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Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un Inspecting Completed Koam-Tapchon Railway

Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected the completed Koam-Tapchon railway.

The Supreme Leader already unrolled a plan for building a large-scale fishing zone in the areas of Koam, Tapchon and Chonapho which have favourable conditions for developing the fishing industry and set forth a task to build the Koam-Tapchon railway in a modern fashion as a preceding process.

Builders, scientists and technicians wonderfully built a railway bridge across the rough sea of Sokjon Bay in Munchon city, Kangwon Province, by overcoming unfavourable conditions and a multitude of difficulties, thus performing a great feat of breaking new ground in the country's history of railway construction.

He was very satisfied to see the railway line stretching far across the rough sea, saying that it looks so wonderful, he seems to see a work of art and another problem of the Party's concern has been settled.

Noting that the completion of the railway linking Koam with the Songjon peninsula opened up a broad avenue to rapidly stepping up the construction of the Tapchon fishing zone and satisfactorily transporting caught fish as planned by the Party, he highly praised the builders, scientists and technicians for having successfully carried out the uphill project with their own efforts.

He expressed his satisfaction again, saying that the railway bridge was designed excellently and built on a high-quality level, and that it is a pleasure and pride to behold another precious creation which was erected on the eastern seaside of the country. He also stressed that impossibility cuts no ice with the Korean people who are vigorously advancing forward with the spirit of self-reliance and self-development and on the strength of science and technology and they do whatever they have decided to do, adding that we should create and develop everything in our own style by relying on our own efforts, technology and resources.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho



Supreme Leader's Field Guidance at Construction Site of Wonsan-Kalma Coastal Tourist Area

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un gave a field guidance at the construction site of the Wonsan-Kalma coastal tourist area in May. The Supreme Leader had already had a plan of building a world renowned coastal tourist city in Kalma peninsula in accordance with the appearance of the maritime country which is bounded on three sides by the sea, and set forth in his New Year Address the militant task facing the service personnel and people to join efforts to complete the construction of the Wonsan-Kalma coastal tourist area in the shortest period of time.

KPA service personnel and other builders have turned out in one mind for building another monumental structure representing the times of the WPK in the scenic place on the east coast. They finished the site clearing, earth filling and infrastructure construction in a short time on a high quality level by working day and night and are now stepping up the framework construction of all buildings.

Feasting his eyes on the panoramic view of the construction site along the seaside of Myongsasimni where buildings of

various shapes and styles are rising competitively, he praised the builders, saying they have done a lot in just a few months.

He continued to say that Ryomyong Street myth is thought as the one of long time ago in the country and another miracle of construction is being wrought at the construction site of the coastal tourist area.

He looked round various places of the construction site to acquaint himself with overall construction including its scale and progress and the supply of building materials and equipment before discussing how to speed up and finish the project.

It is the determination of the WPK to build the Wonsan-Kalma coastal tourist area wonderfully as the one and only Korean-style coastal city in the world and make our people enjoy the highest quality and standard of civilization, he said. And he instructed relevant officials to complete the construction till next year's Day of the Sun (April 15), the birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho





Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, meeting again with Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China [May Juche 107 (2018)]

Effervescent DPRK-China Friendship

Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and Chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission, paid a visit to China's Dalian from May 7 to 8, Juche 107 (2018), and met again with Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of the People's Republic of China.

Dalian International Airport was full to the brim with deep friendship and warm welcome as it would receive the dear and closest friend from a good neighbour.

At noon local time the plane landed at the airport.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un alighted from the plane and shook hands with the Chinese officials, exchanging greetings.

A woman presented a bunch of flowers to him and welcomed him.

Xi Jinping came to Dalian to see Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un had a warm and emotional meeting with Xi Jinping and had a photograph taken with him.

They shared greetings, so pleased to meet again in a little more than a month.

There were a meeting and talks between Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping in the afternoon.

At the talks both sides informed each other of their assessments of and views on the recent trend and development of the situation on the Korean peninsula that has come under the global spotlight and of their political and

economic situations, and stressed the need to promote bilateral friendly and cooperative relations for the better. And they exchanged in-depth views on how to tackle the crucial issues of common concern.

Kim Jong Un said he was very happy that DPRK-China relations are currently taking on a new dimension for further development. Notably, he highly appreciated the close high-level visits between the two Parties and the two countries and the unusual strategic communication between the two supreme leaderships.

