

## National meeting marks 134th May Day

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A national meeting was held at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang on May 1 to mark the 134th May Day, the international holiday of working people of the whole world.

Present there were officials of the DPRK Cabinet, ministries, national agencies and industrial establishments in Pyongyang and labour innovators and other working people.

Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, Jon Hyon Chol, O Su Yong, Pak Jong Gun and other senior Party and government officials took the platform.

Premier Kim Tok Hun made a report at the national meeting.

The reporter said that the proud course of the working people of the DPRK, who have grown up to be masters of their destiny and dynamically advanced along the road of socialist construction under the guidance of the great leaders, holds the most brilliant place in the long history of struggle of working people of the



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whole world for gaining the right to independent life. The history of the WPK's revolutionary leadership has been run through with the activities for training the working masses into a powerful force for social development, a powerful driving force of creation and construction firmly united under the banner of patriotism, since the day when it had a hammer, sickle and a writing brush

inscribed on its sacred red flag, he noted.

In the sacred years when they defended and glorified with their blood and sweat the precious country they built with their own efforts, being aware of the fruition of labour and creation and the true worth of life as masters of factories and land, the working people deeply cherished their absolute trust in the Party and the leader and ardent love for the benevolent

country of the people and the socialist system, and grew up to be a large contingent of patriots distinguished in terms of the ideological and mental power and fighting spirit, he stated.

The new era of the Juche revolution, the era of the comprehensive development of socialism under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, is a glorious era in which the working people lead the most

dignified and happiest life in the world, he stressed.

Kim Jong Un has put the position of the working people on the highest level, saying that the DPRK is the world of the people, and wisely led them to steadily carry on the history and tradition of loyalty and patriotism, he noted.

The revolutionary leadership of Kim Jong Un, who is training the working people into a powerful force for the development of the

state, is full of paternal loving care and warm family ties, and that is why the great political statecraft without an equal in the world is seen in the DPRK, he said.

The history of the heroic struggle and feats of the working people dedicated to the Party, revolution and country will be given steady continuity and the ideal of building a powerful country will surely come true when they uphold the outstanding ideas and leadership of Kim Jong Un, who is building our socialist country into a genuine cradle of the working people shining with the greatest dignity and mightiness, he said.

He stressed that all the working people should bring about continuous innovations in the struggle to attain the twelve major goals for the development of the national economy in the Chollima spirit of the new era, bearing in mind the unshakable faith that the victory of the DPRK is a science and truth as it is led by Kim Jong Un.

The premier called on all the working people to more dynamically struggle for the beloved country, for the future of a more powerful, more beautiful and civilized country and for the great victory of the cause of the DPRK.

## US hegemonic attempt to militarize outer space into war theatre is principal threat to global peace and security

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A spokesman for the National Aerospace Technology Administration (NATA) of the DPRK released the following press statement "US hegemonic attempt to militarize outer space into war theatre is principal threat to global peace and security" on April 27:

The US has gone beyond the red line in its hegemonic attempt to deprive the independent sovereign states of their rights to space development and militarize outer space and turn such common wealth of humankind into a theatre of war.

The commander of the US Space Force during his recent visits to puppet ROK and Japan said that he urges north Korea to refrain from launching space projectiles or

missiles as such action constitutes a "violation of the UN resolution."

We vehemently denounce and reject this, expressing serious concern over such hegemonic attempt of the US as categorically denying the DPRK's just right to space development and legitimate right to self-defence and using outer space as a military means to deter other countries.

The US, the biggest spy satellite possessor in the world, has conducted interceptor weapon system tests for destroying foreign artificial satellites more than any others. Worse still, it finds fault with the DPRK over its legitimate right to military reconnaissance satellite launch. Irony is that it brought up for discussion a draft resolution on banning space nuclear weaponry deployment

at the UNSC. This is, indeed, a preposterous and impudent act based on double standards.

Shortly ago, the US conducted the seventh launch of unmanned space vehicle X-37B with a mission to destroy satellites of an "enemy state" in outer space and staged Global Sentinel, a joint space drill simulating a war in outer space, with its vassal countries. This clearly proves who the arch criminal of militarizing outer space is.

The most typical example of extremely dangerous US space militarization is found in the Korean peninsula region.

In April alone, the US offered a space vehicle to the puppet ROK to launch its second spy satellite aimed at securing the capability for a preemptive strike

on the DPRK. From April 12 to 26, it conducted with the puppet ROK a joint space operation drill which was aimed at mounting "precision strikes" at military bases of the DPRK on the basis of real-time information collected by the US Space Force through spy satellites.

Due to the US reckless and risky space militarization, the strategic balance may collapse any moment to give rise to actual wars between countries in the Asia-Pacific region including the Korean peninsula and such possibility is ever-increasing.

The hegemonic attempt of the US to militarize outer space and turn it into a war theatre is a principal threat to global peace and security at present.

Given that the US is bringing

its space forces massively to the Korean peninsula and its vicinity to speed up its space militarization whose ultimate goal is preemptive nuclear attack, the space development project, including military satellite launch, is a strategic choice indispensable for guaranteeing our country's security, interests and right to existence.

The National Aerospace Technology Administration of the DPRK will invariably carry on its important duty, as planned, to strictly monitor and grasp the ever-escalating military manoeuvres and aggression attempts of the US and other hostile forces in outer space and all other spheres and to enhance the space reconnaissance capabilities for creditably ensuring national security.



# May Day significantly commemorated

## Senior Party and government officials congratulate working people on May Day



Senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK commemorate May Day together with working people at industrial establishments across the country.

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All the people across the DPRK celebrated May Day, the international holiday of the working people all over the world.  
Senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government visited

factories, enterprises and other places across the country on May 1 to congratulate the working people on their holiday.  
Senior Party and government officials including Kim Tok Hun and Choe Ryong Hae, members of the Presidium of the

Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and officials of the Party and power organs at all levels visited the Chollima Steel Complex, Kangdong Greenhouse Complex, Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex, Taean Heavy Machine Complex,

State Academy of Sciences, Pukchang Thermal Power Complex, Sangwon Cement Complex and other units.  
They congratulated the innovators who are dedicating themselves to their work at the forefront of the struggle for securing a clear practical guarantee for implementing

the five-year plan for national economic development.  
They watched sports and amusement games, including football, volleyball and tug-of-war, together with working people.  
There were also performances given by mobile artistic motivational

squads and art groups, adding to the festive mood.  
The senior officials called on all the working people to make greater innovations in the third-stage 10 000 flats construction site in the Hwasong area and other worksites, true to the Party's plan and intention.

## Workers in major industries hold sports games

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The final matches of the Sports Contest of Workers in Major Industrial Sectors-2024 took place at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang on May 1, the international holiday of the working people all over the world.  
Among the spectators were Premier Kim Tok Hun, who is also member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK,

and other senior Party and government officials, officials of ministries, national agencies and relevant units, exemplary working people and Pyongyang citizens.  
There was a march-past of groups of players, followed by the final match in each sports event.  
The final match of the men's football between the teams of the chemical industry sector and the land and maritime transport sector revved up the festive mood. After a seesaw battle, the former beat the opponent 2-1 in the match.

Colourful sports and amusement games were also held.  
The tug-of-war final match climaxed the sports contest.  
The premier awarded diplomas to the team of the chemical industry sector which took first place in total standings of the contest, the teams of the land and maritime transport sector and the rail transport sector which came second and third respectively and the units and players who proved successful in the sports events.  
Minister of Physical Culture and Sports Kim Il Guk made a closing address.



The finals of the Sports Contest of Workers in Major Industrial Sectors-2024 are held at Kim Il Sung Stadium.



## Korean people celebrate May Day

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All the people across the DPRK significantly celebrated the 134th May Day, the international holiday of working people all over the world.  
The Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance, brimmed with boundless reverence of the Korean people for them.  
The visitors who entered the plaza of the palace with reverence paid high tribute to the sacred images of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, who built a working people's country on the land of Korea and put the dignity and interests

of the people on the highest level.  
Officials and working people laid flower baskets, bouquets and flowers before the statues of the great leaders in different parts of the country and made a bow to them.  
Officials of organs of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government across the country significantly celebrated May Day together with working people.  
They encouraged the workers who are making innovative successes in the struggle to attain the goals set by the Eighth Congress of the WPK.  
Sports and amusement games were held at industrial establishments and farms across the country, including the

Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, the Munphyong Smeltery, the Sinuiju Textile Mill and the Paeksok Farm in Sinchon County, adding to the joy of the working people.  
Colourful performances were given at theatres and outdoor stages in the capital city of Pyongyang and other parts of the country, revving up the atmosphere of the holiday.  
Public catering establishments across the country were crowded with visitors, and the cultural recreation grounds in Pyongyang including the Central Zoo, the Natural History Museum and the Munsu Water Park resounded with happy laughter of the working people.



Working people enjoy themselves on the holiday across the country.



# National conference of heads of branch public security stations held

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The Fifth National Conference of Heads of Branch Public Security Stations was held at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang from April 30 to May 1.

