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RESPONSE

DPRK to make leap forward towards rosier future

The international community lavishes praise on the DPRK which is making notable achievements in building a powerful socialist country led by its great leader.

The first secretary of the Maritime Territorial Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation said:

"Kim Jong Un who is well versed in political, military and all other fields is the banner of all victories and glory of the Korean people.

"The progressive mankind ardently admire him as the most outstanding statesman as he makes an immortal contribution to accomplishing the cause of global independence.

"His superb disposition and personality captivate all the people.

"As it is led by him, the DPRK will exalt its might as a powerful socialist country."

The vice-president of Jakarta state university of Indonesia said that Kim Jong Un turns the DPRK into a powerful state by pursuing an original line and independent policies, adding it is quite natural that the international community

says the DPRK which advances steadily without vacillation in the face of pressure is by no means a small country, but a power with inexhaustible military might.

Indian newspaper *Ocean News Point* said:

"The DPRK is demonstrating its might as an independent power thanks to its leader.

"Kim Jong Un is a leader of practical mind who is possessed of seasoned leadership, extraordinary drive and unyielding fighting spirit and who is also strong in faith, courage and independent stand.

"The national strength of the DPRK is getting greater as the days go by as it has an outstanding leader."

Thai newspaper *Xing San Daily* said that at present the world does not repress admiration for the DPRK which is an invincible power, and continued:

"Under the wise guidance of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un with confidence in the might of his people, the DPRK has performed miracles unprecedented in history.

"Eye-opening successes

have been made in succession in the country, including the successful completion of world-level structures in a short time.

"No one can dispirit the Korean people who are willing to develop the economy, culture and national defence by relying on domestic resources and technologies, and their own efforts and intelligence."

The chairman of the Bangladesh Group for the Study of the Songun Policy said the DPRK could gain the status as a world-recognized power as it has been led by great leaders through generations.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un who is carrying forward the ideas and cause of the preceding leaders is being lauded as the most preeminent political leader in the present age, he noted.

The whole world is admiring the seasoned political acumen of him who is steering the political situation of the Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia, he added.

The DPRK will make a leap forward towards a rosier future under his leadership, he said.

By Pak Song Min PT

CELEBRATION

Nation celebrates lunar New Year's Day



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Entertainers give a music and dance performance in Pyongyang in celebration of lunar New Year's Day.

The Korean people celebrated lunar New Year's Day.

They visited the plaza park of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il lie in state, and made a deep bow to the portraits of beaming great leaders.

Working people, youth and students and service personnel also visited the statues of the great leaders on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and in other places to pay their respects to them.

Art performances were given in Pyongyang and local areas.

Schoolchildren throughout the country had a good time, playing a variety of folk games including Tansimjul (maypole) dancing, kite-flying, top spinning, shuttlecock kicking and rope-

skipping in various places of Pyongyang, Phyongsong, Sinuiju, Wonsan, Hamhung, Chongjin and elsewhere.

Public catering establishments across the country, especially the Okryu and Chongnyu restaurants in Pyongyang, the Okkye Restaurant in Haeju, the Kyongam Restaurant in Sariwon, the Sinhung Restaurant in Hamhung and the Kanggye Chicken Entrails Soup House served special dishes.

Working people spent a good time having Pyongyang cold noodles, sinsollo and other dishes.

They also enjoyed themselves at the Mangyongdae Amusement Park, the Munsu Water Park and the Central Zoo.

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ECONOMY

Industrial sectors hit first monthly targets

Various sectors of the national economy have hit the production targets for the first month of the year.

The Tokchon Area Coal-mining Complex secured enough coal deposit by giving precedence to tunnelling and operated mine cars at full capacity to overfulfil the January

production plan by 26 percent. The Tukjang Area Coal-mining Complex and Pukchang Area Youth Coal-mining Complex supplied various kinds of mining equipment, spare parts and tools and employed efficient blasting methods to produce thousands of tons of more coal than planned in every shift.

The Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex operated the oxygen blast furnace at full capacity to carry out the Juche iron production plan at 103 percent and the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex exceeded the Juche iron and rolled steel production targets by 8 and 151 percent respectively. The Jaeryong and Thaethan mines supplied quality iron ore to metal factories, the Puryong Ferroalloy Factory turned out 1.25 times more ferroalloy than planned and the Hungnam Electrode Factory hit the production target at 101 percent.

The February 8 Vinalon Complex fulfilled the plan for the production of various chemical products including vinyl chloride and caustic soda.

The Ministry of Railways exceeded the January freight

transport target by 1.4 percent.

The Pyongyang Railway Bureau transported over 20 000 tons of more freight than planned by carefully organizing the work to exploit the existing capacity and potentials. The Chongjin Railway Bureau carried out its plan at 100.5 percent and the Hamhung and Kaechon railway bureaus overfulfilled the plans for the transport of freight for major construction sites.

The Ryongsong machine, Taean heavy machine and Ragwon machine complexes exceeded their production targets of custom-built equipment and excavators needed for power generation units by over 2 percent. The Pyongyang Electric Cable Factory 326 supplied a sufficient amount of electric cables needed for the construction sites of the Orangchon Power Station and the Wonsan-Kalma coastal tourist area and the units of the coal mining industry. The Anju Pump Factory overfulfilled the production plan

by 15 percent and the Jangsan Electrical Appliances Factory, Jonchon Rock-drill Factory and Ryongampho Machine Factory also carried out their production plans.

This year the Ministry of Agriculture has increased the production of homemade manure and greenhouse vegetable by 3 and 10 percent respectively over the same period of last year.

The Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk, Hamhung, Kangso and Songchon silk mills carried out their production plans over 10 days ahead of schedule and the Nyongbyon, Pakchon and Kumya silk mills increased the production of various goods.

Factories under the Ministry of Local Industry hit the consumer goods production targets for the first month in all indices by normalizing production with locally available raw materials and resources.

By Chae Hyang Ok PT



The Juche iron output is on the rise at the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex.