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*The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
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'Biography of KIM JONG IL'

Kim Jong Il was born as the son of President Kim Il Sung and the anti-Japanese war heroine Kim Jong Suk at the *Paektusan Secret Camp* on February 16, 1942.

- Received general education from September 1950 to August 1960.
- Attended Kim Il Sung University from September 1960 to March 1964.
- Admitted to the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) on July 22, 1961.
- Appointed an officer of the WPK Central Committee in June 1964 and successively held the posts of section chief, deputy department director and department director of the WPK CC.
- Elected member of the WPK CC at the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Fifth WPK CC in October 1972, and secretary of the WPK CC at the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Fifth WPK CC in September 1973.
- Elected member of the Political Committee of the WPK CC and acclaimed heir to President Kim Il Sung at the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Fifth WPK CC in February 1974.
- Elected member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK CC, secretary of the WPK CC and member of the WPK Central Military Commission at the Sixth Congress of the WPK in October 1980.
- Elected deputy to the 7th to 12th Supreme People's Assemblies (SPA) of the DPRK between February 1982 and March 2009.
- Elected First Vice-chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission at the First Session of the 9th SPA in May 1990.
- Appointed Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army in December 1991.
- Awarded the title of the DPRK Marshal in April 1992.

- Elected Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission at the Fifth Session of the 9th SPA in April 1993.

- Elected General Secretary of the WPK in October 1997 and re-elected General Secretary of the WPK at the Third Conference of the WPK in September 2010.

- Re-elected Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission at the First Session of the 10th SPA in September 1998, at the First Session of the 11th SPA in September 2003 and at the First Session of the 12th SPA in April 2009.

- Passed away from a sudden illness caused by excessive mental and physical exertions while working heart and soul for the building of a thriving country and the improvement of the people's standard of living during his trip for field guidance of high intensity on December 17, 2011.

The army and people of the DPRK held Kim Jong Il in high esteem as the eternal General Secretary of the WPK and the eternal Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission at the Fourth Conference of the WPK in April 2012 and at the Fifth Session of the 12th SPA in April 2012, respectively.

The army and people of the DPRK held Kim Jong Il in high esteem as the eternal leader of the WPK at the Seventh Congress of the WPK in May 2016.

- Published a great number of works, including those compiled in the 15-volume *'Kim Jong Il's Selected Works'* and the 10-volume *'Accomplishment of Juche Revolutionary Cause'*, through energetic and brilliant ideological and theoretical activities.

- Awarded the titles of the DPRK Hero in 1975, 1982, 1992 and 2011 respectively, Kim Il Sung Order in 1978, 1982, 1992 and 2012, Kim Il Sung Prize in February 1973 and March 2012, and many other decorations and medals.

- Awarded the title of the DPRK Generalissimo in February 2012.

- Paid visits to foreign countries covering a distance of 98 000 km from January 1959 to August 2011 on 18 occasions.

- Received 401 decorations, medals and honorary titles from foreign countries.

(Naenara.kp, January 24)

'Kim Jong Il a People Leader'



February 16th , the day when the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL was born , is celebrated by the Korean people and friends of People's Korea such as the Korean Friendship Association as the *'Day of the Shining Star'*. This year is the 80th anniversary of the birth of comrade KIM JONG IL, who led the Korean people for many decades and was the successor to the great leader President KIM IL SUNG.

Why is this date so important, why do the Korean people and KFA celebrate this day? There are several answers but can be summarised as follows; firstly because of the great work for the Korean people and the building of independent People's Korea and also the fact that comrade KIM JONG IL was a true people's leader who believed in doing everything for the people.

The great leader Comrade KIM JONG IL was born the son of guerrillas on February 16th 1942. Our UK Korean Friendship Association delegation visited his birthplace at Mt Paektu in August 2017. We saw the humble log cabin where he was born. He did not come from a privileged background but was brought up in

clothes made from old uniforms and spent his childhood in a simple log cabin. He witnessed the severe anti - Japanese war and later as a young boy also witnessed the Fatherland Liberation War against the American imperialist aggressors which not only saw many cruel atrocities by the US troops but saw their defeat in 1953.

The words '*people's leader*' and '*dear leader*' (as the Korean people started to call KIM JONG IL in the early 1970s) have an especially deep meaning. In the capitalist countries of the West a leader is just a politician who sits in an office all day or talks meaningless rubbish in an assembly or parliament. Such leaders are remote from the people. However the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL was always amongst the people. As a student, comrade KIM JONG IL worked on construction sites in Pyongyang and also in a textile machinery factory. In the capitalist societies it would be inconceivable for the son of a leader of the nation to be working at a construction site or indeed for someone who had worked in factory or at building site to become the leader of the country, in the West power is only reserved for the privileged and the plutocracy.

The great leader comrade KIM JONG IL put the living standards of the Korean people first .He said that they should make a flower bloom on the rock if it was for the people. He made long journeys to give guidance to local units, fully practising the *Chongsan Ri* method of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG (the *Chongsan ri* method is the method of work of the Workers' Party of Korea whereby the superior always goes down to the lower units and mixes with the masses).

Rain, snow or sunshine, leader KIM JONG IL gave on the spot guidance. In the period of the '*Arduous March*' and '*forced march*' which lasted from September 1994 to December 1999 comrade KIM JONG IL gave on the spot guidance 247 times covering a distance of 129,000 km. The great leader comrade KIM JONG IL dressed in a simple Parka which he kept The only parka he wore from the days of the '*Arduous March*' to the last days of his life is vivid evidence showing what a thorny path he had to traverse with patriotic devotion to defend his socialist country. for many years. As dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN wrote:

*'The only parka he wore from the days of the Arduous March
to the last days of his life is vivid evidence showing
what a thorny path he had to traverse with patriotic
devotion to defend his socialist country'*

Comrade KIM JONG IL was indeed a humble people's leader.

The achievements of comrade KIM JONG IL are indeed great. He defended Juche - based Korean style socialism in the trying period when socialism collapsed in a number of countries and when the Western imperialist countries led by the US ran riot in their attempts to destroy the DPRK by one means and another. Comrade KIM JONG IL turned People's Korea into a nuclear power. Korea once had only

simple rifles and was unable to defend itself against Japan but now it has its own nuclear deterrent and can repel any aggressor.

Therefore KFA UK joins with our friends , the great Korean people in celebrating the 80th anniversary of the birth of the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL.

(Dr Dermot Hudson, Deputy Editor / Reviewer 'PKT',
General Chairman KFA UK)

'Korean People's Army - An Army of people serving the nation'



On 8th of February 2022 we will celebrate the 74th anniversary of the Korean People's Army foundation as a regular army.

The history of the Korean People's Army goes back to the beginnings of the resistance movement against the Japanese invaders and has long tradition with brave soldiers.

The origins of the people's army in the DPRK date back to 1932. In that year on April 25th, Kim Il Sung was established as the predecessor of today's KPA under the name: Korean People's Revolutionary Army, then the Korean People's Revolutionary Army was transformed into the regular army on 8th February 1948.

The Korean army of simple peasants liberated the country from Japanese occupation of many years and resisted the imperialist invaders of the US during

the Korean War 1950 - 1953

This history of the deeds of heroic soldiers and their brave glorious days does not die. It lasts in the memory of Korean generations. It is a monument, a will, a milestone.

The Korean army builds thousands of houses and flats for ordinary citizens, helps in situations where there is a threat of natural disasters, and is everywhere where there is an urgent need to quickly build strategic facilities for the national economy or investments in domestic agriculture and other spheres of socio-economic life, where it is necessary to accelerate and overcome difficulties, which are cannot be overcome by usual forces.

The Korean People's Army is original in character and temperament; this character distinguishes the army from other social groups. The temperament of this army is the most militant and patriotic temperament in the world. Not only this but the soldiers of the KPA have an original and extremely strongly developed temperament with a high level of training, not only in combat, but also with a high ideological and political level, which allows for efficient and successful performance of the country's defense tasks and undertakings of helping ordinary people in various situations, when they need this help and support. All of these tasks KPA willingly does with the great organizational spirit and discipline, unity and patriotic heroism in the love for ordinary peoples.

The Korean People's Army is by its very nature a '*nationwide organism*', it brings together representatives of all social strata and groups into one class, the class of the army defending the Korean socialist revolution under the leadership of the communist party - Workers Party of Korea. KPA is a school with a sense of duty and civic integration. The Korean People's Army is therefore a natural advocate of a broad, realistic understanding and national alliance in line with the principles of socialism, in line with the ideological direction of the Juche philosophy, where man is the center of everything as a world master in the process of transforming nature for himself needs in Korean, historically shaped conditions.

Brave soldiers of the KPA express their unique temperament, with the spirit to defend the leader with ordinary people at the risk of their lives. The KPA carries out and will carry out all orders, even those that would bring heroic death to soldiers, if required by the defense of socialism, they will carry out these orders with unshakable will, revolutionary militancy, heroism and burning hatred to the enemy

In the imperialist countries and their armies there is a different kind of the 'militant spirit' than in the KPA. The army in the exploitive society of capitalist countries are proud of them soldiers temperament which is in order and service to ruling class oppression tasks to the other social classes and based on just military

training to create obedient cruel murderers without any hesitates and scruples in carrying out orders to corrupt politicians of the capitalist authorities.

The Korean People's Army is the main force of revolution. The force, which next to the working class plays a main role in the socialist transformation What does mean?

The Korean People's Army appears wherever it is needed to accelerate work in important areas on socialist construction sites. It is the army, which conducts not the military activities only, is active and plays a great role in building up the socialism system in the economy and other spheres of the country's life. The Korean army builds thousands of houses and flats for ordinary citizens, helps in situations where there is a threat of natural disasters, and is everywhere where there is an urgent need to quickly build strategic facilities for the national economy or investments in domestic agriculture and other spheres of socio-economic life, where it is necessary to accelerate and overcome difficulties.

An important aspect that deserves emphasis, deserve to highlight, is the ideological position of the KPA and its role in the socialist revolution, in the construction of Korean-style socialism

In reference to Marxism-Leninism, it is the working class that is the core and the main force of the revolution in the process of building socialism. However, the 'soul' and essence of Marxism is always adjusting subjective conditions to objective reality, to the historical, material and social conditions in which the country is building socialism. This is why in DPRK the main force in the process of revolutionary transformation of society and a kind of guardian of the revolution is the KPA. The Korean Songun politics, it is the correct and most appropriate response to the Korean conditions created by history and the current socio-political situation in this region of the world. Therefore, applying the Marxist fundamental thesis about the dictatorship of the proletariat and the working class as the main force in building socialism, the KPA plays an equally important role, the role of not only a military, but also an ideological, political force in the process of building socialism. Korean People's Army with the slogan: *'We undertake both socialist construction and national defense'*.

There is no question of rejection or contradiction of Marxism or Leninism, therefore with Marxism - Leninism is alive, developmental and not dogmatic in practical life and the realities, objective conditions of the country that builds socialism. Songun Politics with KPA, as a main force to defend and expedite the whole of socialist construction, while not denying the role of the working class, shows us how Marxism - Leninism can be vividly and creatively applied to the concrete realities and objective conditions of DPRK.

The main aspect here is the understanding that it is the objective conditions of a

country that determine the dominant power in the social class that is at the fore in the revolution and the building of socialism. These objective conditions and their understanding are the basis of the Marxist materialist analysis by which the revolution and the process of building socialism can be successfully conducted, as it is in the DPRK.

'The criterion for defining the main force of revolution should not be an established formula or precedent, but actual conditions. History advanced far, working many changes. Notwithstanding, if one is to define the problem of the main force after the preceding formula, the result will certainly miss the mark.

The mode of politics which gave a perfect answer to the problem of the main force of revolution at the present time is the Korean Songun politics authored by Leader Kim Jong Il.'

(Dr Jahangir Khan 'Global Army. Songun Internationale'

The designation of the principal force in the revolution process as the Korean People's Army does not negate or reject other forces in the process of revolution. The working class, the progressive working intelligentsia and farmers in a united front alliance led by Workers Party of Korea in a joint alliance of united social classes are building Korean socialism. so the true Marxism of Leninism is expressed precisely in the Korean realities, where, by refuting the dogmatic approach in pseudo - Marxism with expressed revisionists dogmatic approach or adherence to the wrong interpretive principles of the Marxism - Leninism, as we see in many so - called communist's parties in European countries). It has been shown that the correct application of the principles of Marxism-Leninism, consists in its innovative and usual approach based on concrete and real objective social, material and historical conditions, and on it is precisely the adaptation to these conditions of Marxism - Leninism, as in the conditions of the DPRK, which is expressed in the leading role of such a social class as the KPA is.

Because:

' ... for it is not revisionism to introduce such additions to the science of Marxism that reflect the reality of life or a changed life. It is, however, revisionism to introduce new theoretical principles into the science of Marxism, when these principles do not correspond to the possibilities of shaping life in accordance with the predictions contained in them, i.e. they are not in accordance with the laws governing social development ... '

(W. Namiotkiewicz 'Political Thought of Marxism and revisionism')

As we can see, the concept of the main force in the revolutionary process and in the process to build up the construction of socialism as the Korean People's Army, is deeply related to the Marxist position and reflects the creative and practical

application of Marxism, to the concrete conditions of the Korean road to socialism, resulting from historical and current strategic, political conditions and needs of Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Korean People's Army is made up of people and among people. It means, it is the best model of military power and ideological and political power in the history and experiences of the world communist movement, which serves the socialist revolution and the building of a just social and political system, a socialist system that is an introduction to a developed communist society towards which the DPRK is heading, and is on the best possible path by the Korean People's Army.

Even in the most difficult periods of Korean history, in the long and thorny path of the heroes of the Korean army, the revolutionary guerrilla spirit, the spirit of Mount Paektu established in the first years of this army, survived, hardened and strengthened over the decades. The Korean People's Army has always been - and still is - one of those institutions, social classes, that in the DPRK invariably surround the public with respect and trust.

Today's Korean Army is the heir and continuator of all revolutionary and patriotic currents of Korean society, from the creation of the first organization of resistance against the Japanese occupiers - Down with Imperialism Union and first military guerillas groups of the Korean Revolutionary People's Army - to the present day in the 21st century, the century in which the KPA has become a global military super - power under the leadership and guidance of the Marshall Kim Jong Un and Central Military Commission of the Central Committee of the Central Committee of Workers Party of Korea. It is also a qualitatively new army, actively participating in social life, in building the country's material prosperity, but also sharing the joys and concerns of society.

So, the Korean nation gave the army a weapon, the party - a political thought, an ingenious strategy and tactics of the priority of military issues in defense of the socialist revolution - Songun Politic. How to use this weapon efficiently and responsibly - this is the basic duty of teaching a Korean soldier. It is this thought to be guided in daily service, the thought of self-sacrifice and patriotic service to society, is the basic imperative of the revolutionary army as the Korean People's Army is.

DPRK has a good, well - trained and reliable military force. Millions of men and women in equal rights in the decades since the emergence of this military force - Korean People's Army - have made and continue to make their personal contribution and sacrifice to the country's defense and contribute to the strengthening of the Korean country. It is worth emphasizing that the Songun doctrine is defensive, not attacking. The Songun doctrine is often misleadingly portrayed as an arms policy aimed at aggression against other countries. These nonsense and lies are the result of propaganda hostile to the DPRK by the

capitalist countries of imperialism. Songun Politic assumes the maintenance of the independent development of the KPA's military potential at a level ensuring sufficient defense of the country and not the size necessary for an attack and advantage over any country.

Moreover, as said before, the Korean People's Army is one of the largest military powers in the world, equipped with nano - modern combat equipment and means of armed struggle with incomparable conventional and nuclear weapons. Strengthened by discipline and ideologically strong, it protects its homeland and all the people who live in it.

So, on the February anniversary day, let us remember about all the heroic soldiers who, with their difficult daily service, ensure the security of the Korean homeland and guard its borders on land, sea and air. They serve not for honors and orders but for the society to feel safe in their country. This is their honorary task, the task performed by the soldiers of the KPA to defend and protect what serves the motherland and to repel what threatens it. all forces protecting the external and internal security of the Korean state headed by the KPA will never evade this obligation.

Every Korean citizen, every Korean family can be sure that they are safe and that no one will cross the Korean border even one millimeter with malicious intent. And if he does, it will be his last thing ...

We pay tribute to all in the service of the Korean revolutionary army, of the Korean People's Army - who have contributed and continue to contribute to the strengthening of the defense of the DPRK. Take care of the cohesion of the whole great revolutionary military family, protect our beloved Leader Marshall Kim Jong Un with ordinary people. Protect also the dignity of a KPA soldier.

Dear Korean People's Army soldiers, be steadfastly faithful to your oath in the immortal spirit of the Korean revolution to guard against every enemy always and everywhere, protect the borders reliably, defend the socialist state - Korea of Juche and serve the ordinary people!

Be militant, brave and faithful to the glorious traditions of revolutionary struggles and the hundreds of heroes who gave their lives and shed their blood in defense of the Korean state and the Korean revolution!

This is the most important message. It is a continuous order.

(Alan Bolon, Main Graphic Editor 'PKT',
Organisation Secretary KFA UK,
Chairman West of England Branch KFA UK)

'People Are Masters of Everything'



A few years ago, a video edited by a TV reporter of a Western country after visiting the Democratic People's Republic of Korea drew people's attention. The video showed the Korean people enjoying modern civilization at such bases of cultural and leisure activities as the *Munsu Water Park*, the *Rungna People's Recreation Park*, the *People's Open-Air Ice Rink* and the *May Day Stadium*, and trams and trolley buses running along the streets.

The people who saw it said: I didn't know that Pyongyang is such a beautiful city; I want to visit Pyongyang someday.

Singaporean media reported:

The DPRK has reached a high level of urban development. The streets are full of life. *Mirae Scientists Street* and *Ryomyong Street*, which are formed with modern skyscrapers, demonstrate both the mettle and aesthetic beauty of the times—posh, dignified and weighty.

What is more noteworthy in the country is not the developing urban areas, but the fact that masters of those things are the working people.

In fact, the country provides the working people free of charge with such houses,

dream houses for the Westerners.

Also needed here is to see the impressions of foreigners from the *Songdowon International Children's Camp* on the eastern coast of the country.

In brief, the impressions are that first, it provides modern facilities to young campers free of charge; second, sons and daughters of the working people and even orphans go to such a wonderful camp, where in other countries only children of millionaires and other privileged persons go; third, these are all application and fruition of the consistent and unshakable policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government.

Upholding the slogan *'Everything for the people, everything by relying on them!'* the Party and the government see to it that all officials make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people.

The policy speech Kim Jong Un delivered at the Fifth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, held in September 2021, testifies to this.

Saying that the Party and government will be infinitely loyal to the great people and will display to the full their heavy mission and responsibility with their greatest efforts, Kim Jong Un called on them to work vigorously for the prosperity and development of the great country, the DPRK, for the happiness and security of the great people, and the new development of socialist construction of the country's own style, upholding the slogans of *'The people are God'*, single-hearted unity and self-reliance.

As Kim Jong Un, who devotes his all for the people, administers people-first politics, the DPRK will develop into a country where the people enjoy all the benefits as masters of everything.

(European Office of the Korea Publications,
Exchange Association)

'Appellation Unique to the Workers' Party of Korea'

The first word everyone learns at the start of his or her life is mother.

The people in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea call the Workers' Party of Korea motherly party. Why do they do that?

It is the motto of the WPK that for it the people are the most valuable, their interest is the most sacred and its existence is solely for their good.

From the earliest days of its founding (October 10, 1945), the WPK, regarding it

as its mission to take full responsibility for the destiny of the people, has served them for over 70 years.

That is the reason why the people call the WPK motherly party.

Recently, the Korean people have suffered a series of natural disasters like typhoon and flooding. Many people lost their houses.

But they did not lose heart or feel hopeless because they were well aware that the WPK would take care of them as it had done before.

Actually the WPK went closer to them to relieve them of sufferings just like a mother would not turn away from the misfortune of her children.

The WPK saw to it that all the country's resources - human, material and technical - were mobilized for and focused on the building of new houses for the victims.

While the houses were under construction, the offices of county Party committees were offered to the victims and the officials worked in makeshift tents.

True to the will of the WPK that there is no issue more pressing than removing the pain of the people and more important than relieving them of misfortune, the builders erected new houses for the victims in a short time. Thus the victims could move to the new houses which were far better than their previous ones and fully furnished.

This fact alone is sufficient to show why the Korean people call the WPK motherly party.

Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the WPK, once said: Whether in times of happiness or of difficulty, our people invariably follow our Party, calling it motherly party; the motherly party are not words coined by a thinker, a politician or a leader of the working class but an honorary title and appellation our people gave to the WPK; our Party must, at all costs, prove itself worthy of the great trust of the people who unreservedly address it as '*mother*' and, to this end, it must become a genuine '*servant*' party for the people.

He regards becoming a servant for the people not as any duty, responsibility or obligation, but as the requirement of his life and the most worthwhile and happy right.

Many political parties existed in the history of mankind but none of them have been called motherly party and become a servant party.

True to his pledge that he would respect the people and remain faithful to the revolution at any time and at any place even though he were to be torn to pieces, Kim Jong Un devotes himself to the good of the people day and night.

With a view to supplying a sufficient amount of fish to orphans, he visited a windy port on the east coast and initiated the establishment of a fishery station solely dedicated to this end. And he took the responsibility for the work of baby homes, orphanages and old people's rest homes across the country.

On a stormy day he looked round the streets of the capital city out of his concern for the citizens. When a region of the country was severely hit by flooding and typhoon, he, saying that the victims who had lost their homes were eagerly waiting for him outdoors, continued a risky trip along muddy roads and dangerous sodden railway embankments which might collapse any moment after the flood.

Yangdok Hot Spring Resort, a comprehensive spa therapy base and a multi-functional sports and cultural centre built in the central part of the DPRK, is also permeated with Kim Jong Un's benevolence.

Always paying close attention to developing the rich spa resources of the country, he travelled to the *Yangdok* area and looked round the area, crossing rugged mountains and acquainting himself in detail with the amount of water gushing from the spa and its surrounding environment.

Then he proposed developing this area into a modern spa resort and guided the entire process of its construction. He examined more than 2 000 designs for it. And one day just before its inauguration he visited it and personally took the cable car to the top of the ski route, saying that he thought that his ride was better than ten times of test run and the people would feel safe if they were told that he himself had taken the cable car.

The city of *Samjiyon* in the northern part of the DPRK is also associated with the devotion of Kim Jong Un to the people.

In order to build it into a model of a mountain town Kim Jong Un visited construction sites several times in spite of midsummer heat and intensive cold of midwinter and meticulously led the entire process of the project.

It was reported that he examined about 8 800 detail designs for the city.

The project for building 10 000 flats which would transform the area of *Songsin* and *Songhwa* in Pyongyang in a year's time in 2021 was not an easy decision to make.

It was a very difficult project several times bigger than the construction of

Ryomyong Street in Pyongyang which had attracted the attention of the world several years before. Moreover it was executed when the border was sealed owing to the worldwide public health crisis.

However, the difficult condition could not daunt Kim Jong Un. Regarding the project not as a work for economic profit, but as an ennobling undertaking for making all the wealth of the state and the result of the creative labour of the working people serve the people themselves, he personally participated in the ground breaking ceremony for the project and energetically led the entire process of the construction.

See what I do to serve the people, and you will know what my idea is—this is his innermost feeling.

True to his lofty intention and spirit of devoted service for the people that it should be the servant of the people, the WPK is continuing its sacred march to prove itself worthy of its appellation, motherly party.

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KFA in UK ACTIVITIES & NEWS

***The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the UK Korean Friendship Association,
and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification
in Korea issued a joint statement
supporting the decisions of the significant meeting
of the 6th Political Bureau of the 8th Central Committee
of the Workers Party of Korea***

Recently the Political Bureau of the 8th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) held its 6th meeting in Pyongyang under the guidance of the General Secretary of the WPK, respected Marshal KIM JONG UN. At the meeting a resolution titled:

*'On celebrating with splendor the 110th birth anniversary
of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung
and the 80th birth anniversary of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il'*

The Political Bureau of the WPK decided to celebrate the highly significant national holidays of the DPRK in grand style stressing that:

*'No holidays: are more significant than the Day of the Sun
and the Day of the Shining Star for our Party and people struggling
to carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause
of the President and the Chairman under the uplifted banner
of great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism'*

This is indeed a momentous decision of the Political Bureau of the WPK.

We are sure that the Korean people under the leadership of the WPK will meaningfully and splendidly celebrate the 110th birth anniversary of the great leader comrade KIM IL SUNG and the 80th birth anniversary of the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL.

The Political Bureau of the WPK also discussed the threat to independence and sovereignty of the DPRK being posed by the continued and unending hostile policy of the US. Although the DPRK held several summits with the US and also took a number of steps to reduce tension, the US has continued with military exercises and also brought a large quantity of military hardware into south Korea.

Recently the US nuclear submarine, the *USS Nevada*, has appeared in Guam and is a direct threat to the DPRK. Moreover the US has imposed more than 20 sanctions on the DPRK and even tried to railroad additional sanctions through the UN Security Council. The meeting noted that:

*'All the facts clearly prove once again that the hostile policy
towards the DPRK will exist in the future,
too as long as there is the hostile entity of U.S. imperialism'*

This is indeed true. The aggressive, predatory and reactionary nature of US imperialism can never change as long as the earth exists. Seeing that the threat posed by the US and its hostile policy has reached the danger line, the Political Bureau of the WPK resolved to bolster national defence and to resume temporarily suspended activities. This is the correct decision and indeed a momentous one which will safeguard the independence and sovereignty of the DPRK. It is a just decision to which will defend the socialist system of the Korean style and the destiny of the Korean people. It is the independent and sovereign right of the Korean people to take whatever counter-measures including ICBM test and nuclear test, to defend their socialist system and their lives.

Our organisations strongly support and applaud the great decisions of the 6th Political Bureau meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the WPK!

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, UK KFA, BSCPRKP)

***The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the UK Korean Friendship Association,
and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification
on the Korean Peninsula, issued a statement on the formation of a
UK Preparatory Committee
for Celebrating the Day of the 'Shining Star'***

This is an extremely significant year which will see the 110th anniversary of the birth of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG, the 80th anniversary of the birth of the great leader chairman KIM JONG IL, the 10th anniversary of the election of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN to the position of supreme leadership and the 105th anniversary of the birth of the anti - Japanese war heroine, Madame KIM JONG SUK. The anniversary of the birth of the Chairman KIM JONG IL was designated by the Korean people as the Day of the Shining Star . Therefore we are forming this Preparatory Committee as our humble contribution to the important celebrations. Chairman KIM JONG IL was born 80 years ago on Mt Paektu , the son of anti-Japanese revolutionary guerrillas. He was the successor to the great Juche revolutionary cause started by the great leader comrade KIM IL SUNG. Comrade KIM JONG IL led the Korean revolution to victory by developing the Juche idea in depth and administering the Songun (army-first politics). Thanks to the leadership of comrade KIM JONG IL the DPRK was turned into a socialist military power and a nuclear state .Moreover comrade KIM JONG IL worked hard for Korean reunification and held the first - ever inter - Korean summit. Comrade KIM JONG IL defended socialism and fought for global independence. It is for all the reasons above that the Korean people and world progressive people uphold the leadership and legacy of the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL and proudly celebrate the anniversary of his birth as the Day of the Shining Star. We will set the period until the 17th of February as a period of study and reflection and we will study the revolutionary activities, ideas and theories of comrade KIM JONG IL in depth.

We will co-operate with different organisations and political parties including the New Communist Party of Britain. We aim to organize events to meaningfully celebrate this very important occasion. We will organize online events such as a seminar and poetry evening and other activities.

UK Preparatory Committee for the '*Day of the Shining Star*'.

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, UK KFA, BSCPRKP)

***The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the UK Korean Friendship Association,
and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification
on the Korean Peninsula, issued the following communication
in support of the statement of the spokesperson
of the Foreign Ministry (FM)
of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)***

On Friday 14th of January, a spokesperson for the DPRK Foreign Ministry issued a statement titled '*Bolstering Defence Capability Is Legitimate Right of Sovereign State*' which asserted the independent and sovereign right of the DPRK to test missiles as a purely self-defensive measure which is not aimed at anyone . The statement reclaimed the basic stand of the DPRK on self-defence and war deterrence which had been public by respected Marshal KIM JONG UN last October.

Despite the fact that the DPRK's missile test is purely self-defensive and threatens no one, the US has acted in a high-handed, hostile, mean and provocative manner by making threats against People's Korea including reference to the US marionette, the UN Security Council and even the threat of so-called '*independent sanctions*' against the DPRK. The US imposed sanctions on the DPRK last December and has recently sanctioned a number of DPRK citizens.

Sanctions are basically a hostile act, a very hostile act against the DPRK. Sanctions are a form of warfare and an attempt to deny the existence of the DPRK.

As the statement of the spokesperson of the DPRK FM states:

*'This shows that though the present U.S. administration
is trumpeting about diplomacy and dialogue,
it is still engrossed in its policy for isolating and stifling the DPRK'*

This is indeed true; the so-called peace advocated by the administration of Sleepy Joe Biden, is a fake one aimed at luring the DPRK into the trap of one-sided and unilateral disarmament as well as liquidating the socialist system of the DPRK by stealthy means. It could only be a good thing that People's Korea has seen through this smokescreen of deception.

Self -defence is the legitimate right of People's Korea which is faced by many well armed and dangerous adversaries such as the US which twice used nuclear weapons against a non nuclear state.

We strongly support the statement of the spokesperson of the DPRK FM and we support any further measures that the DPRK may take in order to defend its right to exist and its socialist system from the US!

HANDS OFF PEOPLE'S KOREA !

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, UK KFA, BSCPRKP)

***The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the UK Korean Friendship Association,
and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification,
issued the following joint statement denouncing the statement
adopted by some members of the UN Security Council which took
issue with the legitimate right of the DPRK to self-defence***

Last week People's Korea successfully tested a hypersonic missile thereby increasing its capacity for self-defence. However the US, which is the biggest possessor of nuclear weapons and missiles in the entire world, decided to make an issue of it and pick on the DPRK. It instigated its vassal states and puppets such as Britain, France, Ireland and Albania, to call a closed door meeting of the UN Security Council (UNSC) on Monday 9th of January. The UNSC failed to agree a statement condemning the DPRK or to impose further sanctions on the DPRK . Notwithstanding this failure and its isolation from the world community, the US prodded its surrogates and satellites into issuing a pathetic statement condemning the DPRK for simply exercising its own sovereignty and legitimate right to self-defence.

Our organisations strongly denounce this so-called statement. It is a gross interference in the DPRK's sovereignty. Some countries are blind to the massive threat to world peace posed by the US nuclear arsenal and keep silent about it whilst constantly criticizing the DPRK. Some countries including the UK in particular need to stop siding with the US and fully assert their independence.

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, UK KFA, BSCPRKP)



***The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the UK Korean Friendship Association,
and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification,
issued the following joint statement
on the 1st anniversary of the election
of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN
as General Secretary of the Workers Party of Korea
by the 8th Congress of the Workers Party of Korea***

One year has now passed since the historic 8th Congress of the WPK elected respected Marshal KIM JONG UN as General Secretary of the WPK, the supreme general staff of the Korean revolution and guiding force of the Korean people. The election of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN as general secretary of the WPK reflected the unanimous will and desire of the all members of the WPK and the entire Korean people to have him at the head of the Party and the Korean people. It was a great manifestation of the single-hearted unity of the Korean people around the Party and leader as well as at the same time a reflection of the great trust and faith of the Korean people in respected Marshal KIM JONG UN as the supreme leader of the Korean revolution.

During the past year general secretary respected comrade KIM JONG UN has led the Korean people along the straight road of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the great and true road of Juche. Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN has worked hard to implement the decisions of the 8th Congress of the WPK. He has led the struggle for socialist construction and initiated many projects. He has worked to continuously improve the living standards of the Korean people. Moreover he has organised the responsible work to resolute smash anti-socialist and non socialist behaviors. Also respected Marshal KIM JONG UN wisely led the work of building up national defence; great successes were achieved such as the launch of a hypersonic missile and a new type Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile.

We are convinced that with respected Marshal KIM JONG UN at the helm of the Party new and greater victories will be achieved. We are sure that greater successes will be made in implementing the decisions of the 8th Congress of the WPK and the 4th Plenary meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the WPK.

Glory to General Secretary respected Marshal KIM JONG UN.

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, UK KFA, BSCPRKP)

***The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the UK Korean Friendship Association,
and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification,
issued the following joint statement
on the occasion the birthday of the dear respected Marshal
Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of
Korea, President of the State Affairs of the DPRK
and supreme commander of the Korean Peoples Army,
which falls on the 8th of January 2022***

Dear respected Marshal Kim Jong Un has been leading the DPRK for the past nine years and has pushed forward the Songun revolutionary cause and Juche revolutionary cause following in the footsteps of the great generalissimo's Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il. Dear respected Marshal Kim Jong Un is holding aloft the red banner of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

Dear respected leader Marshal Kim Jong Un is distinguished by extraordinary energy ,stamina, remarkable dynamism as well as profound devotion to the revolutionary cause, deep concern for the lives of the people and fidelity to the Juche revolutionary cause.

Dear respected Marshal Kim Jong Un made a most memorable impact at Kim Il Sung Military University by writing a brilliant thesis on the outstanding military art of the great leader generalissimo Kim Il Sung in the Fatherland Liberation War. Dear respected Marshal Kim Jong Un in the past year has written many works such as:

***'LET US BRILLIANTLY ACCOMPLISH THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE OF JUCHE,
HOLDING KIM JONG IL IN HIGH ESTEEM
AS THE ETERNAL GENERAL SECRETARY OF OUR PARTY'***

***'LET US MARCH FORWARD DYNAMICALLY TOWARDS FINAL VICTORY,
HOLDING HIGHER THE BANNER OF SONGUN'***

***'THE GREAT KIM IL SUNG
IS THE ETERNAL LEADER OF OUR PARTY
AND OUR PEOPLE'***

***'LET US STEP UP THE BUILDING OF A THRIVING
BY APPLYING KIM JONG IL'S PATRIOTISM'***

*'LET US HASTEN THE FINAL VICTORY
THROUGH A REVOLUTIONARY IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE!'*

*'THE CAUSE OF THE GREAT PARTY OF COMRADES KIM IL SUNG
AND KIM JONG IL IS EVER-VICTORIOUS'*

and many other important works. He has both distinguished himself as a foremost theoretician and great thinker. He has systematized the great ideas of the great leader President Kim Il Sung and eternal general secretary Kim Jong Il as great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

Dear respected Marshal Kim Jong Un has put forward the great self-development first idea, an application of the Juche theory and self-reliance.



During the past year great projects such as the construction of 10, 000 new flats in Pyongyang have been initiated under the leadership of respected Marshal Kim Jong Un. Under his guidance the Korean people are scoring great victories in the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance despite the terrible sanctions of the hostile forces and the raging global health crisis.

Now the Korean people are working hard to implement the decisions of the 8th

Congress of the Workers Party of Korea and the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the WPK. Only victory and glory belong to the Korean people under the wise leadership of respected Marshal Kim Jong Un.

We are firmly convinced that under the leadership of the dear respected Marshal Kim Jong Un the DPRK Therefore we extend our hearty congratulations to the dear respected Marshal Kim Jong Un, the supreme leader of People's Korea and great guide of Juche-based socialist construction. Congratulations to respected Marshal Kim Jong Un on his birthday.

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, UK KFA, BSCPRKP)

***The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the UK Korean Friendship Association,
and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification,
issued the following joint statement hailing the successful holding
of the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee
of the Workers Party of Korea (WPK)
under the guidance of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN***

The 8th plenary meeting of the 4th Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea took place over 4 days on December 27 - 31 in the presence of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN. The meeting was attended by representatives of national institutions and different bodies in the DPRK.

At the meeting respected Marshal KIM JONG UN made an important speech titled: 'On the Orientation of the Work of the Party and State in 2022' in which he set out key tasks for the implementation of the decisions of the 8th Congress of the WPK and for the implementation of the Five Year Plan. He declared that 2021 had been a year of great victory. Indeed during 2021 the DPRK had not a single case of Covid 19 and has built socialism in the spirit of self-reliance with its borders closed. This is a great miracle of the Juche Idea. It was reported that the completion of 10,000 new flats in Pyongyang was near to hand also the construction of 5,000 homes in the Komdok area.

Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN put forward tasks for the economy, people's living standards and national defence which will make 2022 another year of great victory. It is really impressive that the DPRK is able to push with such magnificent and ambitious plans at a time when the capitalist world is convulsed by a deep crisis with rising food and energy prices and also has been crippled by the Covid 19 Pandemic.

A new and bold programme of socialist rural construction, titled: *'Let us open up a new great era of our style socialist rural development'* was laid by respected Marshal KIM JONG UN who called for increased investment in agriculture, the construction of new housing in rural areas and also proposed the radical people-orientated measure of writing off debts of co-operative farms. The latter measure just goes to prove that People's Korea is a people's country with a people's government. At the same time the ideological revolution will be stepped up in the countryside so there will be no backsliding towards capitalism . As respected Marshal KIM JONG UN said:

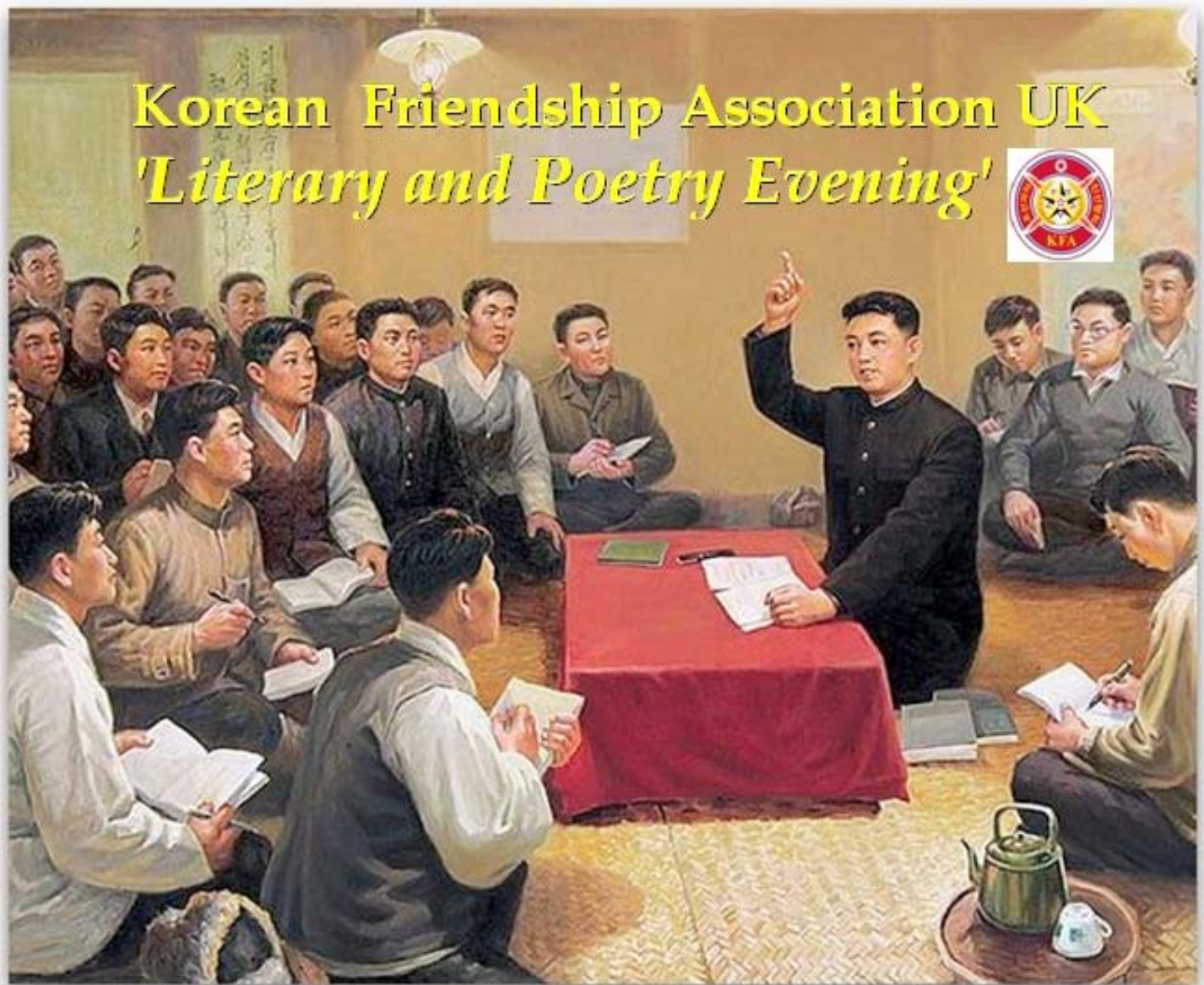
*'The purpose of the ideological revolution in farms
is to remove old thought remaining in the heads of agricultural workers,
turn them into communists who have been revolutionized
and armed with the Juche idea,
and consolidate our revolutionary force politically and ideologically
and thus powerfully propel socialist construction'*

All in all the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee was a historic meeting that laid down an impressive program for socialist construction. The speeches of Marshal KIM JONG UN *'Let us open up a new great era of our style socialist rural development'* and *'On the Orientation of the Work of the Party and State in 2022'* are marvelous blueprints for socialist construction. We full inspired reading the report of the plenary meeting and have every confidence that under the leadership of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN the DPRK will march onto greater and new victories in 2022. We support the report of the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the WPK and believe it deserves wide study by the world community.

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(Alan Bolon, Main Graphic Editor 'PKT',
Organisation Secretary KFA UK,
Chairman West of England Branch KFA UK)



DPRK NEWS

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Has Photo Session with Meritorious Workers and Labor Innovators



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, met meritorious workers and labor innovators who performed distinguished feats in the struggle of the first year for implementing the decisions made at the Party Congress, and had a significant photo session with them.

The participants were greatly excited to be honored to have the photo taken before the *Kumsusan Palace of the Sun*, supreme temple of Juche, in the morning on the New Year's Day in 2022 in the presence of the respected General Secretary whom they had missed even in their dreams.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived, they enthusiastically cheered the great father who brought about miraculous victory to be specially recorded in the history of socialist construction with his energetic revolutionary leadership the year round but counted all those achievements to the credit of the people and repeatedly bestowed the greatest honor and considerations on the ordinary workers who did what they were obliged to do.

The General Secretary warmly shook hands and gave pep talks to those meritorious workers and labor innovators who made valuable achievements in their posts and workplaces with absolute loyalty for the Party and the revolution and with strenuous efforts to contribute to brilliantly concluding 2021.

He had the photo taken with them, voicing expectation that all the participants would continue to creditably perform their core and pioneer roles in the gigantic struggle in the New Year to lay a sure guarantee for implementing the five-year plan and to bring about obvious change in the state development and people's living standard.

As the photo session was over, the emotion-charged participants again broke into thunderous cheers of 'Hurrah!', running into the arms of the kind-hearted Marshal and presenting impressive scene of inseparable bonds of kindred feelings.

All the participants renewed their firm pledge to bear deep in mind the great loving care and trust of the General Secretary and make contribution to winning a new great victory through all-people general march for the prosperity of our socialist country.

(Pyongyang, January 2
Korean Central News Agency)

Hypersonic Missile Newly Developed by Academy of Defence Science Test-Fired



The Academy of Defence Science of the DPRK test-fired a hypersonic missile on Wednesday.

Leading officials concerned of the Department of the Munitions Industry of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the sector of national defence science watched it.

The successive successes in the test launches in the hypersonic missile sector have strategic significance in that they hasten a task for modernizing strategic armed force of the state put forward at the 8th Party Congress and help fulfill the most important core task out of the five top priority tasks for the strategic arms sector in the five-year plan.

The Party Central Committee expressed great satisfaction at the result of the test-firing and extended warm congratulations to the relevant sector of the national defence science research.

In the test launch the academy reconfirmed the flight control and stability of the missile in the active-flight stage and assessed the performance of the new lateral movement technique applied to the detached hypersonic gliding warhead. Having been detached after its launch, the missile made a 120 km lateral movement in the flight distance of the hypersonic gliding warhead from the initial launch azimuth to the target azimuth and precisely hit a set target 700 km away. The reliability of fuel ampoule system under the winter weather conditions was also verified.

The test launch clearly demonstrated the control and stability of the hypersonic gliding warhead which combined the multi-stage gliding jump flight and the strong lateral movement.



(Pyongyang, January 6
Korean Central News Agency)

Kim Tok Hun Inspects Agricultural and Light Industrial Sectors



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, inspected agricultural and light industrial sectors all out for their first campaign of the new year.

Going round different units of the agricultural sector in *South Hwanghae Province* including the co-op farms in *Jaeryong* and *Sinchon* counties and the organic compound fertilizer factory, he called upon officials and agricultural workers to deeply cherish the idea and spirit of the new programme for the socialist rural construction set forth at the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Party Central Committee and give full play to their responsibility and strenuous efforts as befits the masters of the biggest agricultural province in the country.

He called for consistently adhering to the scientific farming-first idea for sustained increase in the agricultural production, carpeting the paddy and dry fields with good-quality manure in view of successes, experiences and lessons made last year and decisively increasing the fertility of soil by boosting the production at the organic compound fertilizer factories so that *South Hwanghae Province* would take the lead in agricultural production this year.



At the *Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill*, the *Pyongyang Garment Factory* and the *Pyongyang Bag Factory*, he called upon officials to meticulously organize and command the current production while paying primary attention to satisfactorily producing and supplying school uniforms and things to the students across the country, true to the noble intention of the Party Central Committee to put the party's and state's biggest efforts to the work for posterity.

The field consultative meetings discussed the issues of mapping out this year's realistic and detailed plans for rural construction and farming processes and carrying them out in cities and counties of *South Hwanghae Province* and the issues of providing in time raw and other materials needed for producing school uniforms and bags.



(*Pyongyang*, January 7
Korean Central News Agency)

***Distinguished Feat of WPK in History of Leading
Juche-based Defence Industry
Success in Another Hypersonic Missile Test-fire
Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Watches Test-fire in Field***



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), watched the test-fire of hypersonic missile conducted by the Academy of Defence Science on Tuesday.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary for Organizational Affairs of the WPK Central Committee, vice- directors of the departments concerned of the Party Central Committee and leading officials in the sector of the national defence science.

The 8th WPK Congress set forth a strategic task of developing the hypersonic

missile sector on a preferential basis for the sector of the national defence scientific research in order to bolster up the country's war deterrent, and the Party Central Committee has powerfully led the whole course of developing the hypersonic weapon system for implementing the task.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was briefed on the hypersonic missile weapon system by the president of the Academy of Defence Science before the test-fire. The test-fire was aimed at the final verification of overall technical specifications of the developed hypersonic weapon system.

Toward daybreak, the Juche weapon representing the power of the DPRK roared to soar into sky, brightening the dawning sky and leaving behind it a column of fire, under the supervision of Kim Jong Un.

After its release from the missile, the hypersonic glide vehicle made glide jump flight from 600 km area before making a 240 km-long turning maneuver from the initial launch azimuth to the target azimuth and hitting the set target in waters 1 000 km away. The superior maneuverability of the hypersonic glide vehicle was more strikingly verified through the final test-fire.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated the practical achievements made by the scientists, technicians and officials of the missile research sector and by the Party organizations concerned that brought a great success in the field of developing hypersonic weapon which is of the most important strategic significance in the five core tasks of the five-year plan for building up the national defence capability set forth at the 8th WPK Congress. He gave special thanks on behalf of the Party Central Committee to them.

Stressing the need to further accelerate the efforts to steadily build up the country's strategic military muscle both in quality and quantity and further modernize the army, Kim Jong Un encouraged the national defence scientific research sector to continuously make admirable successes in the historic sacred cause for remarkably increasing the war deterrent of the country, true to the Party's strategic policy of national defence development and strategic guidelines.

That day he called the core members in the sector of hypersonic weapon research and development to the office building of the Party Central Committee and warmly congratulated them. He had a photo session with them, expressing great expectation and conviction that they would help bolster the war deterrent of the country with their continued ultra-modern scientific research achievements for national defence and reliably guarantee the sovereignty and security of the state.

(Pyongyang, January 12
Korean Central News Agency)

Attaching Importance to Youth Regarded as the Eternal Strategic Line of the Party



It is an important issue concerning the destiny of the country and nation and the future of the revolution to prepare well the young people, the flowers of the country and nation and the future masters.

The respected Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, regarded it as the eternal strategic line of the Party to attach importance to the youth.

Kim Myong Il, Deputy Department Director of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, says:

*'Here is a story about what deep attention
the respected Kim Jong Un pays to the youth problem.*

One day, he said to officials:

*Our country is a politico-ideological power,
military power and youth power.*

*Apart from the youth power,
is it impossible to talk about the politico-ideological power and military power.*

*We should, in the future, too, regard it as the strategic line of the Party
to attach importance to the youth, he stressed'*

On January 26, Juche 101(2012) Kim Jong Un read a letter presented by officials and employees of the Central Committee of the Youth League and sent his

autograph letter to them.

*'A prosperous future will be brought earlier by the lively steps of the young people.
Always march straight ahead, following the Party!*

*Kim Jong Un
January 26, 2012'*

10 years has passed since then.

In those days, the Korean young people creditably played the role of vanguard and shock brigade in the socialist construction.

Keeping his autograph letter deep in their hearts, they have performed feats everywhere in this country-construction sites, farm fields and deep cutting faces. Kim Jong Un ensured that the *Youth Movement Museum* and the *Paektusan Hero Youth Exploits Exhibition Hall* were built well to tell the history of the Korean youth movement and the merits of the youth to posterity forever.

Boldly believing in the young people, he assigned them major projects of national significance and established the habit of attaching importance to the youth across the country to actively help and encourage them.

He also organized large-scale meetings and celebrations for the young people and named monumental edifices after youth.

His great trust was the infinite motive force that aroused the revolutionary and patriotic enthusiasm of millions of young people.

Last year, the young people volunteered to work in the difficult and challenging sectors of socialist construction, true to the intention of the Party. He highly praised it as a heroic deed of going to the front at wartime and blocking the enemy pillboxes with their chests without hesitation.

The Korean revolution is sure to win, full of vim and vigour all the time, as it attaches importance to the youth who are sensitive to the new, have a strong enterprising spirit and love justice and truth.

(**Pyongyang, January 14**
Voice of Korea)



Meeting of Women's Union Officials and Members in DPRK



A meeting of officials and members of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea (SWUK) took place at the plaza of the Arch of Triumph in the capital city of Pyongyang on Thursday to vow to carry through the decisions made at the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK).

Present there were Min Sung Chol, vice department director of the WPK Central Committee, officials concerned, officials of the SWUK and union members in the city.

In her report at the meeting, Kim Jong Sun, chairwoman of the SWUK Central Committee, noted that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, paying deep attention to the work of the women's union and guiding it step by step, made sure that the 7th Congress of the SWUK was convened last year when the 8th Congress of the WPK was held and sent a letter carrying his trust and loving care to its participants.

Saying that the great practical programme drawn up at the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Party Central Committee is associated with the firm faith and will of our Party, the reporter called for fully demonstrating the might of the women's union in the struggle to implement the Party's decisions.

Victory is in store for us under the wise guidance of the Party Central Committee, the reporter stressed, appealing to the participants to make a positive contribution to glorifying this year as a watershed in the developing revolution by displaying their rare work ability, passion and fighting spirit.

Then, oath-taking speeches were made.

The speakers said that they would turn out as one in the struggle to implement the decisions of the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th WPK Central Committee, cherishing the trust of the Party which projects the women as a powerful force pushing one of the two wheels of the revolutionary chariot.

They vowed to become genuine patriotic women performing marked exploits in the ongoing grand advance, guided by the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

A letter of pledge to Kim Jong Un was adopted at the meeting.

Then, women's union members in the city launched intensive agit-prop activities.

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Firing Drill of Railway-borne Missile Regiment Held



A firing drill for checking and judging the proficiency in the action procedures of the railway-borne missile regiment of *North Phyongan Province* took place on Friday.

It was supervised by commanding officers of the Korean People's Army and leading officials of the Academy of Defence Science.

The drill was aimed at checking the alert posture of the combatants of the regiment and bolstering their ability of discharging firepower mission.

The regiment received a firepower mission at short notice from the General Staff in the morning on Friday before swiftly moving to the firing ground, and precisely struck the set target in the East Sea of Korea with two tactical guided missiles. The combat posture of the railway-borne missile regiment of *North Phyongan Province* which demonstrated high maneuverability and rate of hits in the drill was highly appreciated in the review and the issues were discussed to set up proper railway-borne missile operating system across the country and to find out ways for further completing our style fighting methods with the railway-borne missiles.

(Pyongyang, January 15
Korean Central News Agency)

Meetings Held to Vow to Carry out Party Decisions



There took place meetings in the fields of construction, land management, urban

management, science, education, public health, literature and art and sports to vow to carry out the decisions made at the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Reports and speeches were made there.

Reporters said that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un highly appreciated all the Party members, working people and service personnel across the country who glorified Juche 110 (2021), in which the Party congress was convened, as a year of proud victory to be specially recorded in the history of socialist construction, and extended thanks to them in the name of the Party Central Committee.



Saying that last year's proud victory helped them cherish more deeply the philosophical principle that nothing can ever check the dynamic march of our style socialism advancing under the wise guidance of the Party Central Committee, reporters and speakers called for becoming creators of miracles and merits in the struggle for the prosperity and development of our great state.

The meetings showed well the iron will and revolutionary mettle of the participants to accelerate the overall development of socialist construction by making proud achievements in glorifying this significant year in all sectors and units, true to the new programme drawn up at the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the Party.

Resolutions were adopted at the meetings.



(Pyongyang, January 16
Korean Central News Agency)

Korean Youths in High Spirit to Implement Party Decisions



The young people of the DPRK are now filled with firm resolve to carry through the important tasks set forth at the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

A number of youths in the capital city of Pyongyang volunteered to work at difficult and labor-consuming sectors of local areas, including the *Komdok Mining Complex*, in the new year. Such volunteering enthusiasm is still growing among the young people in the wake of last year.

Fine virtues and traits of helping and leading each another forward have been fully displayed from the start of the new year.

Officials of the youth league in *Kangwon Province* visited the young people, who volunteered to work at the livestock farming base in the *Sepho* area last year, to give lots of aid materials and strength and courage to them. With the New Year as an occasion, youth league officials in *South Phyongan Province* and other parts of the country visited the families of war veterans, disabled soldiers and those youths who volunteered for work at difficult and labor-consuming sectors last year.

Meanwhile, youth league officials and young people across the country are displaying their wisdom and courage in difficult and labor-consuming fields of the socialist economic construction.

All members of the youth shock brigades in the *Pukchang Area Youth Coal Mining Complex*, including the *Cha Kwang Su Youth Shock Brigade* at the *Hoean Youth Coal Mine*, have recorded high results every day by intensifying the cooperation between shifts and actively introducing advanced blasting methods.

Young people in many units, including the *Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill*, the *Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex* and the *Sunghori Cement Factory*, have made remarkable successes at their worksites with the determination to dash ahead like the wind under the bright design unfolded by the Party Central Committee.

Those in the agricultural sector who received a new programme of socialist rural construction, too, are registering good results in the farming preparations to attain this year's grain production goal without fail, being optimistic about the new era of rural development.

(**Pyongyang, January 17**
Korean Central News Agency)

Test-fire of Tactical Guided Missiles Held



Test-fire of tactical guided missiles was conducted on Monday under a plan of the Academy of Defence Science, the Second Economy Commission and other institutions concerned.

The test-fire was aimed to selectively evaluate tactical guided missiles being produced and deployed and to verify the accuracy of the weapon system. The two tactical guided missiles launched in the western area of the DPRK precisely hit an island target in the East Sea of Korea.

The Academy of Defence Science confirmed the accuracy, security and efficiency of the operation of the weapon system under production.

(Pyongyang, January 17
Korean Central News Agency)

Korea Today Let's Pluck a Star from the Sky for the People

It is the intention of the respected Kim Jong Un that we must pluck a star from the sky if it is desired by the people.

A new-type trolley bus was running along street of the capital city Pyongyang at night on February 4, Juche 107(2018).



It was a trial run made in the presence of Kim Jong Un.

Some days before he had visited the *Pyongyang Trolley Bus Factory* to learn about the new-type trolley bus. Saying he could feel at ease after trying it out, he made time though he was so busy.

He said to the accompanying officials that it is important to examine the trolley bus to be used by people and find out its shortcomings in their place. And he appreciated its technical state and stressed the need not to rest content with making new trolley buses but steadily update them technically and further perfect the production processes to keep developing them.

Six months later, another trial run of new-type trolley bus was made.

Kim Hae Song, Manager of the *Pyongyang Trolley Bus Factory*, says:

'On August 3, 2018 the respected Kim Jong Un visited our factory to see a new-type of trolley bus in the daytime and guided its trial run late at night.

The trial run was made just before midnight at that time.

Kim Jong Un paid deep attention to the inner surroundings of the trolley bus, the quality of its fittings and its specifications.

And he said with great pleasure:

It will be wonderful when the new-type trolley buses run along the streets of the capital.

If the people want, we should pluck a star from the sky.

Listening to him, I came to realize that we should do all things desired by the people unconditionally'

(**Pyongyang, January 19**
Voice of Korea)



For the Future of the Country



The Democratic People's Republic of Korea regards the children as kings of the country and spares nothing for them.

At the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the respected Kim Jong Un stressed that it is a consistent policy of the Party and the state to supply the children and students across the country with school uniforms and things at the state expense. And he took important measures of the Party Central Committee to supply all the schoolchildren and students with quality uniforms and bags of new types.

At the Third Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee, too, he saw that it was established as a Party policy to supply the children across the country with nutritive foods such as dairy products at the state expense.

He said no other revolutionary work is more important than the one to bring up the children, the future of the country, healthily and added that it is the most important policy and supreme desire of our Party and state to provide better conditions for their upbringing even at a great cost.



Official Mun Jong Hui at the *Taesong District Station for Supplying Materials to Nurseries and Kindergartens* in the capital *Pyongyang* says:

'A half year has already passed since the supply of nutritive foods including dairy products to the children at the state expense was established as a Party policy. Not only mothers but also we, suppliers of materials to nurseries and kindergartens, were greatly excited at that time.

We thought a lot, seeing the supply of dairy products every day and the happy children.

The respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un said that if the children eat well and grow up healthily, our society will turn more vigorous and the might of the DPRK be further strengthened in 20 or 30 years'

Kim Jong Un always thought of the children first.

He visited the *Pyongyang Baby Home and Orphanage* right after delivering his New Year address in order to keep the promise he had made to the children. Whenever he looked round new streets, he called at the nurseries, kindergartens and schools. At the *Pyongyang Bag Factory*, he was pleased to see lots of bags and said he felt as if he were on another planet. At the *Mindulle Notebook Factory*, he earnestly called for normalizing the production for the bright smile and happiness of the children.



However difficult it may be to raise the children, he regards it as his happiness, not a trouble.

Thanks to Kim Jong Un, the great father who finds pride of making revolution on the road for the rising generations, the children are growing up happily on this land and their future is bright all the time.

(Pyongyang, January 19
Voice of Korea)



6th Political Bureau Meeting of 8th Central Committee Workers Party of Korea Held



The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) convened its 6th Meeting of the 8th Central Committee at the office building of the Party Central Committee on January 19 to discuss and decide immediate work and important policy issues of the Party and the state.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, was present at the meeting.