The conference reviewed the work conducted in more than ten years since the fourth conference was held and discussed concrete ways for bringing about a revolutionary turn in the overall work of public security by radically improving the work of branch public security stations, immediate combat units of public security organs and main bases for defending the people.

Present there were Kim Hyong Sik, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Thae Sop, minister of Public Security, Sim Hong Bin, director of the Political Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security, all the heads of branch public security stations and model public security persons from across the country, leading officials of provincial, city and county security organs and other officials related with the work of branch public security stations.

Ri Thae Sop made a report at the conference.

The reporter said that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un clarified



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the unique idea of building public security grounded in the Party's view on the masses and people and clearly indicated the principles and fighting strategies to be preserved in the public security work in every period of the developing revolution.

Noting that the strengthening of branch public security stations

means strengthening of public security organs, Kim Jong Un saw to it that the Fourth National Conference of Heads of Branch Public Security Stations was held as the first meeting in the public security field in the new century of the Juche era and energetically led security officials to dynamically wage the legal

struggle for defending the political security of the socialist country and the happiness of the people, he stressed.

He referred to the successes made in applying the Party's policy on public security to the work of branch public security stations and the good deeds done by security officials in the work for

defending the socialist system and the lives and property of the people.

He seriously reviewed the deviations that should be overcome without fail in the work of the stations, after saying that it is the Party's intention and urgent requirement of the revolution to learn lessons even from successes, boldly recognize

the shortcomings and make strenuous efforts with fresh readiness and will.

In order to fulfil the important mission and duty assigned by the Party and revolution, the public security organs should enhance in every way the functions and role of the branch public security stations, advanced bases of the work for public security, and a revolutionary turn in the work should be brought about by the change of the appearance, working spirit and mode of activities of the stations, he noted.

The general duty facing the branch public security stations at present is to make all branch public security stations the groups of faithful servants making selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people so as to defend the political security of the socialist country and the happiness of the people, he said.

For public security officials, loyalty and patriotism are devoted and self-sacrificing efforts of dedicating their blood, flesh and lives to protecting the people without hesitation, he said, calling on all of them to regard the Party's policy on public security as their firm faith and make selfless, devoted efforts for our great state and people, the political security of the socialist country and the happiness of the people.

Then speeches were made.

## HOME NEWS

### Founding anniversary of Kanggye Youth Power Station observed

A meeting took place on April 28 to mark the 60th founding anniversary of the Kanggye Youth Power Station.

Present there were Jon Hyon Chol, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Jon Sung Guk, vice premier of the Cabinet, Kim Yu Il, minister of Electric Power Industry, Kang Pong Hun, chief secretary of the Jagang Provincial Committee of the WPK, and officials and employees of the power station.

Jon Hyon Chol conveyed a congratulatory message from the Central Committee of the WPK to the workers, technicians and officials of the power station.

The WPK Central Committee in the message said that the course covered by the power station since President Kim Il Sung visited the completed station on April 29 1964 to declare its inauguration is associated

with the devotion of the power producers who have been faithful to the Party and the revolution, the country and the people.

Kim Chol Nam, manager of the power station, made a report to be followed by speeches.

The reporter and speakers called for playing the vanguard role in implementing the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the WPK and the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, rallied close around the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, and thus making a tangible contribution to the comprehensive rejuvenation and development of the country.

### Anniversary of Sangwon Cement Complex marked

The Sangwon Cement Complex marked its 40th founding anniversary.

The complex is associated with the immortal leadership exploits of Chairman Kim Jong Il, who ensured

that it was successfully built and guided the overall work of production and management as its honorary manager. It is a powerful building-materials producer and the WPK's most important enterprise as the importance of its position and role are further highlighted and proved, now that the gigantic construction projects for prosperity of the country and the people's well-being are being simultaneously carried out.

A meeting was held on the spot on April 29 to convey a congratulatory letter from the Central Committee of the WPK and the workers, technicians and officials of the complex on its 40th founding anniversary.

Present there were Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, and officials and employees of the complex.

Ri Il Hwan read out the congratulatory letter.

The WPK Central Committee in the letter extended warm encouragement and congratulations to the workers, technicians and officials of the complex who have dynamically propelled the bolstering of national power and the development

of civilization with signal successes in production, working hard with a great sense of responsibility for defending the important arsenal of grand socialist construction.

### National festival of science and technology opens

The 37th National Festival of Science and Technology opened under the sponsorship of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea.

The festival on the theme of "Sci-tech guarantee for attaining 12 major goals and implementing Regional Development 20x10 Policy" has brought together over 1 500 officials, scientists and technicians from commissions, ministries and national agencies and all provinces (cities under the direct control of the government).

On display at the festival are sci-tech achievements made in the course of developing the national economy and proposals helpful to implementing the regional industry development policy of the WPK mainly in the form of actual object, model and operable exhibit.

Its opening ceremony took place at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on April 26.

Present there were Jon Sung Guk, vice-premier of the Cabinet, Choe Tong Myong, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kim Sung Jin, president of the State Academy of Sciences, Kim Sung Du, minister of Education, relevant officials and working people.

### Spring garment exhibition opens in Pyongyang



The Spring Clothes Show-2024 opened with due ceremony at the Three-Revolution Exhibition House in Pyongyang on April 29.

On display there are more than 50 000 pieces of women's, men's and children's spring and summer clothes of over 20 kinds presented by at least 270 units producing light industrial goods.

Also displayed are new and unique clothes designs and

bags, hats, brooches and other luxury goods and cosmetics favoured by women.

### Health workers sports games close

The 11th Sports Contest of Public Health Workers came to a close on May 1.

Prior to the closing ceremony, sports and amusement games and tug-of-war final matches took place at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium.

The teams of the Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital and the General Dental Hospital under the Ministry of Public Health won the tug-of-war event in the contest, divided into two groups.

The Korea General Red Cross Hospital and the General Dental Hospital under the Ministry of Public Health won first places in total group standings.

Then followed a closing ceremony of the contest.

The rankings in each event and total standings were announced at the closing ceremony. The rotating pennant and trophy and prizes were awarded to the units which proved successful.

Jong Mu Rim, minister of Public Health, made a closing address.



# Country for working people

By Pang Un Ju PT

The DPRK puts forward the broad sections of working people, including workers, farmers and intellectuals, as the forces pushing ahead with the new era of building a prosperous and powerful nation and as the legitimate enjoyers of happiness.

The Korean people still remember an impressive scene unfolded in the courtyard of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on the founding anniversary of the DPRK three years ago.

That day, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un met and warmly congratulated the labour innovators and persons of merit participating in the celebrations of the anniversary before having a photo session with them.

All the participants who basked in the glory of life which not everyone can easily get were ordinary working people.

As for their achievements, they regarded their workplace as part of the country and made strenuous efforts to be faithful to their duties.

Ri Myong Sun, a weaver of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill who is widely known across the country as role model of the times, is an honest worker who has operated her looms every day for decades.

Hong Pyong Hi, workteam leader of the Posok Farm in Unjon County, has worked hard to overfulfil his grain production plan every year without leaving his fields until late at night.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated

the merits of the participants, saying: Our sacred history of patriotism is attributable to the feats of the labour innovators and persons of merit who made great contributions to enriching the country's wealth by devotedly working at their worksites and posts and to opening up the efflorescence of socialist civilization by exalting the honour of the country in the van of scientific and cultural fronts.

On the first morning of 2022, the persons of merits and labour innovators who made a contribution to glorifying the first year in implementing the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea with proud victories had the honour of having a photo taken with him at the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the supreme temple of Juche, and many working people were awarded the commemorative coins issued on the occasion of the 110th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

In order to provide Pyongyang citizens with more stable and civilized living conditions, the Eighth Congress of the WPK and the Second Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK decided on building 50 000 flats in the capital city alone while pushing ahead with the construction of dwelling houses across the country in the period of the new five-year plan and on completing 10 000 flats each year.

In March three years ago there took place the first groundbreaking ceremony in the Songsin and Songhwa area of Sadong District in Pyongyang even in the face of severe difficulties, followed by successful

huge construction projects. Thus, there appeared Songhwa Street, the Pothonggang Riverside Terraced Houses District and first-stage 10 000 flats and second-stage ones in the Hwasong area as monumental structures in the era of the Workers' Party which can be boasted of to the world, and modern rural houses have been built across the country to be provided to ordinary working people gratis.

Jo Kil Nyo, workteam leader of the road facility management station of Phyongchon District in Pyongyang who is a meritorious woman of socialist patriotism and deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly, said, "On this land there is unfolded a dreamlike world in which good fortune comes in pairs to ordinary working people, thanks to Marshal Kim Jong Un." Her family moved into a luxury house in Kyongru-dong envied by everybody.

Ordinary working people are elected deputies of the people to discuss state affairs, a well-regulated study-while-you-work system is in force so that anyone can learn to their heart's content at will at factory or agricultural colleges and sanatoriums and holiday camps built on scenic spots are filled with laughter of working people.

The Korean people regard state affairs as more important than their family affairs and devote their all to the prosperity and development of the country out of a sense of loyalty and patriotism as the WPK regards them as almighty being and takes responsible care of their dignity and future.

## Many labour heroes and working people of socialist patriotism produced in over ten years

By Ryom Un Gyong PT

Many working people have been honoured with the titles of Labour Hero and meritorious persons of socialist patriotism in the DPRK, where working people are regarded as the most important beings.

Lots of those who contributed to successfully building monumental edifices symbolic of the dignity, national power and civilization of the state were awarded the title of Labour Hero.

Many working people in different economic sectors also won the title of Labour Hero as they worked hard to build a thriving country and improve the people's living standards under the uplifted banner of self-reliance.

Among them, there are a smelter of the Songjin Steel Complex, a feller of the Phungso Forestry Station, workers of the Sangwon Cement Complex and ordinary agricultural workers who devoted themselves to filling the nation's rice granaries.

Many women gave birth to several children and brought them up to be the future pillars of the country and took care of orphans as their own children. The country put them forward as heroines.

Meritorious person of socialist patriotism is the honour given to those who contribute to the prosperity of the country with their patriotic devotion. All the people respect them as the models and paragons of the times.

Meritorious persons of socialist patriotism are found in all sectors, including innovators in the major industrial sectors, notably metallurgical, chemical, machine-building and railway transport sectors, high-yielding farmers, patriotic scientists who have pushed the advance of the country with valuable sci-tech achievements, educators who bring up the future of the country and those who have turned the country's mountains into gold and treasure mountains.

Simple and ordinary people, especially road keepers, postmen and shoemakers, who have worked for decades at difficult and labour-consuming sectors, are also proud meritorious persons of socialist patriotism.

The image of sincere working people, labour heroes and meritorious persons of socialist patriotism who have worked devotedly, regarding the honourable title given by the country as the precious treasure of their lives, makes the Korean people confident of their rosy future.

## Cradle of happiness for weavers



Girl workers live free from any inconvenience at the workers' hostel of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill. JO RYONG / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Kim Hak Chol PT

Ten years have passed since a workers' hostel was completed at the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill on the banks of the picturesque Taedong River.

"On his visit to the newly-built hostel on April 29 2014, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said he was very pleased and satisfied after looking round the building and earnestly requested the officials of the mill to take maternal care of the hostellers," said Kim Chol Jin, a hostel management official.

Two days later, there was a great party at the palatial hostel arranged by General Secretary Kim Jong Un for the workers in celebration of May Day.

"They displayed great enthusiasm in cloth production in order to return the favour shown by the General Secretary who gave prominence to ordinary workers by providing them with the palatial hostel. In the course of this, many girls have become labour innovators

and tended the building well in a competitive way to preserve its original state," said Kim.

Girls lead a cultured life at the hostel equipped with all communal amenities for the life of hostellers including a shop, beauty salon, library, bathhouse, clothes repair shop and treatment room.

After finishing their daily work, they talk about the sources of pride of their native places and their parents in their cosy and snug rooms and some others burst into laughter for the humour of their funny fellows.

Bookworms go to the library or e-reading room and worker-students receive online college education as they attend online lectures in their spare time.

"Thanks to the college, I could become a skilled worker and labour innovator," said weaver Ju Yong Mi who graduated from a factory college with honours last year.

In the dwelling place of girls, the beauty salon is frequented by them.

"We are eager to give them excellent beauty treatments

as they are hard workers and labour innovators," said hairdresser Kwon Song Hui.

The girls are very pleased with their elegant hairstyles as they leave the salon.

The cooking practice ground is another favourite haunt of the residents of the hostel.

They hone their culinary skills by preparing dishes they saw on TV or in cookery books in the place equipped with all kinds of kitchen utensils.

According to its keeper Ri Chun Hui, it is crowded with "cooks" especially on holidays, rest days or birthdays and the dishes made by them are never inferior to those served at restaurants.

They also sing songs in reflection of their fulfilling life using the karaoke machine in the hall on each floor.

The weavers say in unison that they lead a life full of optimism as they have officials who take meticulous care of them with parental affection and the nice home equipped with all necessary living conditions, which enables them to exert themselves in work.



# Spring footwear exhibition held

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

The Spring National Footwear Exhibition-2024 took place at the Pyongyang Yokjon Department Store between April 23 and 29 under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Light Industry.

The spring exhibition, held on the theme of "Convenience, aesthetic beauty and solidity of footwear", was aimed at directing effort into improving the quality and increasing the varieties of products by

sharing and diffusing sci-tech achievements and experiences gained in the production of footwear and promoting fierce competition between the production units.

More than 190 000 pieces of footwear in 710-odd kinds produced by several units including the Ryuwon and Sinuiju footwear factories and the Wonsan Leather Shoes Factory were presented to the exhibition, along with more than 50 research findings released by the footwear industry sector.

True to the decisions of the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea which set forth improving the quality of consumer goods as an important issue, every unit exhibited the achievements they have made in their efforts to diversify the products in terms of kind, shape and colour, namely iconic footwear which can symbolize and represent them.

"Now our factory widely encourages the development of new products. It exhibited

dozens of kinds of trainers developed this year to the recent exhibition and they were very popular," said Son Hyon Sok, chief engineer of the Ryuwon Footwear Factory.

Among them were the trainers for young people which gave a sense of lightness and activity by offering a sharp contrast in colour to the outer rims and soles to suit their psychology and seasonal characters, those for adults which improved the endurance and cold resistance of the sole and those for children whose outer rims were made with materials of various colours to suit the children's minds. All of them were designed to fully satisfy the demands of customers.

The Rason Samryong Trade Company exhibited 26 varieties of products in 12 kinds.

Its staffer Ho Chol Jin said that the kinds of products has increased from six to twelve in the course of a vigorous technical innovation campaign to improve the quality of

footwear.

During the exhibition many-sided technical exchanges were encouraged between production units and scientific research institutions through a sci-tech presentation, experience-sharing meeting and symposium.

"As the number of exhibition increases, the modes of exchanges get diversified through the sci-tech presentation, experience-sharing meeting and symposium and their qualitative level and depth are improved. This year, all efforts are directed to raising the qualitative level of the shoes of students," said Ri Nam Dok, staffer of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea.

At the sci-tech presentation the design of the sole of trainers for schoolboys, which helped easily design distinctive and elegant patterns by making effective use of several programs to increase the designing speed and meet the demand for shoe-mould,

the design of padded winter boots for children, which is convenient to wear and increases the cutting efficiency to more than 89 percent by analyzing the sizes of feet and psychological characters of children, and several other proposals drew the attention of jury members and participants.

There was a heated debate at the symposium to correctly fix the shoe sizes of students from primary school to university and accordingly prepare shoe tree and production equipment in line with the situation that factories specializing in the production of shoes for students are built in all provinces.

"It is the intention of our Party to radically improve the quality of shoes in the near future by digitizing and informatizing the footwear industry in the period of implementing the current five-year plan. Exhibitions are important occasions for hastening it," said Choe Sun Chol, section chief of the Ministry of Light Industry.



Visitors carefully choose shoes at the Spring National Footwear Exhibition-2024.

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## Quality fibre and goods made from plastic waste

By Kim Il Jin PT

What is noteworthy in recycling in different countries recently is the turning of industrial structure into the reclamation industry using waste, said an official of the Ministry of Light Industry. "In our country, too, the state interest in that matter increases, and last year witnessed the construction of the Ponghwa Polyester Fibre Factory."

The factory uses plastic waste, including discarded plastic bottles, as raw materials.

It consists mainly of the plastic waste-based polyester fibre production line and cotton processing and quilt production lines.

The polyester fibre

production line consists of pulverizing and washing, spinning and drawing processes.

The first process for fibre production is the pulverizing and washing one.

Plastic waste passes through a pulverizer, washer, centrifugal drier and oven drier to turn into raw material for fibre.

All the jobs are done by five cleaners.

"We are careful to prevent even the least alien substances from being mixed with pieces of plastic waste. Because they badly affect the quality of fibre," said Pak Kum Hyang, a worker of the factory.

The raw materials sent to the spinning process go through the drier and extruder to turn into hollow polyester fibre

bands.

According to senior engineer Ri Jong Min, the analysis of the fibre produced by the factory proved that the fibre made from transparent plastic bottles used once is the same as the imported in terms of indexes of fineness, lubricity, antistatic property, elasticity, flexibility and smoothness.

The hollow polyester fibre bands go through the drawing, crimping, cutting, dry moulding and carding machines to turn into polyester fibre cotton.

The factory uses the processed cotton to produce various cotton-padded quilts and mats.

It is now putting efforts into raising the quality of its products so that they are favoured by people.



Workers produce quilts with plastic waste as a raw material at the Ponghwa Polyester Fibre Factory.

PAK KWANG HUN / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

## Factory diversifies into new products

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

Until a few years ago, our factory had been exclusively doing bonded processing of garments, said Pak Ran Hui, chief of the technical preparation office of the Tongdaewon Aeguk Knitwear Factory. "But now we are branching out by developing new products."

The main target of the factory's effort is to make each product a popular one favoured by the people by using the same materials.

The factory holds a collective critique of new product models twice a week, and all the workteams are eagerly taking part in them.

