power Complex runs the generating facilities installed last year as required by the standard regulations of operation including the technical ones while ensuring the full operation of all generators.

The Pyongyang Thermal Power Station exceeds its daily production plan by scrupulously commanding production between shifts, ensuring the scientific

operation of thermal equipment and increasing the output of each turbine generator in heat production units which are in charge of the major processes of power generation.

The Suncheon Thermal Power Station overfulfils the production plan every day by more than 30 percent.

Hydropower producers carried out their plans for the first ten days of January at 102.7 percent.

The Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station and Jangjagang, Huichon and Thaechon power stations continue to increase production by running generating

facilities at full capacity. The Suphung, Kanggye Youth and Wiwon power stations generate more electricity while conserving water in a more scientific way to meet winter conditions. The Hochongang, Kumyagang and Taedonggang power stations coordinated the management of equipment and technology and conducted the checking of equipment in a regular way to ensure the stability of power generation, which contributed to hitting their targets.

Similar successes are made in the hydroelectric power stations in North Hamgyong Province.

Sodusu, Puryong and Orangchon power stations units 1, 2 and 5 overfulfil their production assignments by over 7 percent every day. The Sodusu Power Station, in particular, is taking the lead in the campaign for increased production. It fulfils its plan at 115 percent every day by operating equipment as required by technical and other standard

regulations.

The Puryong Power Station ensures full operation of generators as it conserves water scientifically and repairs its dam and water intakes in a qualitative way.

Orangchon Power Station Units 1, 2 and 5 ensure normal production at a high level.

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The Suncheon Limestone Mine carries out an 80 000-cubic-metre blasting in an effort to rev up production.