Attending the meeting were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the C.C., WPK and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un presided over the meeting.

The meeting first discussed the issue of celebrating with splendor the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung and the 80th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il (the Day of the Sun and the Day of the Shining Star).

To most auspiciously and significantly celebrate the Day of the Sun and the Day of the Shining Star this significant year is the bounden duty and moral obligation of the descendents of the President and the soldiers and disciples of the Chairman and also the boundless honor and pride of our people who have struggled, remaining faithful to the cause of the President and the Chairman.



No holidays are more significant than the Day of the Sun and the Day of the Shining Star for our Party and people struggling to carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of the President and the Chairman under the uplifted banner of great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism. The very existence of our dignified Party and state is unthinkable without the immortal exploits left by the President and the Chairman in the glorious course of the Korean revolution.

The meeting called for making the Day of the Sun and the Day of the Shining Star this historic year important political occasions of further cementing the firm faith of our people to carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered and led by the President and the Chairman under the guidance of the Party to the end, and also of demonstrating before the world the high enthusiasm and revolutionary mettle of all the Party members and other people to

glorify the decade of Juche 110 as the annals of victors bringing about the overall development of our style socialism.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee gave detailed assignments to the organs of the Party and the state to celebrate with splendor the 110th birth anniversary of the President and the 80th birth anniversary of the Chairman as the great festivals of victory and glory to shine long in the annals of the country.

The meeting adopted a resolution of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee *'On celebrating with splendor the 110th birth anniversary of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the 80th birth anniversary of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il'*.

The meeting heard a report analyzing the current situation around the Korean peninsula and a series of international issues and discussed the orientation for countermeasures against the U.S. for the future.

Also communicated to the participants were the U.S. recent moves of recklessly faulting for no reason the just exercise of the DPRK of its sovereignty.



In the last few years alone after the DPRK-U.S. summits the U.S. held hundreds of joint war drills which it committed itself to stop and conducted tests of all kinds of strategic weapons, while shipping ultra-modern attack means into south Korea and nuclear strategic weapons into the region around the Korean peninsula, seriously threatening the security of our state.

The U.S. viciously slurred our state and committed the foolish act of taking over 20 independent sanctions measures. Especially the present U.S. administration persists in maneuvers to deprive the DPRK of its right to self-defense.

All the facts clearly prove once again that the hostile policy towards the DPRK will exist in the future, too as long as there is the hostile entity of U.S. imperialism.

Assessing that the hostile policy and military threat by the U.S. have reached a danger line that cannot be overlooked any more despite our sincere efforts for maintaining the general tide for relaxation of tension in the Korean peninsula since the DPRK-U.S. summit in Singapore, the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee unanimously recognized that we should make more thorough preparation for a long-term confrontation with the U.S. imperialists. It concluded to take a practical action to more reliably and effectively increase our physical strength for defending dignity, sovereign rights and interests of our state.

The meeting of the Political Bureau reassigned the policy tasks for the national defence of immediately bolstering more powerful physical means which can efficiently control the hostile moves of the U.S. against the DPRK getting ever more serious day by day. It gave an instruction to a sector concerned to reconsider in an overall scale the trust-building measures that we took on our own initiative on a preferential ground and to promptly examine the issue of restarting all temporally-suspended activities.

The decision of the meeting is a timely and rightful measure for reliably guaranteeing the existence and sovereign rights of our state in view of the urgent requirements of the developing revolution under the prevailing situation.

The meeting fully demonstrated the revolutionary will and indomitable spirit of the WPK to uphold President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, the eternal suns of Juche and sacred images of socialist Korea, in high esteem forever and to build an independent and dignified powerful country on this land without fail.

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Korea Today With Homemade Farm Machines



The 80 - horsepower 'Chollima-804' tractors were produced by the *Kumsong Tractor Factory* in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The respected Kim Jong Un saw them on the spot on November 14, Juche 106(2017).

In the previous year, he watched a sample of new-type tractor made at the factory and said it was handsome, and set a goal for its mass production.

Looking with a bright smile on his face at hundreds of 80-horsepower tractors of new type standing in rows, he said he felt confident to picture to himself those tractors working in the paddy and dry fields of the country.

He got on a tractor and drove it to learn about its performance and technical specifications in detail and then praised that it had been made well to suit the constitution of the Korean people.

Nearly 99 percent of over 10,000 accessories of the tractor were made at the factory.



Kim Jong Un highly estimated the feats of the workers of the factory, saying those tractors produced by dint of self-reliance are not merely vehicles, but iron horses of self-reliance and self-development opening a shortcut to an economic giant.

That day, he looked round various workshops in detail and set forth the tasks for remodeling the factory.

Now the *Kumsong Tractor Factory* has been completely changed.

It will produce high-powered tractors and various kinds of efficient farm machines in the future.

It is the noble intention of Kim Jong Un to present a new scene of the socialist countryside which is filled with homemade modern farm machines and where all the farm work is done merrily with them.

(Pyongyang, January 21
Voice of Korea)

New Year Greetings to Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un from Abroad

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un received congratulatory messages and letters from different countries on the occasion of the New Year, Juche 111 (2022).

The messages and letters came from the Central Committee of the Democratic Workers' Party of Spain, the chairperson of the Nepal Communist Party (United Socialism), the secretary general of the Lebanon Federation of Workers, the general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (Marxist-Leninist), the chairman of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Bangladesh, the general secretary of the Syrian Communist Party (Unified), the general secretary of the Arab Democratic Union Party of Syria, the general secretary of the Al Ahd al Watani Party of Syria, the general secretary of the Socialist Unionist Party of Syria, the general secretary of the Syrian Arab Socialist Union Party, the general secretary of the Communist Party of Sri Lanka, the secretary general of the Palestine Liberation Democratic Front, the general secretary of the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front, the secretary general of the PKP-1930, the chairman of the Central Council of the People Unity-"Kyrgyz El" Republican Political Party, the leader of the "Aalam-Party of Non-Parties" of Kyrgyzstan, the general chairman and the secretary general of the Central Directive Council of the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle, the chairman and the deputy secretary general of the National Leading Council of the Diversity Party of Indonesia, the general chairman and the secretary general of the National Guidance Council of the Pioneer Party of Indonesia, the chairman of the Communist Party of Germany, the chairman of the Socialist Party of Romania, the chairman of the Supreme Council of the National Socialist Party (Romania), the chairwoman of the Party for Peace and Unity of Russia, the chairman of the National Salvation Front of Russia, the chairman of the General People's Union Party of Russia, the chairman of the Hungarian Workers' Party, the chairman of the Party of Socialists in the Republic of Moldova, the first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Belarus, the chairman and the international secretary of the Finnish Communists' League, the general secretary of the Serbian Communist Party who doubles as its international secretary, the general secretary and the international secretary of the C.C., Communist Party of New Yugoslavia, the general secretary of the Movement for Peace and Socialism of Italy, the general secretary of the Guinean Rainbow People's Assembly, the acting general secretary of the Democratic Rally of Africa-Democratic Party of Guinea, the national chairman of the People's Progressive Party of Nigeria, the general secretary of the Basotho National Party of Lesotho, the chairman of the African Party for the Solidarity and Justice of Mali, the general secretary of the Communist Party of Mauritius, the secretary general of the Socialist Party of Senegal, the general secretary of the Congolese Party of Labour, the general secretary of the

Communist Party of the Democratic Congo, the general secretary of the Workers' Party of the DR Congo, the national chairperson of the Popular Revolutionary Party of the DR Congo, the national chairperson of the Socialist Democrats' Union of the DR Congo, the national chairperson of the Convention of United Democratic Congolese, the national leader of the Workers' Party of Mexico, the general secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Socialist Party of Mexico and the general secretary of the People's Front of Workers, Peasants and Students of Peru who doubles as its international secretary and the national political secretary of the Front.

He also received congratulatory messages and letters from high-ranking political, public, economic and military personages and representatives of Juche idea study organizations and organizations for friendship and support to Korea's reunification in China, Russia, Nepal, Malaysia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Singapore, Thailand, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Cyprus, Turkey, Iran, India, Japan, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Romania, Moldova, Belarus, Switzerland, Sweden, the Czech Republic, France, Finland, Poland, Britain, Austria, Italy, Spain, Guinea, Nigeria, South Africa, Libya, Benin, Zambia, Tanzania, the DR Congo, Tunisia, Angola, Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador and Australia, including the deputy general secretary for international affairs of the Islamic Coalition Party of Iran, the senior leader of the Indian People's Party, the secretary of the C.C., Communist Party of Malta, the secretary of the C.C., Slovak Communist Party, the director of the International Department of the Socialist Workers' Party of Croatia, the international secretary of the C.C., Communist Party of the People of Spain, the deputy general secretary of the National Democratic Congress of Ghana, the vice chairman of the Socialist Freedom Party of Egypt, the president of the International Group of Italy, the director-general of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the chairman of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization, the secretary general, the director-general and the vice director-general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea, the vice director-general of the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea, the secretary general and a councilor of the European Society for the Study of the Juche Idea, the secretary general of the African Regional Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea and the head of the Orchestra of the 21st Century of Russia, and diplomatic envoys and representatives of international bodies' missions here.

Meanwhile, the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea received congratulatory messages from the Central Committee of the Jordanian Communist Party, the Central Leadership of the Baath Arab Socialist Party, the secretary general of the PKP-1930, the general chairman of the Democrat Party of Indonesia, the general secretary of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, the general secretary of the Revolutionary Communist Party of France, the first secretary of the Workers' World Party of the United States of America, the secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Malta and the vice-president of the Brazilian Communist Party who doubles as its political and

international secretary.

(Pyongyang, January 21
Korean Central News Agency)

Rodong Sinmun Calls for Celebrating Birthdays of Great Leaders with Splendor

Rodong Sinmun says in an editorial Friday that upon receiving the news of the 6th Meeting of the Political Bureau of the 8th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, all the Korean people harden their will to translate the patriotic desire of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il for building a powerful country into a brilliant reality under the leadership of the Party Central Committee, looking back upon their sacred revolutionary life.

The Korean people should celebrate with splendor the 110th birth anniversary of the President and the 80th birth anniversary of the Chairman as the grand festivals of victory and glory, thus fully demonstrating the dignity and might of Kim Il Sung's nation and Kim Jong Il's Korea, the editorial says, and goes on:

To most auspiciously and significantly celebrate the Day of the Sun and the Day of the Shining Star this year is the bounden duty and moral obligation of the descendents of the President and the soldiers and disciples of the Chairman. It is also the high honor and pride of our people who have been faithful to the cause of the President and the Chairman.

Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il are the eternal leaders of our Party and people, the symbol of socialist Korea and the sun of Juche.

Led by the President and the Chairman, the Korean people came to have a powerful weapon for opening up and glorifying the era of independence and our country demonstrated its dignity as a socialist state of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence.

The Day of the Sun and the Day of the Shining Star this historic year will serve as important political occasions of further cementing the firm faith of our people to carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche, pioneered and led by the President and the Chairman, under the guidance of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un, and of demonstrating to the world the high enthusiasm and revolutionary mettle of all the Party members and other people to crown a decade of Juche 110 with great victories in bringing about the overall development of Korean-style socialism.

(Pyongyang, January 21
Korean Central News Agency)

Meeting of Chongryon Officials Held

A meeting of officials of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) took place at the Korean Hall in Tokyo on Jan. 19 to vow to carry through the important tasks set forth at the congratulatory message the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent on the occasion of the New Year, Juche 111 (2022).

Attending it were Ho Jong Man, chairman of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee, Pak Ku Ho, first vice-chairman of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee and director of its Organization Department, Nam Sung U, vice-chairman of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee, Pae Jin Gu, vice-chairman and concurrently director general of the General Affairs Department of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee, Jo Il Yon, vice-chairman of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee, Kang Chu Ryon, vice-chairwoman of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee and chairwoman of the Central Standing Committee of the Union of Democratic Korean Women in Japan, Ri Myong Yu, chairman of the Central Audit Committee of Chongryon, department directors of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee, the director of the Research Institute on History of Korean Residents in Japan, chairpersons of Chongryon headquarters in Kanto area, officials of central organizations and affiliates and principals of schools at all levels.

Read out at the meeting was the congratulatory message sent by Kim Jong Un to the chairman of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee on the New Year. Ho Jong Man noted in his report that Kim Jong Un sent warm congratulations to the officials of the Chongryon and compatriots in Japan in the early morning of this year.

He stressed it is thanks to the warm loving care of Kim Jong Un that the Chongryon could boldly reject all sorts of challenges and threats by the reactionaries despite the desolateness in an alien land.

The reporter said that it is the revolutionary conscience and bounden duty of the Chongryon officials to make this significant year another watershed in implementing the behests of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

He appealed to all the officials of the Chongryon to make a report of victory without fail by registering marked achievements in the struggle for the overall development of the movement of Koreans in Japan along with the homeland in the year of great auspicious event to be recorded in the national history, cherishing the absolute loyalty to Kim Jong Un.

Then, oath-taking speeches were made at the meeting.

A letter to Kim Jong Un was read out there.

(Pyongyang, January 22
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Efforts for More Greenhouse Vegetable Production



Farms in the outskirts of Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK are working hard for more greenhouse vegetable production.

The *Jangchon Vegetable Cooperative Farm* in *Sadong District*, one of the greenhouse vegetable supply sources for Pyongyang citizens, has made vegetable growing science - and technology - driven. It produces various kinds of greenhouse vegetables much more than planned, on the basis of the distribution of crops and species proper to soil and greenhouse conditions and through timely and quality tending and harvesting according to crop - and species - specific growth phases.

Greenhouses in *Kangnam County* are responsible not only in soil tending, seed-sowing, weeding, fertilizing, watering and humidity control but in harvesting to keep the produce fresh and healthy.

Also on the list are the Vegetable Greenhouse in *Hyongjesan District* and

greenhouses of the *Sosin Vegetable Cooperative Farm* in *Ryokpho District* and the *Songil Cooperative Farm* in *Sunan District* renowned for the production of healthy spinach, lettuce and crown daisy.

They all pay heed to the prompt delivery of the harvested produce to commercial service network in the city.

(**Pyongyang, January 24**
Korean Central News Agency)

Positive Effort for Development of Education

The UN General Assembly in 2018 set January 24 as International Day of Education with the purpose of arousing the social interest in educational work.

The DPRK has striven to ensure the rapid development of education in keeping with the demand of the age of knowledge-based economy.

In the country, there is the most advantageous educational system whereby everyone can fully enjoy the right to education.

'*Theses on Socialist Education*', published by President Kim Il Sung on September 5, Juche 66 (1977), is the great programme for the Juche-oriented education that opened a new chapter in the country's history of education.

The theses define it as the purpose of socialist education to train the people into communist revolutionary talents with independence and creativity. Also expounded are all the problems arising in the educational work ranging from the basic principle of pedagogy to the contents and methods of the socialist education.