The employees are broadening their horizons as they try to identify the development trend of knitwear and the people's likings through the sci-tech learning space and while carefully observing the attire of people they encounter on different occasions of daily life.

On the basis of this, they bring out new designs according to seasons by setting the sizes and selecting the knitting textures and methods in their own way and apply them to production.

As a result, something



Officials and technicians discuss how to improve the quality of products at the Tongdaewon Aeguk Knitwear Factory.

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new and fresh comes out in every collective critique and, in the course of this, the employees' understanding about quality has been improved along with their technical skills.

The factory's products have attracted the attention of experts at several national exhibitions and become sought-after ones.

Especially, a knitted women's coat was an immediate eye-catcher at the Women's Clothes Show-2022.

Several products of the factory including a two-colour men's sweater and women's sweaters decorated with the national flag and peacock patterns were highly appreciated at the light industry goods exhibition "Light Industry

Development-2023" and the Autumn Clothes Show-2023 held last year.

The factory also produces uniforms for primary school pupils.

As the variety of uniform sizes was increased from 10 to 70 this year, it drew up detailed technical process guidelines for each size and gave technical training to machine operators to produce quality sweaters for men and women by ensuring the density of the knitwear.

"If we became self-conceited and slacked off, we would fall behind in no time. We are now working on a research project for producing knitwear made of natural fibre yarns to keep up with the worldwide trend," said manager Kim Nam Il.



# Landscape gardening adds beauty to scenery of Pyongyang

By Kil Chung Il PT

Landscape gardening projects are now well underway in Pyongyang to create eco-friendly living spaces for the citizens and add to the beauty of the natural scenery, and thereby beautiful gardens and parks have appeared.

Among them is the park around the Pothonggang Seafood Shop in Moranbong District, whose landscape has been designed in a distinctive style to attract the people's attention.

Every visitor becomes fascinated with the panoramic view of the park, which forms a small "forest" with trees and flowers of good species.

Such features as the creation of coloured belts with various species of trees including Taesong *Spiraea prunifolia* var. *simpliciflora* and trees which form various shapes in different sections, are the sights that cannot be seen in other places.

There are various species of trees in the shape of "fishes" and even "coral reefs" in the sea in the place, called a "fish section". So it looks like "fishes" swimming around

there, reminding viewers of the fact that it is a seafood shop.

Around the outdoor dining table beside the food counter of the park are standing several species of trees including *Wisteria floribunda*. In hot summer, visitors sit in the cool shade and have a pleasant time, drinking soft drinks.

"Whenever we see people who are happy to visit the park, we feel proud of the efforts we made to build the park with a desire to do anything good for the people. The letters 'People' formed with Taesong *Spiraea prunifolia* var. *simpliciflora* reflect the minds of all of our employees," said Ri Myong Hwa, manageress of the shop.

The Ryomyong Street Greening Management Station in Taesong District has planted fir, cypress and other evergreen trees with beautiful shapes in group to present a splendid view in all four seasons.

According to an official of the Greening Bureau of the Pyongyang Municipal People's Committee, the bureau worked out a greening plan for further improving

the scenery of the capital this year, too, and launched into its implementation from the beginning of the year.

A series of projects are also being pushed ahead to build sports parks in Kumran and Unha islands of the Pothong River and landscape their surroundings and to create lawns and plant trees in over a dozen places of the river basin for the improvement of its ecological environment.

At the same time, lawn blocks are laid in parking lots and sidewalks in the city as part of its effort to increase the green areas and rooftop greening is being pushed forward in a new style in cooperation with relevant institutions.

Old trees on Somun Street and in its vicinity are changed with trees of good species including zelkova and ginkgo trees and the area around 10 000 flats built at the second stage in the Hwasong area has been landscaped along with construction.

Stone flowerpot stands of unique designs are also built beside the roads in Central, Pothonggang, Songyo and other districts.

# Street gardeners

By Chae Myong Rim PT

Streets of Pyongyang have been decorated with flowers this spring giving out fragrance.

Among them are marigold, *Viola tricolor*, French marigold and hyosong flower.

It is attributable to the devotion of people in the landscaping sector in the capital city who devote their wisdom and passion to making Pyongyang full of the scents of flowers.

In fact, it is not that easy to make streets of Pyongyang covered with blooming flowers from spring to autumn.

But they strive to decorate streets with flowers in a distinctive way in each season in keeping with the layout of green areas and surrounding environment of streets, ensure the vivid colour of flowers and grow them larger.

There are times when they make night journeys to secure new species of young flowering plants and gather fallen leaves needed for the production of humus near the park when others take a stroll there whispering happiness.

Despite biting cold, they would rush to the greenhouse at midnight worrying about young flowering plants or sometimes they make soil fertile all day long.

"Whenever people are happy to see full-blown flowers in streets, we feel pride in our work and we would start working with a light heart even though it was difficult," said Jang



Employees grow beautiful flowers with great care at the Phyongchon District Floricultural Farm. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

Song Hui, manageress of the Taedonggang District Floricultural Farm in Pyongyang.

Given that the farm cultivates low-, medium- and high-temperature flowers separately, it ensures appropriate temperatures in the greenhouse, chooses right places for cultivation to suit the specific features of each species, increases the rooting rate of flowers and healthily grows them by controlling necessary light, temperature and humidity, applying nutrient solution and watering and preventing damage by insects as required by technical regulations.

The Pothonggang District Floricultural Farm operates non-heating greenhouse

effectively while watering plants on a regular basis by increasing the utilization rate of automatic sprinkling system.

The Mangyongdae District Floricultural Farm works to produce effective fertilizer for the cultivation of flowers and enhances the technical knowledge and skills of employees to increase the output of flowers five times so as to unfold conspicuous landscape in all parts of Kwangbok Street.

Thanks to such efforts of employees in floricultural farms of all districts, dozens of flowers which are of great ornamental value and dried flowers also decorated the streets of the capital city even on cold February days this year.

# Roads undergo change

By Kim Kum Myong PT

A road is the face of a country and one of the important criteria which shows the level of economic development and the standard of civilization, said Kim Kwang Il, section chief of the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection. "It is one of the important things in land management to renovate the paving surface of highways, sightseeing and other key roads, repair installations and plant roadside trees as planned so as to improve the technical condition of roads."

The ministry gives effective guidance over different road technical improvement projects as planned.

It arranged in a concentrated way various facilities for the repair of highways and tourist roads including Pyongyang-Wonsan tourist motorway and Pyongyang-Kaesong

Motorway to push projects on a high qualitative level and at a fast pace.

It is helping concrete mixture production bases carry out the repair and maintenance of facilities in a short time and different local areas step up the construction of concrete mixture production bases.

And it takes measures to provide materials for repair in time in close contact with relevant units.

It also enables different areas of Jagang and North and South Hamgyong provinces to push the construction of tunnels in different places in parallel with the building and repair of 100 bridges and technical upgrading of hundreds of kilometres of road sections.

The South Hamgyong provincial bureau of land and environment protection and management is channelling efforts into the building and technical upgrading of roads.

While giving precedence

to the design related to the building and rebuilding of roads in collaboration with the road designing institute, the bureau pays attention to the supply of materials needed for construction and repair and takes measures to solve knotty problems.

Projects are being pushed, including the expansion and arch covering of Songryong tunnel in Riwon County, the repair of some 150km-long road section in more than 30 places at Machonryong-ri in Tanchon City, the building of a retaining wall and the repair of paving roads.

The building and technical upgrading of roads are carried out in cities and counties of the province.

Efforts are being directed to ensuring the evenness of road surface.

They give a facelift to roads and ensure accident-free transport of vehicles by setting up posts for security protection, planting roadside trees and putting up the road signs.



Pyongyang streets are decorated with beautiful flowers. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



# Public interest in development and use of space grows

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

April 30 is the founding anniversary of the Space Association of Korea.

The association was established in 2016 when the DPRK successfully put its earth observation satellite Kwangmyongsong 4 into orbit.

Since it was inaugurated, the association has accelerated development and use of space, common asset of mankind, through active space technology exchange at home and abroad, contributing to economic construction of the country and the improvement of the people's livelihood.

According to its regulations, the

association holds more than two plenary meetings and conferences every year to regularly review its annual work and take measures and organizes symposiums, exhibitions, short courses, practical training, visits and others to improve the scientific and technical qualifications of its members and encourage them to develop technologies related to space.

It also conducts an annual space sci-tech workshop.

The workshop is held divided into panels of artificial earth satellite, satellite observation and communications, space materials and elements, space environment

and basic science and applied technology.

It is attended by many members of the association including scientists, technicians, lecturers and researchers of space technology development and application sectors.

They present valuable papers on technology for satellite navigation and trajectory and attitude control, technology for developing satellite cameras, satellite communication technology, technology for predicting and estimating various natural disasters using satellite data and others and conduct academic exchange in depth to resolve urgent problems arising in developing

space science and technology of the country.

The association regularly issues "Journal of the Space Association of Korea" edited with papers rated excellent at such workshops to diffuse science and technology needed for space development and application.

It also built up an advanced space science and technology database to conduct domestic service activities.

Meanwhile, it is realizing cooperation and exchange with space-related organizations in other countries and international organizations in the development and use of space on the principle of

mutual protection.

Papers it presented to the International Symposium on Aviation and Aerospace System Engineering held in China's Shanghai and Beijing in May 2019 and 2021 and the International Conference on Mechanical Engineering Automation Science held in Wuhan and Xian in October 2022 and 2023 were rated.

At present, Kwon Ryong, member of the association, works as full member of the Hong Kong Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Thanks to the positive activities of the association, public interest in space development and use continues to grow in the DPRK.

## General experimental education hall inaugurated at Kim Chaek University of Technology



Rooms at the newly-built integrated experimental education hall. It is greatly conducive to the education and scientific research of lecturers and researchers and study of students.



By Pang Un Ju PT

An integrated experimental education hall has been built at Kim Chaek University of Technology, a "pedigree" establishment for the training of scientific and technical personnel of the country.

Its opening ceremony took place on April 14.

The construction of a comprehensive experimental and practical base for the education and scientific research of lecturers and researchers and study of students has further enhanced the appearance of the university as the highest institute of education in science and technology of the country, said Paek Chon Il, deputy chief of the instruction

department.

With a total building area of more than 5 100 square metres, the hall has 25 labs and they are provided with advanced experimental equipment.

According to Ri Kyong Chol, an academic adviser at the FMS lab, the laboratory is equipped with a three-axis machining centre, general control board, six-joint robot used in industrial field, visual inspection device, three-dimensional scanner and carts. In the lab students write programs for building unmanned and automated FMS processes and experience its operation to improve their practical ability in the field.

When they reach a certain grade, students perform all

kinds of experiments related to those in their majors in the hall according to the curricula, and through this course they acquire a wide range of knowledge and practical abilities.

During experiments, students choose experiment titles and the plans for experimentation by themselves and academic advisers evaluate the performance of students through debate, assessment of reports and operating practice exams.

The hall is aimed at training more talents with creative and practical abilities who are comprehensively qualified to shoulder the building of a powerful socialist country, said Hong Chung Bok, chief of the hall.

## University of commerce improves quality of education

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Many educational units actively improve their educational conditions and environment, true to the idea of attaching importance to education of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Pyongyang Jang Chol Gu University of Commerce is one of them.

A comprehensive centre for training the country's service personnel, it aims to train those who contribute to economic development and the improvement of the people's living standards.

It is sixty-five years since the university was established on September 1 1959 as the first training base of commercial service personnel. Composed of faculties and departments including public catering, garment, accounting and service faculties, it has produced many academic degree and title holders and talents.

It has Building 1 which has recently been enlarged from seven-storey building to ten-storey one, Building 2 whose exterior was done in glass, a sports field, dormitory, library housing tens of thousands of books, hall of culture and publishing house.

It is provided with full educational conditions and

environment for students.

It has pioneered new subjects and steadily innovated teaching plans and contents in keeping with the requirements of the global trend of educational development and actively applied the latest sci-tech materials to teaching.

Subjects have newly been established in faculties and many lecturers compiled lots of textbooks and reference books to contribute to educational practice.

Experiments and practical training conditions have fully been provided to enhance effectiveness in teaching practice combining theoretical education and practical education.

Students gain deeper insight about special foods of Korea and world dishes and increase practical abilities in the modern general cooking practice ground and acquire fundamental principles and methods of service guide in the same environment as the reality in the service practical training room.

In the course of closely combining education with scientific research, lecturers, researchers and students of the university presented excellent inventions to such exhibitions as the national exhibition of university experimental apparatuses

and teaching aids and the national exhibition of university scientific research achievements.

Students broaden their horizon at the library where many cooking books and reference data sent by Chairman Kim Jong Il on December 16 2011 for the development of cooking education of the university in the last days of his life.

Having put forward the general goal of making education the one that can fully be entrusted with the future, the university has comprehensively reviewed, improved and perfected teaching contents of all subjects on the principle of making them practicable, comprehensive and up-to-the-minute and constantly updated teaching contents and methods and educational management systems as required by the global trend of educational development and pedagogical demand.

It fully provides raw and other materials for the practice of students and arranges practical training at such hotels as Pyongyang Koryo Hotel and Yanggakdo International Hotel and abroad as well.

Besides, it constantly consolidates its own material foundations including sanatorium and livestock and fish farms.



Students acquire professional knowledge through practical training at Pyongyang Jang Chol Gu University of Commerce.

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# Builder poets

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Among the people who take an active part in the mass literature creation activities are builders of the Sogu public building construction company of the Phyongjin construction management bureau under the Pyongyang Construction Commission.

"It might be unbelievable that builders, who are neither poets nor writers, created more than 400 poems. Many builders, however, have developed into 'poets' or 'writers' through their life throbbing with the

breathing of the golden age of construction," said a company official.

The company with a history of over 70 years boasts thick collections of poems created by builders. Poems "Our Prosperous Pyongyang", "We Are Builders" and "Construction Speed in Pyongyang" fully reflect their ardent fighting spirit, optimistic life and high ideal.

"Actually, I hesitated when I thought about writing a poem for the first time. But the new streets we built through creative labour and the daily improving appearance of Pyongyang

inspired me to write poems," said Ji Myong Ho, worker of workshop No. 1.

Their poems are increasing still now at the construction site in Hwasong area where they are making innovations every day.

One of them is often publicized from a loudspeaker at the construction site. The poem says that the competition graph lines at the site rising up along with magnificent structures indicate the height of the capital city builders' conscience.

Other poems contain the pride of taking part and performing feats in the grand project for the construction of 50 000 flats

in Pyongyang, the pleasure and pride of a scaffold worker operating a huge crane while enjoying a bird's eye view of the daily changing city and the gratitude to the country for awarding an original builder high state commendations and allotting to him a new house of the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District called a village of patriots and luxury residential district.

The builders expressed their life full of optimism in their poems.

A poem "Uncommon sports game of couples, family art contest" reflects their colourful activities, including a heated sports game in which both builders and their wives took part, a vocal duet of an innovator couple and the cheering of the builders' family members.

At the construction site, builders often get together for a joint review of their literary works during breaks.

Therefore, so many ideas and opinions are proposed to complete them that they might be thought to be the ones created by the collective.

A company official said many works created by the builders are carried in publications.

The poems written by the builders add to enthusiasm for creation at the construction site.



A builder recites his poem before others during a break.  
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# 'I Am a Silk Reeler'



By Ryom Un Gyong PT

Many working people fancy writing poems and singing songs as they lead an optimistic working life in the DPRK.

Among them is Ma Sun Jong, 26-year-old member of the youth workteam of workshop No. 3 of Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill. She has written a lot of poems as she works as a silk reeler at the mill.

She writes mainly about her pride in her workplace and job and her typical poems are "My Workplace", "Our Home" and "Facelifted Mill".

Her works are much loved by her fellows as they contain sincere feelings and praise for the fulfilling life.

Especially, the words of song "I Am a Silk Reeler" won a national mass literary work prize contest and got favour of many readers.

"Joy in working life and optimism motivated me to compose poems," she said.

Ma had dreamt of being a musician in her girlhood.

Born into a worker's family, she was admired by villagers as she sang so well in her kindergarten days. Her school teachers expected that she would become a singing star.

To everyone's surprise, however, she chose to become a silk reeler.

She was so moved as she read a story about a girl silk reeler on a newspaper one day just before finishing her middle school course.

The article read that Kim Jong Hyang, silk reeler of Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill taking the lion's share in improving the people's living standards, made strenuous efforts to achieve unrivalled production results and received a Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize to become the pride of the mill.

Ma wanted to add lustre to her youth just like Kim did. So, she volunteered for the mill after finishing middle school. She was appointed to the workteam where Kim Jong Hyang was working as she wished and fulfilled her annual production plan every year without fail.

Later, she began to write poem.

She drew great creative inspiration from the labour innovators striving to spin more silk thread, the buzzing sound of machines, the nice mill well known across the country as "workplace in a park" and the joy and optimism felt in working life filled with songs.

She wrote poems on her pocket book one after another and recited them during the break at work and in the evening in the hostel, winning applause from her fellows.

She created the poem "Our Home" at a go during the night when they could hardly sleep after moving into a wonderful workers' hostel, also known as "workers' palace" and "workers' hotel", which was newly built under the care of General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

She further refined her creative skills at the literature group of her silk mill and some of her pieces appeared on such newspapers as *Munhak Sinmun* and *Chongnyon Jonwi*.

"Our socialist country, a paradise of working people, brings me hope, happiness and creative inspiration. All my poems put together will be a hymn to the era of the Workers' Party," said Ma.

# Teacher poet writes with passion

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Pak Un Gyong, teacher at Kaeson Senior Middle School in Moranbong District, Pyongyang, is recognized as one of the most competent teachers of literature in the secondary education sector.

The 43-year-old woman has taught literature at the school for more than 20 years.

She is also a poet.

As she taught students literature, she helped them complete the collections of 600 pieces of literary works.

Born into a worker's family, she cultivated her talent at the literary hobby group of the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace as she wished.