Over the past tens years after the start of the new century of Juche, remarkable progress has been made in the country's education.

The universal compulsory 12-year education was enforced in April 2014 to improve the secondary general education and develop in depth the universal compulsory 11-year education, which had been enforced in an overall way for the first time in the world from September 1975.

Pyongyang Teachers Training College turned into a model school of the country whose educational work is conducted on a scientific, IT and modern basis of higher level. New buildings, laboratory halls, gymnasiums and dormitories were built at many universities and colleges, whereas new schools suited to the demands of pedagogy came into being in different parts of the country to actively promote the radical improvement in education in the new century.

To turn the country into a socialist power of education in the 21st century by

making all the people well versed in science and technology was set as a target for improving the education in the new century, and work for realizing it has been conducted steadily and effectively on a nationwide and social scale. A Korean-style peculiar tele-education system was established and a national network for dissemination of science and technology was built up on a regular basis. And sci-tech learning spaces were formed to help the working people acquire sci-tech knowledge to the full.

The Educational Books Printing Plant was modernly reconstructed and the *Mindulle Notebook Factory* and *Ryongbong* and *Sonamu* school things factories were built as models of the school things producers to put the production of quality textbooks and school things on a normal basis.

(Pyongyang, January 24
Korean Central News Agency)

Premier Inspects School Things Producers in Pyongyang

Premier Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the C.C., Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, inspected school things production units in Pyongyang.

At the *Sonamu School Things Factory*, the *Ryongbong School Things Factory*, the *Pyongyang School Things Factory* and the *Pyongyang Mechanical Pencil Factory*, he called upon their officials and employees to fulfill their responsibility and duty in supplying quality school things to the children and pupils and students, true to the noble intention of the Party Central Committee giving top priority to the work for posterity.

Learning in detail about the production of school things, he stressed the need to raise the operation rate of equipment to the maximum through meticulous technical control over the production processes, design a richer variety of school things in conformity with children's mind and steadily improve the quality of products. Discussed at the field consultative meetings were the issue of giving full play to the official's revolutionary working spirit and manner in the struggle to implement the decisions of the 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Party Central Committee, the issue of ensuring the timely supply of raw materials and increasing the variety of school things, and the issue of strengthening the ranks of technicians and skilled workers and conducting the expansion of production capacity in a far-sighted way.

Earlier, the premier inspected different units in *Sunchon City* including the *Sunchon Engine Factory*, where he took relevant measures

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Korean Central News Agency)

Symposium on Greatness and Exploits of Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un

A national symposium was held on Tuesday to deeply grasp the greatness and undying exploits of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

It was attended by Party and administrative officials, those from working people's organizations and theory information officials from armed forces organs, the fields of science, education, literature and art, media, the preservation of revolutionary relics and party cadres training institutions in Pyongyang.

Presented to the symposium were papers proving in depth the immortal ideological exploits of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un and the greatness of his leadership. The presenters were Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Kang Yun Sok, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, Han Chang Sun, president of Kim Il Sung Military University, Kim Sung Chan, president of Kim Il Sung University and minister of Higher Education of the Education Commission, Sim Sung Gon, president of the Academy of Social Sciences, and Ri Song Hak, vice-premier of the Cabinet.

They said that the past ten years marked by dynamic advance under the leadership of Kim Jong Un were meaningful days when the validity and vitality of the Party's revolutionary ideas were fully demonstrated. They praised the General Secretary as a brilliant thinker-theoretician and distinguished statesman who shows the road ahead of revolution with his outstanding ideas and ushers in a new era of great changes by giving full play to the mental power of the popular masses.

They explained that the era of our state-first principle is a new era of the Juche revolution resulting from the efforts of Kim Jong Un who set the people-first doctrine as a political idea of the Party and the state and made the DPRK shine as a dignified country of the people, a country of single-minded unity guided by the monolithic idea.

They referred to the feats of Kim Jong Un who provided the absolute strength for reliably guaranteeing the eternal security and future of the country by leading the rapid development of the military capability for self-defence with his matchless bold pluck and seasoned guidance.

The credit for a new history of changes on this land goes to the respected General Secretary who, with his excellent leadership and patriotic devotion, is wisely guiding the all-people struggle for creation in the Korean-style mode of creation, they stressed.

Saying that Kim Jong Un is the kind-hearted father writing a history of dedicated service for the people, they renewed their determination to firmly defend and glorify the revolutionary idea and undying feats of the Party Central Committee and fulfill their mission and duty for absolutely defending and implementing the Party's idea and line in the grandiose struggle toward fresh victory of our-style socialism.

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Korean Central News Agency)

Japan dispatched an escort ship Samidare of the Maritime 'Self-Defense Force' to the Mideast waters

The ship which left the Kure base in Japan shortly ago is to engage in counter-piracy activities and gathering of information in Aden Bay, the sea off Somalia from the end of February.

Japan's continued overseas dispatch of SDF warships is a manifestation of Japan's policy of aggression to realize its wild ambition for territorial expansion through persistent overseas dispatch of SDF under the pretext of information gathering and counter-piracy activities for ensuring the safety of its ships.

Japan set it as its main strategy for realizing its policy of aggression to dispatch armed forces overseas.

To this end, it has long pursued law amendments to justify the overseas dispatch of the SDF.

Since the adoption of a law on overseas dispatch under the slogan of '*peace-keeping*' in 1992 and the '*security legislation*' in 2015, the operation scope of the SDF has greatly expanded overseas beyond the territory of Japan.

The SDF has accumulated combat experience while intensifying military operations in different parts of the world by invoking the evil laws adopted exclusively to pave the path for aggression toward other countries.

The SDF warship dispatched recently is tasked with information gathering as well as counter-piracy activities.

The gravity of the situation is that Japan has secured a pretext for dispatching its troops to any place in the world anytime.

Japan is '*legitimizing*' its overseas dispatch of SDF, covering up its ambition for

overseas expansion by floating false stories about '*severity of security environment*' and '*threats from neighboring countries*'.

It is the real intention of Japan to use the troops of the SDF in different parts of the world as the vanguard for aggression in contingency.

It is shocking that warships of Japan, which inflicted untold misfortune and suffering upon mankind last century, still travel the world freely under the '*flag of rising sun shedding rays*'.

If Japan embarks upon the road of aggression again, mankind will face more horrible disaster.

The international community is sharply following the military overseas dispatch.

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SOUTH KOREA NEWS & REUNIFICATION

Reckless war moves

The south Korean military is hell-bent on the military showdown against the fellow countrymen from early in January.

The military brass of three services inspected south Korean army units from the very beginning of this year to examine their combat readiness and excite them with inter-Korean confrontation, and a fierce firing exercise coping with firepower of the enemy was conducted at the training field near the demilitarized zone in *Paju City of Gyeonggi Province*.

Besides, lots of the units are mobilized for a cold-endurance field training under the cloak of making full preparation for battle.

Moreover, the south Korean military dispatched 2 sea patrol planes to the Guam for Sea Dragon - 2022, an antisubmarine rehearsal of multinational coalition being conducted under the leadership of the US armed forces.

Days ago, warlike remarks saying that strengthening of war potential must be accelerated, resounded without hesitation at a meeting sponsored by the Ministry

of Defense.

These facts vividly show that the military which ran amuck to build up arms and strengthened war potential last year is imprudently resorting to aggressive moves against the compatriots in the New Year.

The inter-Korean relations and the situation of the Korean peninsula are still at grave deadlock. It is unthinkable apart from the confrontational behavior of the present south Korean authorities who have conducted different military drills and arms buildup under the pretext of containing the DPRK.

They are hastening arms buildup at a heavy outlay of blood tax which would bring even the conservatives to shame in spite of serious economic crisis and the difficulty of the people's living amid worldwide pandemic.

They have been actually whetting the sword for aggression behind the veil of 'talk' and 'peace', which is a disgusting double-dealing attitude.

The military move against the other side is a manifestation of the most intensive and direct hostile viewpoint and policy toward it.

Owing to the reckless war moves which they have conducted kowtowing to outside forces without letup, the situation of the Korean peninsula is still insecure and the inter-Korean ties remain aggravated. It is totally impossible for the south Korean ruling quarters to deny this fact.

Such confrontational and traitorous behavior of the south Korean authorities, who make frantic efforts to prepare an aggressive war against the north running counter to public sentiment desirous of peace and security of the Korean peninsula, will never be tolerated.

(Pyongyang Mission,
of the Anti - Imperialist National Democratic Front)

Experts judging deterioration of situation this year

The experts are growing vocal that the south Korean authorities will face a difficult situation caused by worsening of the strategic confrontation between surrounding countries this year.

Moves of the US trying to maintain supremacy by reinforcing its armaments under the cloak of security cooperation with south Korea and Japan will lead to intensification of conflict this year, so the south Korean authorities will be driven into a piteous plight, an analyst pointed out.

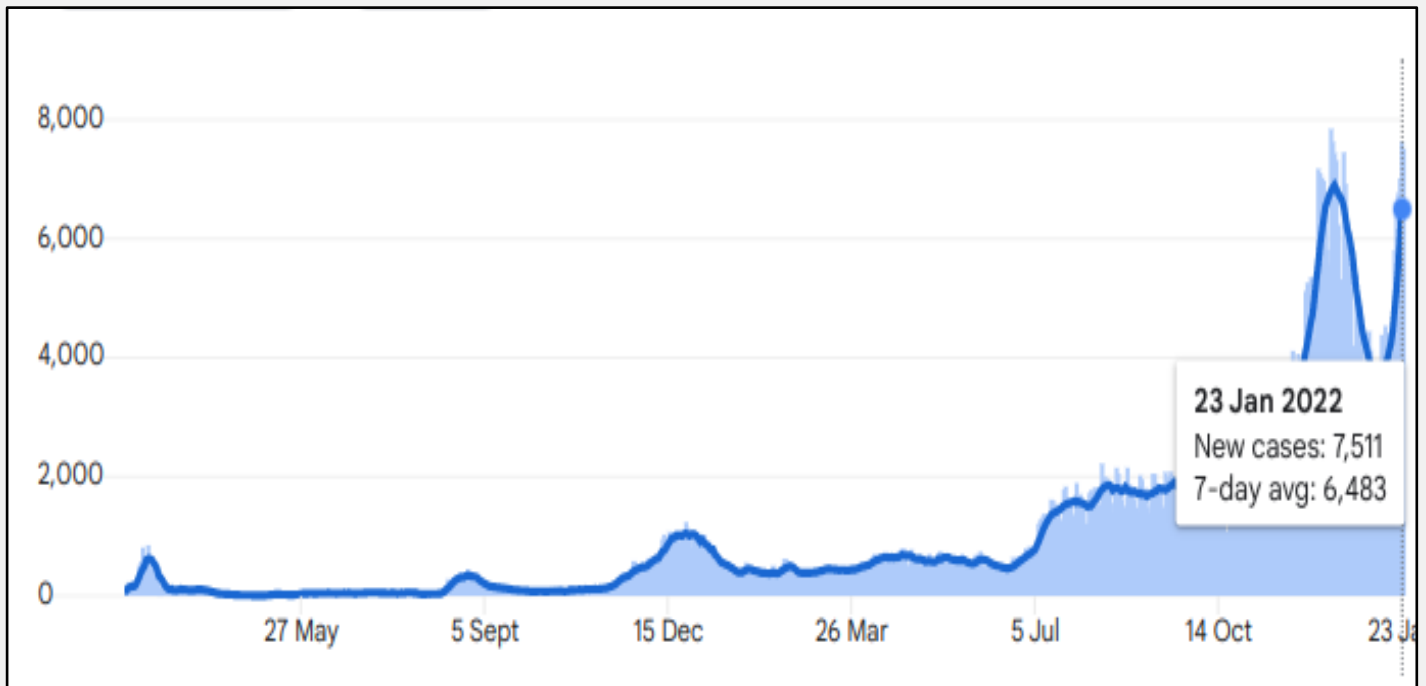
It is difficult to expect the improvement of the inter-Korean relations due to the south Korea-US joint military maneuver this year, a former official of the institute for reunification surveyed.

The inter-Korean relations are still locked in insecure and grave deadlock because of inefficiency and treachery of the present authorities resorting to hostile viewpoint and policy toward the north in servitude to the US, he asserted.

There is no knowing when the inter-Korean ties will be restored this year, the principled matters set forth by the north must be settled beforehand, the others demanded.

(Pyongyang Mission,
of the Anti - Imperialist National Democratic Front)

Covid Rages in south Korea



Whilst the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has no Covid 19 cases and no deaths from Covid 19 , south Korea on the 24th of January recorded 7511 new cases and 25 deaths . South Korea has a total of 741,413 Covid 19 cases and 6,765 deaths from Covid 19 .So much for the so -called liberal 'human rights paradise ' advertised by the Western mainstream .

(KFA UK, British Solidarity Committee for Peace
and Reunification on the Korean Peninsula)

Condemning the warlike remarks

The broad segments of south Korean people denounce Yun Seok-yol, the candidate for the next presidency of the People's Power Party, as he spotted a string of rubbish against the DPRK.