She further enhanced her literary attainments as she studied literature in the Korean language faculty of Kim Chol Ju University of Education. During her university days, she wrote child poem "Who is prettier?" reflecting the happy looks of children across the country who were growing up joyfully while receiving new school uniforms and school things every year. Her work was highly rated at a national mass literary work prize contest.

This marked the beginning of her literary career as a poet and a writer of children's literature.

Her works full of real-life experience and emotion, positive attitude toward beautiful reality and life and passionate

poetic feelings and words were welcomed by the literary circles.

After graduation, she became a literature teacher at Kaeson Senior Middle School in Moranbong District and refined her poetic skills. The young talented model teacher trained many reserve writers.

She takes special pride in helping students expand their creative horizons in real life and offering guidance over their works.

She frequently goes out with them to experience the real life.

"It is because the reality is a good soil into which a fine literary work should take root," she said.

The poem "Sea of flowers" written under her guidance left a

deep impression on readers.

It gives a lifelike and vivid literary description of the aspects of the opening day of a new school year when a sea of flowers is unfolded throughout the country as students in new uniforms with Jindallae (azalea)-brand on them go to school holding Haebaragi (sunflower) school things.

The poem "Treasure box" shows that collecting idle materials is the first step of patriotism and the poem "Goldfish with three tails" represents the joy of moving into a new flat in Hwasong Street.

"Poem is a product of passion. The burning passion of a poet spurs me to discharge my duty as a teacher of literature," Pak said.

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Pak Un Gyong, teacher at Kaeson Senior Middle School in Moranbong District, Pyongyang



Pak Un Gyong guides her students over their literary works after school. RYU KWANG HYOK / THE PYONGYANG TIMES



# Special performance combines circus art with national art

By Pang Un Ju PT

The performance given by artistes of the National Acrobatic Troupe and the National Folk Art Troupe was staged until April 26 at the Pyongyang Circus Theatre every day, winning great admiration of spectators.

Ri Thae Gum, section chief of the National Acrobatic Troupe, said that unlike the previous performances where only acrobatic pieces were staged, the performance also involved artistes from the National Folk Art Troupe and therefore evoked a great response from the audience.

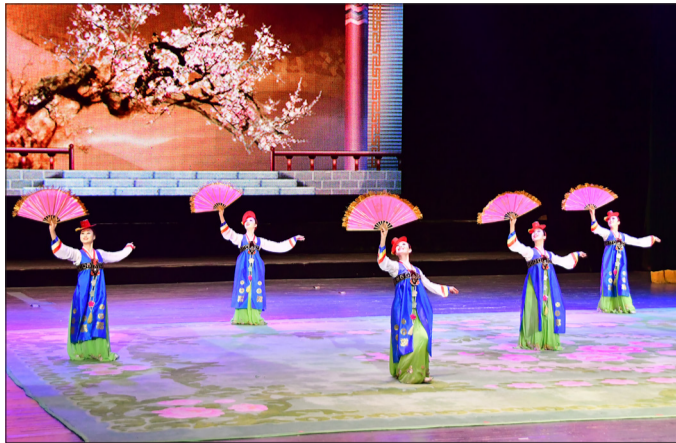
The "Formation act of roller skaters", in which actors and actresses flaunted various technical skills on a small circular stage, and the acting of dancers showing beautiful rhythms, led the audience to the world of acrobatics from the beginning.

The performers of comic circuses "Cup feat" and "A feat of strength" brought laughter all the way to the audience with humorous representation by inviting a viewer to the stage as they displayed tactful skills.

In the physical stunt "The swing over the iron bar and board", the performers presented various stunts of high degree of difficulty while continuously going from the swing to the board and iron bar.

According to director Sin Un Sop, the work performed by nine acrobats has been updated in composition, difficulty and representation with powerful stunts, thereby breaking a new ground in physical stunts. It had already won several gold and silver prizes at the Idol, Wuqiao and Figueras international circus festivals.

When acrobat Yu Jong Min succeeded in a fivefold forward somersault on the



The National Acrobatic Troupe and the National Folk Art Troupe give a performance at the Pyongyang Circus Theatre. WON TONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

floating swing, which can be claimed to be the climax of the work, the audience applauded enthusiastically as they were lost in admiration.

The physical stunt "Wire rope walking" added more to the tensed audience in the wake of *Janggu* ensemble "Song of Mt Maebong" played with national musical instruments.

When Rim Un Il and three others skilfully performed thrilling stunts including ropeskipping, a backward somersault, two people sitting on the rope and flying over three people without a safety belt on a 12 mm-thick wire rope installed on the height of six metres above the floor, they were highly acclaimed by the audience.

Artistes of the National Folk Art Troupe cheerfully sang various folk songs favoured by the Korean people in solo and mixed duet, relaxing and greatly pleasing the audience, and performed a series of folk dances to lighten the atmosphere.

The performance reached its climax with physical stunt "Fly higher" which won the gold lion prize at the 14th Wuqiao International Circus Festival.

The audience breathlessly watched the work as acrobats created the speed image and three-dimensional effect through backward triple turns and double side turned while turning back double with straight body amid the mutual cross of acrobats in the air.

Acrobat Ryu Chol Ung performed backward quadruple turns, a high skill, drawing tumultuous applause from the audience.

After the performance was over, the audience lavished praise on the performance where circus was combined with national music and dance since it was a truly spectacular, impressive and wonderful one.

## With love and zeal for acrobatics

By To Kyong Chol PT

Able man with creative eye

Kim Song Il, a 44-year-old man, became the head of



Kim Song Il

the production office of the National Acrobatic Troupe in December last year.

As a good-looking boy with

flexible and strong build and great creativity, he attracted the attention of instructors as promising reserve in his days at Pyongyang Acrobatic School.

During his 15-year-long career as an acrobat, he won great acclaim of the audience for his brave, nimble and smart stunts in many physical acrobatic pieces.

Especially, he successfully performed a backward quintuple somersault in Seesawing, eliciting the admiration of the audience.

Later, Kim, who is always speculative and fond of conceiving an idea, became a director and created more than ten new acrobatic works.

His creations, including

physical acrobatic pieces "Modelling on unrolled strips of cloth", "Modelling on vaulting pole" and "Joy from full load of fish" and comic acrobatic piece "Ball heading", won active support of the collective as they were based on original ideas. The physical acrobatic piece "Two-person modelling on a rope", one of the works, won the special prize at the 37th Monte Carlo International Circus Festival.

Creators and acrobats of the acrobatic troupe call him a man of ability and he never stops thinking to create new acrobatic works of high degrees of difficulty which will win the admiration of people.

Comic acrobat like his father

Yu Jong Chol is well-known among the Korean people as a comic acrobat.

In a comic acrobatic piece "Merry magicians", a number of the ongoing performance, he successively excited laughter and admiration from among the audience by performing humorous movements and clever movements like a magician, wearing various looks.

He has been working as comic acrobat for about 40 years.

Looking back upon his career, he often thinks of his father who led him to become a comic acrobat.

His father Yun Thae Un was a comic acrobat of dignity who would win great admiration of the audience in every performance for his humorous acting and he performed several times in the presence of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il to be highly appreciated.

On the day when he finished Pyongyang Acrobatic School with honours for his unusual special abilities in turning, handstanding, horizontal bar and wire rope walking, Jong Chol told his father about his dream to become a famous aerial acrobat and sensed a look of regret in his smiling face.

"My father, who had

grown up in the sorrow of an orphan, wanted me to follow in his footsteps so as to repay the favour shown by the President and the Chairman, who had glorified his life as



Yun Jong Chol

an acrobat," said Jong Chol. That is why Jong Chol became a comic acrobat instead of an aerial acrobat.



# DPRK-Russia friendship develops into strategic ties

By Choe Song Jun PT

Today the relations of friendship between the DPRK and Russia are further expanding and growing stronger as reciprocal cooperative relations in all fields under the deep care of the top leaders of the two countries.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visited the Russian Federation in April 2019.

He had a significant meeting with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin in Vladivostok.

At the meeting the top leaders of the two countries agreed on the detailed orientation and measures to improve mutual understanding and trust, friendship and cooperation and give renewed impetus to the progress of the DPRK-Russia friendship in the new century and had in-depth discussions about the immediate issues of cooperation.

The historic meeting and talks

served as a significant occasion in further strengthening the strategic and traditional ties of friendship between the two countries.

During his another official goodwill visit to the Russian Federation in September last year, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un met and had talks with President Putin to exchange candid and comprehensive opinions for further consolidating the relations of friendship, solidarity and cooperative relations and boosting mutual trust by deepening many-sided exchanges and cooperation in various fields including high-level visits between the two countries.

In particular, the top leaders of the two countries seriously discussed the important issues and the immediate cooperation matters arising in defending the sovereignty and development and interests of the two countries, peace and security in the region and the world

and international justice by further strengthening strategic and tactical cooperation between the two countries and extending strong support to and solidarity with each other on the common front to frustrate the imperialists' military threat, provocation and high-handed and arbitrary practices to plunder independence, progress and peaceful life of humankind, and reached a satisfactory agreement and consensus of views.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's visit to the Russian Federation, which drew great interest and attention of the world, served as an epoch-making event that put the traditional and strategic DPRK-Russia friendship, cooperation and good neighbourly relations onto a new higher level and powerfully encouraged the just struggle for accomplishing the cause of independence against imperialism.

Under the present situation in which the dominationist forces' arbitrary practices and violence to trample down sovereignty and justice are worsening, the DPRK-Russia friendship is further developing into the invincible comradeship and long-term strategic relations under the common idea of building powerful countries to firmly defend sovereignty and justice.

The recently fast-developing strategic cooperation between the two countries and wide mutual exchange and cooperation in various fields are drawing the attention of the international community.

The DPRK-Russia friendship, which is unprecedentedly developing under the special care of the top leaders of the two countries, will have a great influence not only on the development of the two countries but also on the establishment of international relations for independence and justice.

# Outcome of devoted service for people

By Hwang Jong Ryol PT

Thanks to the political idea of the people-first principle of the Workers' Party of Korea, the capital city of Pyongyang has been transformed into an ideal city for the people and flourishing socialist living space with the passage of time.

After Songhwa Street at the east gateway to the capital and Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District were built in April two years back, 10 000 flats were built on Hwasong Street in April last year and Rimhung Street appeared according to the house construction plan for 10 000 flats of the second stage in the Hwasong area in April this year.

Such innovative developments are the materialization of the people-oriented policy of the Workers' Party of Korea.

It is the noble desire of the WPK to provide citizens in the capital city with stable and civilized living conditions by building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a courageous decision to build 50 000 flats in Pyongyang at the historic Eighth Congress of the WPK and saw to it that the construction was pushed stubbornly.

The bird's-eye views and designs of dwelling houses he examined show his world of devoted service for the people.

He provided guidance over 1 000 mock-ups for Songhwa Street, more than 1 630 for the first-stage dwelling houses in the Hwasong area and nearly 1 000 for the second-stage section in the area.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un clearly elucidated the orientation and ways to build the second-stage houses in the area into a distinctive street with the features of a modern urban section, while devoting his heart and soul to the construction as he saw the layout of dwelling houses and their bird's eye views.

There are lots of nice living spaces in the world.

But the Korean people believe with great pride that they have the flourishing socialist living spaces that guarantee the achievement of their dreams, ideals, civilization and happiness.

On April 16 this year the General Secretary attended the splendid inaugural ceremony where fireworks were displayed in the nocturnal sky over the Hwasong area, cut the ribbon and warmly blessed the working people who would live in new houses.

The owners of new houses walked along Rimhung Street which broke new ground of architectural art as they sang the song *Don't Advance, Night of Pyongyang* which resounded until late at night that day and deepened their conviction about a better and happier future.

# Devoted service for people—essence and basis of WPK's politics



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Making selfless and devoted efforts for the good of the people is the essence and foundation of the politics of the Workers' Party of Korea.

It means that serving the interests of the people and providing them with convenience and boundless love for and devotion to them are the starting point and basis of the Party activities.

The new century of the Juche era is the era when the potential power of the WPK's politics with selfless and devoted service for the people as its essence and foundation has fully been demonstrated.

By thoroughly applying the people-first principle to all its work, the WPK has further cemented its ties of blood with the people and developed the single-hearted unity peculiar to the

DPRK into an irresistible force.

The noble appellation "motherly Party" is the title that the people awarded to the WPK which has recorded the longest ruling history of socialism on the sacred journey consistent with devoted service for the people.

The politics of the WPK with selfless and devoted service for the people as its essence and foundation are manifested in making great and courageous decisions without hesitation to fulfil the long-cherished desires of the people and implementing them without fail.

A miracle was performed to resolve the grave situation of unexpected outbreak of an epidemic disease in the shortest possible time and new dwelling houses were splendidly built in the areas afflicted by natural

disasters, and therefore the whole country resounded with hearty cheers of hurrah for the Workers' Party and socialism.

The great historic cause of legalizing the policy on the state nuclear forces was brilliantly accomplished to firmly defend the people's destiny, and entities for them spring up one after another in the face of the worst difficulties, like the ideal streets in the capital city of Pyongyang and modern farmhouses in rural areas. The reality is the results brought about by the people-first principle.

The WPK always sets higher goals for the people and advances towards development.

The WPK's plans and goals, the people-oriented characters and original features of its people-first politics are reflected in the successes demonstrating the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism, people-oriented policies which have constantly been enforced and further expanded even in the face of continued difficulties

and gigantic projects for creation undertaken on a larger scale.

Projects are now dynamically pushed ahead in all parts of the DPRK to implement the regional development policy of the WPK.

The effort to implement the Regional Development 20x10 Policy is a great revolution to eradicate the centuries-old backwardness of regional areas within ten years, help the regional people fulfil their cherished desire and bring about a change in their cognition.

As they can enjoy a better life only when the lines and policies of the WPK are translated into reality, the Korean people remain loyal to the leadership of the Party Central Committee.

A powerful socialist country will surely be built on this land, where all dreams and ideals of the people come true, under the leadership of the WPK which has taken roots deep in the ground called the people and makes selfless, devoted efforts only for the good of them.

## BYWORD

The idea of "The people are God" and devoted service for the good of the people are the foundation of all lines and policies of the Workers' Party of Korea, the starting point of state activities and an ideal epitomizing the original features of Korean socialism embodying the people-first principle.

## Idea of 'The people are God', devotion to people

In pursuance of this ideal, the DPRK undertakes and carries out projects for promoting the people's welfare one after another.

Thanks to the WPK which finds more work to remain faithful to its natural duty for

the people, shoulders heavy responsibilities by itself and confidently undertakes them, efforts for increased production and creation are being intensified in all economic sectors and units, the work to perfectly implement new regional

development policy is being pushed and the construction of flats for 50 000 families is progressing in a planned way in Pyongyang, while the far-reaching undertaking for the regional-industry revolution is being carried on.

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# Japan's arms buildup arouses international concern

By Kim Jin Hyang PT

On March 28, the budget for 2024 was approved by a majority of the ruling party and others at the full-dress session of the House of Councilors in Japan. On the basis of it, Japan will accelerate the development and deployment of new-type missiles, the building of warships with Aegis on board and import of latest weapons and equipment.

Over the past decade Japan's military spending has continuously been increasing, renewing its records.

The military expenditure for 2024 was also a record high.

The military spending which increased year on year has fuelled growing public discontent.

The government is faced with a barrage of protest and denunciations from the people of all social standings. They say that "though the citizens are forced to lead a hard life due to price hike, the defense expenditure rises to an astronomical amount" and ask "who would believe it, however hard they say Japan is not a military power, if it ranks third in the world in military expenditure" and "if they have already forgotten the lesson of Japan's past".

It is a well-known fact that Japan, a war criminal state in the Second World War, has never broken with the militarist past, but has been running

headlong toward military resurgence. In the past it pursued the policy stealthily while talking about "peace", but now it has become trickier to do it openly and recklessly.

In recent years alone, it has drastically adjusted the "security policy" and steadily eased the restrictions on arms export to seek radical development of its military capabilities.

It positively welcomed the organization of "AUKUS" (US, UK and Australia) which has a serious impact on regional peace and security balance and is now hell-bent on rigging up an "AUKUS+" in which it will also be involved.

Of course, such behaviour of Japan has come under fierce criticism from the international community.

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry denounced at a press conference on April 8 the attempt to expand "AUKUS", urging Japan to draw a deep lesson from history and behave itself in the field of military security.

Today the situation in the Asia-Pacific region is becoming more critical than any other place due to the US strategy for hegemony, aggravating military confrontation between nations with each passing day.

Japan, which has the past history of defeat, is advised to face up to the reality and take the right path.

# DPRK youth friendship delegation visits Russia

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A DPRK youth friendship delegation led by Kim Song Il, vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, left Pyongyang on April 26 to visit Russia.

They were seen off by officials of the youth league central committee and the Russian ambassador to the DPRK at Pyongyang International Airport.

A DPRK-Russia youth friendship gathering took place in Vladivostok of Russia on April 26 to mark the fifth anniversary of the meeting between Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Vladimir Putin, president of the Russian Federation.

Present there were members of the DPRK youth friendship delegation led by Kim Song Il, vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, the DPRK consul general in Vladivostok and staff members of his mission and personages of the Legislative Assembly of the Maritime Territory of the Russian Federation, the International Cooperation Bureau of the Maritime Territory Administration and the coordinating council of the United Russia Youth Guards and masses.

Speeches were made at the gathering.

The head of the DPRK youth friendship delegation and the DPRK consul general referred to the undying exploits President Kim Il Sung and Chairman

Kim Jong Il performed for the development of the DPRK-Russia friendly relations. And they stressed that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's first visit to Russia in April 2019 marked a turning point in further developing the relations between the two countries as required by the new era.

They said that the youths of the two countries should strengthen comradely unity and cooperation and revitalize multi-faceted exchanges and visits in the journey for comprehensively implementing the agreements reached at the historic summit, true to the noble intention of the leaders of the two countries.

The chairman of the Legislative Assembly of the Maritime Territory of the Russian Federation and the chairman of the Coordinating Council of the United Russia Youth Guards said that the Russia-DPRK summit in Vladivostok five years ago was an event of epochal significance and registered a new chapter for the development of the bilateral relations.