In denunciation of preemptive strike inviting national ruin



In condemnation of Yun's reckless remark inciting war



The press conference condemning Yun's statement



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LIFE AND CULTURE in PEOPLES KOREA

Yonphung Scientists Holiday Camp

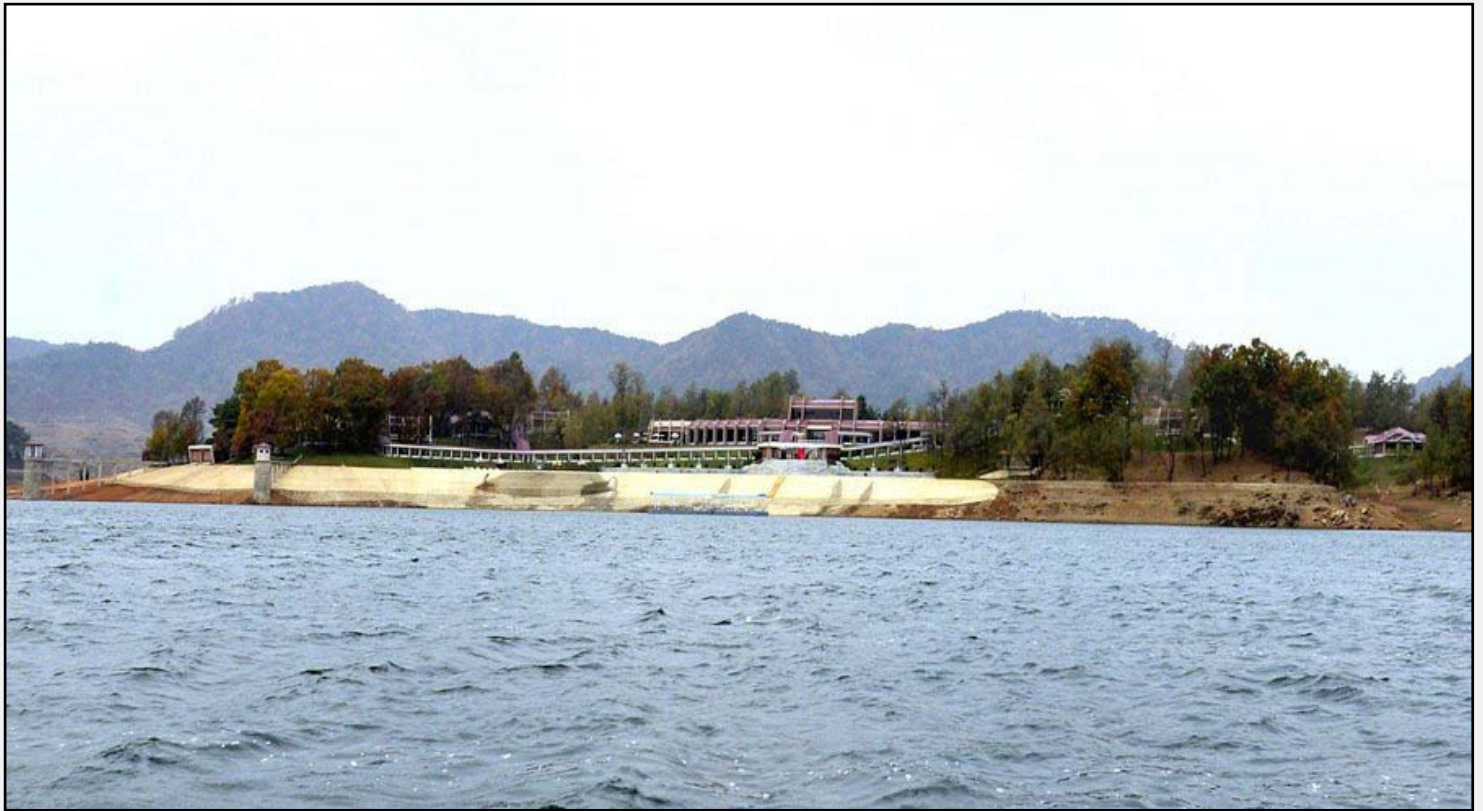


The *Yonphung Scientists Holiday Camp* is on the shore of picturesque *Lake Yonphung* in the DPRK. Scientists and technicians are calling it a golden cushion.

The holiday camp has all necessary conditions needed to cultural welfare and life.

Many scientists and technicians have spent pleasant recreation days at the camp after its completion. Among them are scientists of the *Hamhung Branch* of the *State Academy of Sciences Ka Chang Su* and *Im Jin Sun*, a couple who won a doctorate.

When they were informed of their first-term recreation, they could not get to sleep for joy. During their recreation, they could lead a happy life while taking exercises like folk games, table-tennis and badminton and having a good meal.



The *Yonphung Scientists Holiday Camp* was built on the initiative of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. He chose the site on the spot and gave a detailed guidance to build it as a monumental edifice.

Going round the completed holiday camp in October Juche 103 (2014), he highly appreciated that it was built as an icon of the times in the style and content to be handed down to posterity. And he stressed the need to let scientists relieve their

pent-up fatigue through good rest there

Lots of trees were planted along the route decorated by colorful electric lights.

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Pyongyang Teachers Training College



It is the noble intention of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to turn our country into the one prospering with education and opening up the bright future by improving education.

Pyongyang Teachers Training College was successfully rebuilt as a model teachers training college of the DPRK. Education there has been put on a high scientific, IT and modern basis. It is also associated with such noble intention of Kim Jong Un who regards education as the invariable foremost task in developing the revolution.

He visited the newly remodeled college despite the biting cold in January, Juche 107 (2018).

At a room dedicated to the history of the college, an education science exhibition hall, an education control room, a multi-function classroom, a library, a gymnasium, etc., he learned in detail about its modernization and educational work and expressed great satisfaction.

He highly praised its educators for compiling lots of textbooks and achieving great scientific research successes such as the introduction of the technology for

educational estimation helpful to students' self-thinking into lectures.

He gave important instructions arising in putting the preschool and primary school education on a fresh scientific footing, including the issues of improving and perfecting the educational curriculums, increasing the proportion of experiment and practice and concentrating educational work on raising students' creativity.

Since his guidance to the college, it has pioneered new subjects, introduced more practical and advantageous methods into education and strengthened its teaching staff both in quality and quantity through innovations in the post-graduate course.

It spurs the scientific educational work to train more and better revolutionary talents capable of dynamically propelling the overall development of socialist construction, true to the idea and spirit of the historic 4th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

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Korean Central News Agency)

Family Famous for Soybean Paste



Pyongyang, January 21 (KCNA) -- Pak Sun Gum's family residing in Janghyon-dong, Moranbong District of Pyongyang City, uses self-made soybean paste in dietary life.

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Korean Central News Agency)

Products from the Pyongyang Dental Hygiene Product Factory



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Korean Central News Agency)

Story about 'girl mother' of yesterday



Last year, another beautiful story was woven to touch the people's heartstrings. It was a story about Choe Son Hui, employee of the materials supply station for schools for orphans under the Ministry of Public Security, who devoted her true heart to and adopted an orphaned child who was a paraplegic at Tonghae School for Orphans.

Seven years ago when she was tasked with taking care of health of orphans at the school, Son Hui became familiar with An Jong Sim.

After being orphaned, Jong Sim was admitted to the school and unexpectedly diagnosed with spine cancer and paraplegia with her life hanging by a thread.

Thanks to medical workers' sincere devotion, she recovered her health miraculously and became able to walk, but she had to be under the medical care of doctors and nurses since she was still far from normal conditions in the medical point of view.

For that reason, Son Hui paid special attention to Jong Sim.

Whenever Jong Sim developed a fever, Son Hui sat up all night to take care of her. Whenever she lost her appetite, Son Hui prepared her favourite food and

sometimes she was wet with sweat for her functional recovery treatment.

And every night, she would tell Jong Sim interesting stories in bed and sing songs for her before falling asleep with the girl in her arms.



But at that time Son Hui did not realize how Jong Sim received her affection.

'I felt mother's affection from her whenever she carried me on her back for the treatment of paraplegia and cared so much for me for the recovery of health as she embraced me so affectionately in bed. One night I asked her 'May I call you mom?'

Jong Sim recalled.

'I couldn't readily answer her sudden question. A variety of thoughts flooded me. But next moment, I feared she would not have a meal thinking of me. So I let her call me mom', Son Hui said.

So, the unmarried girl became the mother of Jong Sim and the latter was brought to Son Hui's home in Pyongyang.

When Son Hui adopted the sick child, who was not her blood relative, all her neighbors were surprised and worried about her future, said Pak Hwa Sil, head of

neighborhood unit No. 13 in Ryonhwa-dong No. 2, Central District, Pyongyang. But all of them were so impressed by her steady devotion to the girl's treatment and study, Pak added.

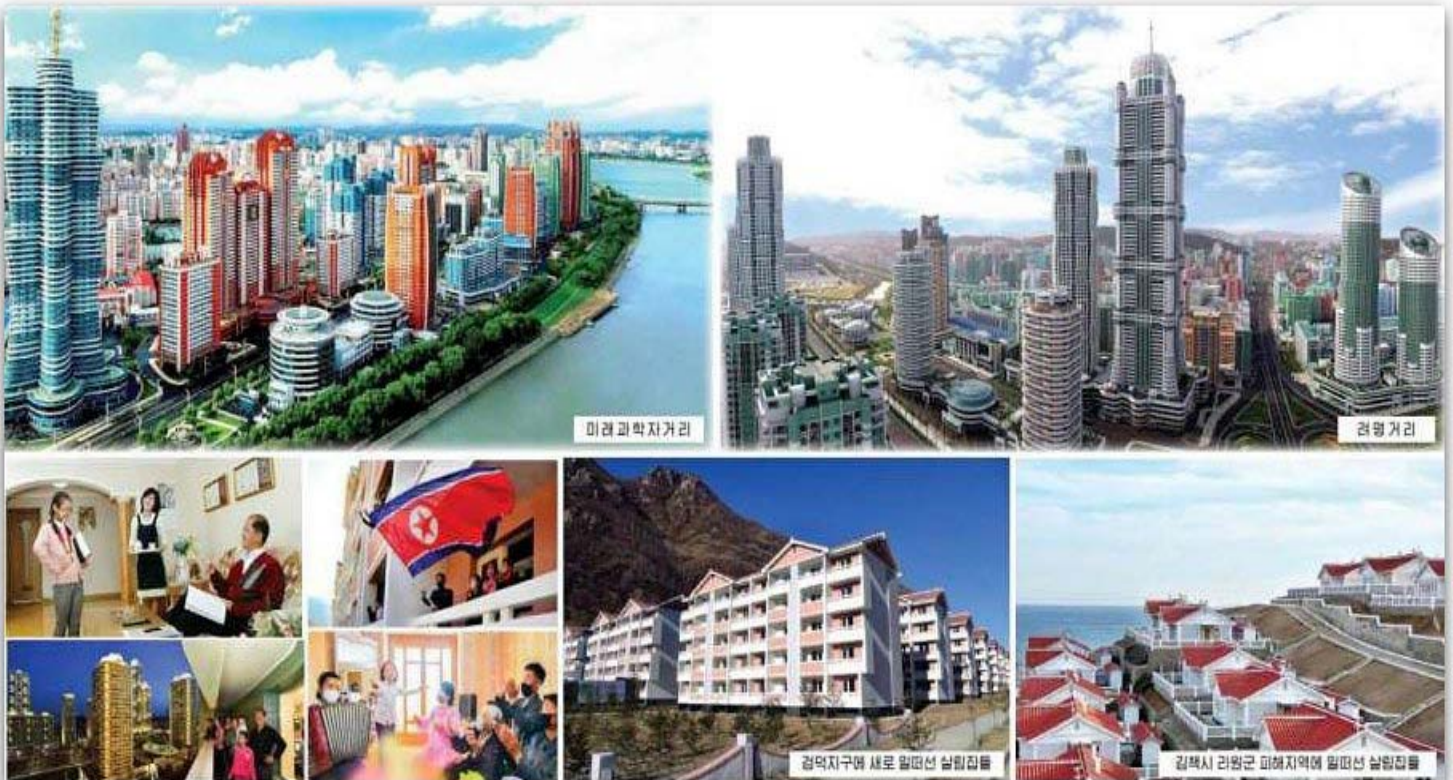
In June last year, a young man named Yun Myong Sik called on Son Hui's after hearing about her deeds. He proposed to her, saying he would become the father of Jong Sim.

Soon after, Choe Son Hui and Yun Myong Sik tied the knot amid the blessings of their neighbours and colleagues and many others who became Jong Sim's brothers, sisters and uncles, being deeply impressed by their deeds.

That day, Jong Sim sang the song We Are the Happiest in the World together with her father and mother.

(January 19, 'The Pyongyang Times')

***New, free of charge, housing in different parts
of People's Korea, the socialist paradise***



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Korean Central News Agency)



**CLASSIC WORKS
OF THE GREAT KOREAN LEADERS**



Kim IL SUNG

'With The Century'

'The Anti - Japanese Revolution'

(April 1912 - June 1926)

Chapter 3 - 'In Jilin'

part 14

'Mentor Shang Yue'

*While Pak So Sim was my teacher and introduced *The Capital* to me, Shang Yue was my teacher and introduced *Mother* by Gorky and *the Dream at the Red Mansion* to me. Shang Yue taught philology and literature at Yuwen Middle School.*

Shortly after his appointment to the school, we heard that a new teacher of philology and literature, a graduate of the English faculty at Beijing University, had arrived at the school, and we all looked forward to his lecture.

However, we were somewhat anxious about the new teacher. We wondered if he had been appointed by the Office of Education as its agent. There were several undesirable elements bribed by the warlord authorities among the teachers at Yuwen Middle School, and they had been appointed by the Office of Education. It was not long since Zhang Xue-liang, on the orders of Jiang Jie-shi, had hoisted the flag of the Kuomintang in Manchuria. The intelligence machinery of Jiang Jie-shi was already stretching its tentacles from Shenyang to Jilin. The agents of the Kuomintang had not yet got their hands on Yuwen Middle School, but the progressive teachers and students at the school were placed under constant surveillance by the warlords and their agents. This being the situation, the appointment of a new teacher could not but make us feel nervous as we awaited his lesson.

*The teacher dispelled the students' suspicion and won their popularity after only one lesson. He explained the long story of the 120-part *Dream at the Red Mansion* in an hour. He was so proficient in explaining the essentials, weaving the plot with important details of life, that we were able to digest instantly all the messages carried in the novel and the process of the decline of a noble family in which the patriarchal tradition held sway.*

As he left the classroom after the lecture, the students exclaimed joyfully that the new teacher at Yuwen Middle School was a talented man. He had spoken a great deal about the content of the novel, but only a little about its author. So the next day I stopped him as he strolled around the playground and asked him to tell me about Cao Xue-qin, the writer of the novel. He said that he had omitted a biography of the writer because of a lack of time, and that it was natural for me to ask about him. He went into the details of the writer's life and his family background.

After his explanation I asked him some questions about the correlations between the class origin of a writer and the class character of his works.

He gave me clear answers to those questions, too. Saying that he was giving me

his own opinion, he explained that while it was true that the class origin of a writer might influence the character of his works, the dominating factor defining the character was not the author's class origin but his outlook on the world. He took Cao Xue-qin as an example. He said: Cao was born to a noble family that received the favour of the Emperor Kangxi and grew up in comfortable circumstances but, because he had a progressive outlook on the world, he was able to give an artistic description of feudal China in her disintegration and of the inevitability of her collapse.

He went on to tell me: "You were right to come to see me today, Song Ju. If a student has a question, something he wants made clear, he should immediately receive help from his teacher. That is the attitude a student in pursuit of science should adopt. Ask me many questions at any place and at any time. I am fond of students who ask me many questions." I was pleased that he told me to ask many questions. I had been known as a pupil who asked many questions from my days at primary school. Even at Yuwen Middle School I bothered the teachers with many questions. He said that he had me *Dream at the Red Mansion* and a short biography of Cao, and told me I could read them at any time if I wanted to. So I was lucky enough to be the first visitor to his boarding house.

My grandfather would always say that it was not advisable for a pupil to visit his teacher's house. Not only those from the older generation who had grown up by learning *Tongmongsonsub* (the first textbook for a boy—Tr.) at village schools, but also many other elders who claimed that they had become civilized thanks to modern education were of the same opinion as my grandfather. My grandfather's opinion was this: If pupils peep into their teacher's private life frequently, they lose their awe of him; the teacher must give his pupils the firm belief that their teacher neither eats nor urinates; only then can he maintain his authority at school; so a teacher should set up a screen and live behind it.

Grandfather had this opinion at the time when my father was attending the village school. There was a teacher named Kim Ji Song at Sunhwa Village School which my father was attending. He was helplessly fond of drinking. He would often send my father, who was the class monitor, on errands to buy wine for him. At first my father obeyed him meekly, but after seeing the drunken teacher fall flat on his face in a ditch on his way home, father changed his mind.