They stressed that Russia has a genuine friendly country like the DPRK and the current gathering is of very important character in this sense and that Russia would always be with the DPRK in the struggle for building a just new world. And they expressed the will to actively realize exchanges and cooperation in the youth and children's work and all other fields in the spirit of the agreement reached at the DPRK-Russia summit.

# Lives of women and babies hinge on midwives' role

May 5 is International Day of the Midwife.

On the occasion of the day every year, the International Confederation of Midwives promotes activities to give prominence to midwives in society and to encourage them to strive to improve medical service for pregnant women, nursing mothers and newborn babies.

The theme of International Day of the Midwife for this year is "Midwives: A vital climate solution".

Unexpected climate change caused by the influences of global warming affects humans greatly and seriously.

Communicable diseases are breaking out in different parts of the world before the aftermath of COVID-19 that swept the world has been cleared away, and they are severely threatening the lives of expectant and nursing

deaths per 100 000 live births and the newborn mortality to at least 12 deaths per 1 000 live births by 2030.

In the DPRK, where the state regards man as the most precious being and takes full charge and care of the people's health, excellent measures are taken for the protection of women's health.

Under the district doctor system that is being enforced only in the country, all pregnant women have regular checkups from doctors in charge. The number of checkups is 11, which is larger than 8, the maximum set by the WHO and UNFPA.

The pregnant women with abnormal health conditions can receive all kinds of necessary medical assistance without limit.

There are the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital that all the Korean women call "our parents' home" in Pyongyang



A midwife takes care of a nursing mother and newborn baby at the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital.

mothers and the newborn.

It is important to guarantee their lives with safer and scientific care to cope with climate change and the success greatly hinges on the sense of responsibility and role of midwives.

According to the UNFPA, the global temperature rise has increased pregnancy complications like pregnancy-induced hypertension and the risks of premature births and miscarriages and even endangered the lives of pregnant women.

It asserted that increasing the coverage of midwives by 25 percent up from the present could save some 2.2 million lives annually by 2035.

Different other international organizations recommend that the maternal mortality rate should be reduced to fewer than 70

and a maternity hospital in every province, and they provide excellent medical services to all pregnant women.

Positive efforts are also made to train midwives and improve their qualifications and abilities.

Moreover, midwives are given prominence and encouraged to do their work in a more responsible manner.

As social policies for protecting the people's lives and improving their health increase steadily, efforts are made to consolidate the material and technical foundations of the obstetrical and gynecological sector.

**Yu Hyang Suk**, chief of the Department of Women's Health Care of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital

## Briefly

### Russia

#### President refers to tasks to clear away aftermaths of flood damage

Russian President Putin referred to tasks to clear away the aftermaths of damage by spring floods at a conference on April 24.

He said that the system should be maintained and further perfected to cope with the occurrence of floods and other natural disasters and that there should be no deviation in compensating people for the damage from inundation.

He added that it is important to constantly control and manage the epidemic situation in the areas afflicted by such damage, tolerate no rise in the price of necessities and provide the victims with medical and legal assistance in time.

### Mexico

#### US is unqualified to talk about human rights

The Mexican President criticized the US foreign policy at a press conference on April 24.

The US State Department recently published the "country reports on human rights practices" to claim that Mexico violated human rights. As to this, the President said that the US is unqualified to talk about human rights as it brings deaths to innocent people by allocating large funds as war expenses wherever a dispute occurs throughout the world.

Decrying the US for having consistently pursued an arrogant and interventionist foreign policy since the advent of the Monroe Doctrine, he urged it to revise such policy and respect sovereign states.

### China

#### CDM to counter deployment of intermediate-range missiles

A spokesman for the Chinese Defence Ministry announced China's stand to counter the US' deployment of intermediate-range missiles at a press conference on April 25.

Earlier, the US made public that it finished the deployment of the missiles in the north of Luzon of the Philippines. Some analysts assert that they can hit the coast of China.

As to this, the spokesman stated that China adamantly opposes the US' missile deployment in the Asia-Pacific region.

### Iran

#### FM condemns EP's sinister attempt

A spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry decried and rejected the European Parliament's sinister design at a press conference on April 29.

Accusing the EP of having recently passed a resolution, he said that the Iranian Islamic Revolution Guards Corps plays a pivotal role in defending national security, guarding the border and defeating aggression and threat by foreign forces as regular armed forces of the country.



# Evening glow over Sea Kungang



## Sports roundup

By Kim Hak Chol PT

### Sports contest of workers in major industry sectors

The sports contest of workers in major industry sectors was held on the occasion of May Day.

In the first game of tug of war demonstrating teamwork by dint of strength, intelligence, technique and tactics, several teams drew attention, including the teams of coal, chemical, machine-building industry sectors and the land and maritime transport sector.

The games made deep impression on spectators as powerful yet vigorous teams played the games with single-minded unity between coaches and players.

"We could win the first game as we channelled great efforts into training. The expectations of workers for the games are very great. We will return the favour by winning the remaining games," said Ji Tong Guk, section chief of the February 8 Jiktong Youth Coal Mine who coached the tug of war of the coal industry sector team.

Meanwhile, the football tournament, one of the

symbolic events in sports, attracted interest from the beginning.

The fishery and coal industry sector teams belonging to group league A competed at Kim Il Sung Stadium on April 21.

The day's event was fiercer since the group league matches would be decided by only two rounds of game. In the course of this, 12 goals were made.

In the match between the forestry sector and land and maritime transport sector, player No. 13 from the latter netted three goals, thus scoring the first hat trick.

### Sports games of public health sector

The 11th sports games of the public health sector, which started on April 19, went on, divided into such events as basketball, volleyball and tennis.

The men's basketball, the women's volleyball, tennis, tug of war and other games were played at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on April 21 as round-robin or knockout matches.

The men's basketball match between the Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital

and the Academy of Medical Sciences drew the attention of spectators for its drastic situation. The Academy of Medical Sciences, which took the initiative in the match, won it by employing diverse and unexpected tactics against the latter's offensive and defence to turn the table on its opponent.

The Korea General Red Cross Hospital overpowered the Kim Man Yu Hospital in the men's basketball event which was held earlier.

The Korea General Red Cross Hospital and the Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital teams saw off the Academy of Medical Sciences and the Kim Man Yu Hospital 3-2 and 2-0 respectively in the women's volleyball event.

The tennis matches, which were held on a knockout basis divided into men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles, were also close contests.

In the men's doubles game between the Namsan Hospital and the Ryugyong Dental Hospital, the latter won the former.

The Ryugyong Dental Hospital team also beat another rival in the next-stage game.

## Painter Choe Puk

By Song Jong Ho PT

Choe Puk (1720-1770) was born into a poor peasant family in a rural village as the eldest son. His courtesy name was Songgi and pen name Chilchil.

He was a man of strong will and pure conscience. His pictures greatly contributed

to the development of realistic landscape painting of Korea in the 18th century.

As he was a man of strong character, he never fawned upon the powerful nor drew pictures he was reluctant to paint. According to an anecdote, when a nobleman in authority forced him to draw a picture, Choe refused to do so even by pricking his

one eye to become blind.

He was good at drawing landscapes, flowers, birds, animals, stones of fantastic shape and old trees. He especially excelled in landscape.

Among his masterpieces are "Midsummer", "Mt Kungang", "Summer Scenery" and "The Hawk and the Rabbit".

## Isonnam Falls

By Choe Yong Nam PT

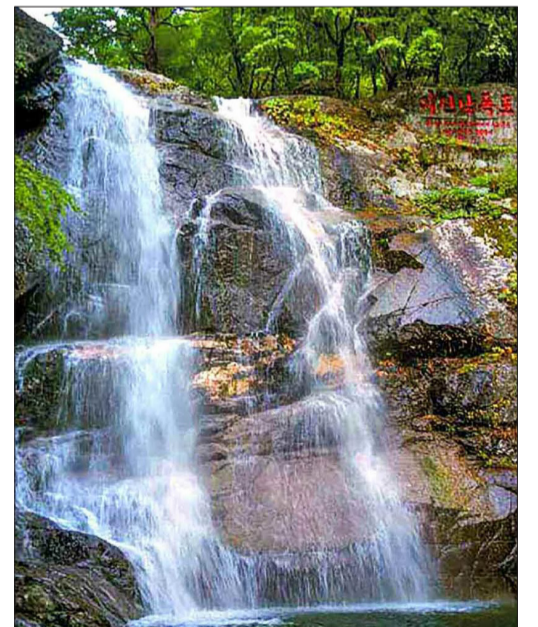
Isonnam Falls are located in the Chonthae Valley of Mt Myohyang, a celebrated mountain of Korea.

The two streams of the waterfall are 22 metres high and 6-10 metres and 4-8 metres wide respectively.

They fall down along the sloping rock and throw water forward, caught by the projections of the rock.

There is a 3m-deep pond hollowed by the falling water below the falls.

Isonnam Falls add to natural beauty in the area for their singular and beautiful appearance.



Isonnam Falls.