One day the teacher gave him a large bottle and sent him on the same errand. But outside the school gate he threw the bottle at a rock and smashed it to pieces. He told the teacher that, chased by a tiger, he had tripped over a stone and broken the bottle. In blank dismay the teacher said, "Oh! Has a tiger from Mt. Paektu come as far as Mangyongdae? How shameful it is for me that you must lie to me! It was wrong of me to send you boys for wine." Thus he stopped drinking. Even though his teacher had stopped drinking, the image of the teacher flat on his face in the ditch smelling of wine was engraved on my father's memory. My grandfather's opinion of a teacher's code of conduct was based on this anecdote.

But before my teacher Shang Yue could set up a screen, I had plunged into his private life.

There were hundreds of books in his bookcase. It was the richest and most impressive of all the bookcases I had ever seen. His room was a library. The bookcase contained many English novels and biographies. I was fascinated by his books. If I were to digest all the knowledge in these books, wouldn't that be better than a university education? It is fortunate for me that this teacher has come to Yuwen Middle School, I thought.

After a cursory inspection of the books I asked:

"Excuse me, sir. How many years did it take you to fill this bookcase?"

He came up to the bookcase and, looking into my face, said with a smile:

"Almost 10 years."

"How many years do you think it would take me to read all these books?"

"If you are diligent, three years, and if not, 100 years."

"Sir, will you open this bookcase to me if I promise to read all these books in three years?"

"Why not? But there is one condition,"

"If you will lend the books to me, I will accept any condition."

"The condition is that you become a writer in the future, and that's all. I have always wanted to train a few writers from among young people who will work for the proletarian revolution. You will be one of them, won't you?"

"I am extremely grateful for that. Frankly, I feel a particular attachment to literature and I admire writers. After the liberation of the country I might take up literature; however, sir, we are the sons of a ruined nation. My father fought to liberate the country, braving difficulties all his life, before passing away. I am determined to devote myself to the struggle for national independence in accordance with my father's will, and that is my highest ideal and ambition. I am set on fighting to liberate my nation."

The teacher, leaning against the bookcase, nodded continually, a serious look on his face. Then he came to me and placed his hand on my shoulder, saying, "That's wonderful. Song Ju! If the struggle for independence is your ideal, I will open this

bookcase to you on that condition.”

That day I returned home with the Dream at the Red Mansion. The next books I borrowed were the novels by Jiang Guang-ci, On the River Amnok and A Boy Wanderer. I found these two novels very interesting. The first novel, On the River Amnok, in which Ri Maeng Han and Un Go, a Korean young man and girl, were the principal characters made a special, unforgettable impression on me. Later I borrowed from him Gorky's Mother.

In this way we got on exceptionally well through books and literature. He would lend me any book I wanted to read. If I asked for books he didn't have in his bookcase, he would go to the trouble of obtaining them for me from other sources. In return for his helping me with my reading, I had to tell him about my impressions of each book I had read.

We swapped our opinions on The Enemy by Gorky and Blessing by Lu Xun. Thus we frequently exchanged our views on literature. The topic of our conversations always focussed on the mission of literature. We talked a great deal about how literature should reflect the reality and promote social progress. The teacher said that literature was a light that gave men intellect. He said that while machines promoted the development of production, literature perfected the qualities of the men who operated machines.

He would talk about Lu Xun and his works with particular fervour. He was a literary friend of Lu Xun and a member of the literary circle that was led by him. The short story The Axe-head he wrote during his circle activities was highly thought of by Lu Xun. The novel depicted the people in the Luoshan area who were fighting against feudal customs. According to Shang Xiao-yuan, Shang Yue's daughter, Lu Xun also expressed his dissatisfaction with the story, saying that it lacked literary sharpness.

By overcoming the immaturity revealed in his early works, in the 1930s he produced a work with perfect ideological and artistic qualities, A Plot, which was favourably spoken of by readers. This novel was carried serially in a magazine published in Yunnan Province. In the 1980s the People's Literature Publishing House of China published this novel in paperback.

In addition to The Axe-head and A Plot he produced the novels, Spear and The Dog Problem and published them. While working as a teacher he never abandoned his creative endeavours as a writer. So it was only natural that he tried to lead me into literary pursuits in those days.

I even borrowed from him the Selected Works of Chen Du-xiu. Chen was one of the founders of the Communist Party of China; he had been at the helm of the Chinese party. At first, he was reluctant to lend the books to me because he was

afraid that I might be corrupted by Chen's Rightist capitulationist line. He added that Chen had been the Dean of School of Letters at Beijing University before he had gone to the university and that many teachers and students were proud that Chen had been one of them at the university.

He confessed:

"To be frank, I once worshipped Chen. I became fascinated by him while reading the magazine *New Youth* he published and his early treatises. But now my opinion of Chen has changed."

According to him, the great popularity Chen had enjoyed at the time of the May 4 Movement and in the early days of the Communist Party had fallen because he had adopted the line of Rightist opportunism.

Chen's opportunist error was particularly evident in his attitude towards the peasant question. As early as 1926 Stalin had pointed out that the peasantry was the main force of the anti-imperialist front in China and the most reliable ally of the Chinese working class. Nevertheless, Chen ignored the peasantry. Out of his fear of a conflict between the peasants and the landed proprietors, he opposed the peasants' interference in the administration and their active self-defence. In short, he tried to restrain the peasants' struggle. Chen's mistake was that, on the pretext of opposing imperialism, he was against the revolution in the rural communities because he feared that the bourgeoisie might break away from the revolutionary front. His capitulationist line resulted instead in encouraging the bourgeoisie to betray the revolution. This was Shang Yue's view of Chen Du-xiu.

As he rightly pointed out, the works of Chen contained capitulationist elements which could do great harm to the revolution. After reading the *Selected Works of Chen Du-xiu* I had a long conversation with him on our views on the peasant question. This talk centred on the following points: What similarities and differences are there concerning the peasant question in the Korean revolution and the Chinese revolution; what are the points we should refer to in Lenin's strategy on the peasant question; and what should be done to enable the peasantry to play their role as the main force of the revolution?

I said that it must be right to regard the peasantry as the great force of a country since agriculture was the major foundation of a country.

He affirmed my view and went on to say that neglecting the peasantry meant neglecting farming and the land, so the revolution, however noble its ideal, would inevitably fail if the peasantry was neglected. He added that Chen was mistaken because he had forgotten this principle.

This conversation convinced me that the teacher was a communist. He discovered that I had been working for the Young Communist League. He had marvellous sensibility and judgement. He joined the Chinese Communist Party in 1926. He had been arrested by the reactionary warlords of the Kuomintang while guiding the peasant movement in his home town and experienced many hardships for over a year in military prison in Zhejiang Province. Later he was released on bail with the help of a Korean army surgeon and came to Manchuria under an assumed name of Xie Zhong-wu. He had got employment at Yuwen Middle School in Jilin through the good offices of a man named Chu Tu-nan.

After exchanging our views on the peasant question, we frequently discussed political questions. The young people and students in Jilin in those days used to discuss politics widely. Since China was then in the throes of a great revolution and Korea was at the height of a mass movement, we had a host of questions to discuss. It was around this time that there were vehement arguments among Korean young people about which was right, Ri Jun's method or An Jung Gun's method. Many young people and students were definitely in favour of An Jung Gun's fighting method.

I asked the teacher about his view on An Jung Gun's method. He commented that what he had done was certainly patriotic at the time but his method was unsure. His opinion coincided with mine. I thought that the struggle against imperialist Japan's aggression could not succeed by using the terrorist method of killing a few stooges of the warlords, and that it would achieve its aim only by educating and awakening the popular masses to political consciousness and encouraging all the people to join the struggle.

We also swapped opinions on the history of imperialist Japan's aggression in Korea, her colonial policy in Korea, her scheme to invade Manchuria and the warlords' support for it, and the necessity for solidarity and cooperation between the peoples of Korea and China in the anti-imperialist, anti-aggression struggle.

In those days the students of Yuwen Middle School frequently discussed the attitude of the League of Nations towards disarmament. There were many students who harboured illusions about the League of Nations. So I wrote an article exposing the league's trickery in dealing with the question of disarmament. Many students spoke in support of my article. My teacher, Shang Yue, read it and commented that my opinion was correct.

In his days in Jilin he lost contact with his Communist Party organization but he gave several lectures on the works of such progressive writers as Gorky and Lu Xun for the purpose of enlightenment. Once at the request of the members of the secret reading circle he gave a one-week special course in the school library on the subject of "Let us oppose imperialism." The students' reaction to his lectures was very good. I let him know this to encourage him. He was loved by his students for his

progressive ideas, high sense of responsibility in education and profound and wide knowledge of the cultures and history of all ages and countries.

The reactionary teachers who were bribed by the warlord authorities were unhappy with him and tried to sully his reputation as a teacher. The students who were loved and supported by him were also subject to their jealousy and slander. A certain Fang tried to force the headmaster, Li Guang-han, to expel the Korean students, and Ma, the physical-training teacher, schemed to stir up opinion against me, saying that the Korean students were hostile to the Chinese teachers. Shang Yue always shielded me from their attack.

The English teacher, too, was hostile to the students who aspired to the new trend of thought. He was steeped in flunkeyism. He was so contemptuous of Oriental people that he said it was uncivilized of the Chinese people to smack their lips while eating; Westerners did not, he said. He, a Chinese, behaved like a Westerner.

His frequent show of contempt for Oriental backwardness was seriously offensive to us. So when we were on kitchen duty we prepared noodles and invited the teachers to dinner. As they ate their hot noodles, the hall was loud with sucking sounds. The English teacher, too, was sucking his noodles down. The students roared with laughter at him. Sensing that he was being made fun of he flushed and left. After that he never again spoke ill of Oriental people. As he worshipped the West so much, the students were not interested in his lessons.

The reactionary teachers' pressure on Shang Yue grew towards the beginning of 1929.

On one occasion he said that it was desirable to encourage as many people as possible, rather than only sportsmen, to take part in physical training. He said that it was undesirable that only basketball players should use the court in the school playground. Some rowdy players who were unhappy with his remark tried to attack him after school when he was returning to his boarding house from school. I saw to it that the members of the Young Communist League and the Anti-Imperialist Youth League prevented them from such misconduct and scolded them severely.

The literature teacher, as he looked at the fleeing attackers, sighed, saying, "Ma has trained some wonderful stooges."

I said to him with a laugh, "Don't be afraid, sir. This, too, is a sort of class struggle. We should prepare for a possible clash that may be worse than this one." To this he replied, "You are right. We are fighting now with the warlords."

While trying to reinstate the students who had been expelled without due cause by the Office of Education, he was dismissed and left Yuwen Middle School. When I returned to school after guiding the mass organizations in the Changchun and Kalun areas in their work, Kwon Thae Sok hurried up to me and gave me a letter the teacher had left for me. The letter said: I have been defeated in the fight with the warlords and am leaving you, but we will defeat them in the future. Wherever I go I will send you, Song Ju, my wholehearted blessing on your ideal to live your whole

life as a true son of your motherland and your people. Those were the last words of encouragement from him to me.

I have not seen him since. I discovered that he was still alive when I received from him in 1955 his essay, *The Historical Relationship between Marshal Kim Il Sung and I in His Boyhood* and in 1980 his book *The Outline of Chinese History*. Reading them, I recalled the days at Yuwen Middle School when we would discuss the situations in Korea and Manchuria, the aggressive policy of the Japanese imperialists and the joint struggle of the Korean and Chinese peoples, and I sent my heartfelt gratitude to my old teacher.

Whenever Chinese leaders have visited our country I have inquired after him. To my regret, I have not met him again. I must say that I have not fulfilled my obligation as one of his pupils. The border between countries is something strange. He passed away in 1982 while a professor at Chinese People's University in Beijing.

His eldest daughter Shang Jia-lan, a researcher at the Dynamics Institute of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, visited our country in 1989 and his third daughter Shang Xiao-yuan came to our country to see me in 1990. The latter is teaching at Chinese People's University. I could not suppress my joy when I saw his image in his daughters' faces after 60 years of separation. Can a difference in nationalities change people's feelings? Friendship knows no barrier of skin colour, language and religion. If Yuwen Middle School had been nearby, I would have picked a handful of the lilac petals that blossomed in the school garden and given them to his daughters, saying, "This is the flower your father loved. Your father and I met frequently by a lilac bush."

Leaving Jilin, he devoted himself to party work, education, culture and writing in Harbin, Shanghai, Beijing, Hankou, Chongqing, Ningxia and Yanan. He once worked as the chief secretary of the provincial party committee of Manchuria, I was told.

He never forgot me throughout his life and always maintained friendly feelings for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a close neighbour of China. He was buried in the Martyrs' Cemetery in Babaoshan in Beijing.

A man who has a mentor he can recollect throughout his life is truly a happy man. In this sense, I am a happy man. Whenever I miss this man who left a lasting impression on me in my youthful days, I take a stroll in my heart in the garden of Yuwen Middle School.

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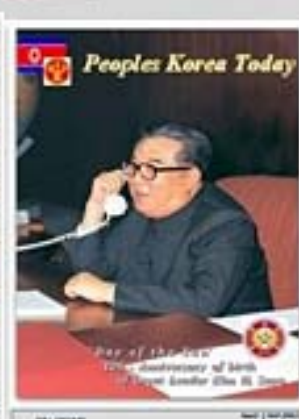
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8th of January

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'Day of the Sun', anniversary of the birth
of the Great leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG
Foundation of the KPA as the Korean Revolutionary Army (1932)
25th of April

July

Anniversary of the passing away of the Great Leader KIM IL SUNG
8th of July
Anniversary of the award of the title of Marshal
to respected Comrade KIM JONG UN
17th of July

October

Party Foundation Day
10th of October
Anniversary of foundation of
Down with Imperialism Union
17th of October

Anniversary of Panmunjom Inter - Korean Summit
27th of April

Anniversary of victory in Fatherland Liberation War
27th of July

February

Foundation of Korean People's Army,
as a regular and standing revolutionary armed force
8th of February

May

'International Workers Day'
1st of May

August

'Liberation Day'
15th of August

November

Not a DPRK anniversary but the anniversary
of the foundation of the KFA
13th of November

Day of the 'Shining Star'. Anniversary of the birth
of the Great Leader Comrade KIM JONG IL
16th of February

(start of the Songun revolutionary leadership
of the Great Leader Comrade KIM JONG IL)
25th of August

Anniversary of
'Hwasong - 15' test fire
29th of November

March

Anniversary of Agrarian Reform Law
5th of March

June

Anniversary of the provocation
of the Fatherland Liberation War by the US imperialists
25th of June

September

Foundation of the Republic day
9th of September
Anniversary of the passing away of the
Anti - Japanese heroine and Mother of Korea,
Madame KIM JONG SUK
22nd of September

December

Anniversary of the passing away of the Great Leader
Comrade KIM JONG IL
17th of December
Anniversary of the birth of Madame KIM JONG SUK
24th of December
Anniversary of the appointment of the Great Leader
Comrade KIM JONG IL as KPA Supreme Commander
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Anniversary of the appointment of Marshal KIM JONG UN as KPA Supreme Commander
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