He reviewed the drastically changing situation around the Korean peninsula and referred to how to get to grips with the strategic opportunity and boost the bilateral tactical cooperation proactively and closely.

Xi Jinping spoke highly of Kim Jong Un's visit, saying it reveals his sincere willingness to set much store by the relationships between the two Parties and the two countries, to trust him and the Chinese Party and to put into practice the consensus reached between them.

He was happy with the positive development of the bilateral ties and the Korean peninsula situation that has been made since Kim Jong Un visited China in March for the first time, and expressed appreciation again of his second visit designed to communicate and coordinate with the Chinese counterparts.

He supported the new strategic line of concentrating on socialist economic construction the WPK set forth at the Third Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Party Central Committee, and was hopeful that the DPRK's cause of socialist construction would be successful without fail under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

The talks proceeded in a frank, trustful and friendly atmosphere.

Xi Jinping hosted a grand banquet in honour of Kim Jong Un.

When Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping entered the banquet hall, all the

participants burst into enthusiastic applause, extending the highest tribute to the top leaders of the two Parties and countries who are opening up a new chapter of the great DPRK-China friendship.

Xi Jinping made a congratulatory speech first.

Kim Jong Un spoke in return.

An amicable atmosphere pervaded the banquet hall where senior officials of the two countries got together like family members to share warm and sincere feelings and delight of meeting, going beyond the protocol and formality.

On the morning of May 8, Kim Jong Un met again with Xi Jinping and talked without reserve while strolling the seaside.

He then was invited to a luncheon arranged by Xi Jinping at the Qingdao Pavilion of Bangchuidao Guesthouse.

Before the luncheon Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping appreciated the skills showing China's tea culture and talked about important issues.

The luncheon overflowing with genuine friendship, respect and reverence helped the top leaders of the two Parties and the two countries further deepen their comradely rapport.

Some suite members visited Dalian Donggang Downtown and Hualu Group of China that day.

Kim Jong Un wound up his schedule on Tuesday afternoon and left Dalian by his plane.

Kim Jong Un sent a message of thanks to Xi Jinping on his way home.

The Dalian summit serves as an important occasion to uphold and inherit the fine tradition of meetings the preceding leaders of the two countries held and maintained as a role model and to inject new impetus into the bilateral friendship, a strategic choice of the two Parties and countries, in line with the requirements of the new century.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon



Talks between Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the WPK, and Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPC [May Juche 107 (2018)]



Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the WPK, meeting again with Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPC [May Juche 107 (2018)]



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un leaving Dalian by his plane [May Juche 107 (2018)]



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un Meeting Chinese Foreign Minister

Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and Chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission, met Wang Yi, state councillor and foreign minister of People's Republic of China, in Pyongyang on May 3.

Kim Jong Un exchanged warm greetings with Wang Yi, so pleased to see him again over a month after his visit to China and had a talk with him.

At the meeting, Wang Yi courteously conveyed the warm greetings Chinese President Xi Jinping, who is also General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, sent to the Supreme Leader.

The Supreme Leader expressed appreciation in return and asked Wang Yi to give his heartfelt regards and the best wishes

of the Party, government and people of the DPRK to Xi Jinping and the fraternal Chinese people.

They shared broad and in-depth views on inheriting and boosting the DPRK-China unity and the traditional ties of friendship and cooperation in an all-round way and on other matters of mutual concern such as the development and prospect of the Korean peninsula situation.

Talking with Wang Yi, Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction over the fact that they reconfirmed the two countries' stands on important issues and exchanged views on them.

He gave an affectionate hug to Wang Yi and said good-bye to him.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un Meeting US State Secretary

Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, met US State Secretary Mike Pompeo in Pyongyang on May 9.

He welcomed Mike Pompeo to Pyongyang and posed for a photograph with him.

Mike Pompeo expressed gratitude to Kim Jong Un for taking time to see him, saying that his visit is designed to personally convey the verbal message of President Donald Trump and gear up for the US-DPRK summit.

He courteously gave Trump's verbal message to Kim Jong Un.

Upon hearing the message Kim Jong Un had a high opinion of the US President's deep interest in the negotiated settlement of the issue and expressed appreciation.

He and Pompeo exchanged their assessments of and views on the acute Korean peninsula situation, which is now drawing particular worldwide concern, as well as the stands and views of their own supreme leaderships on

the summit.

Kim Jong Un accepted the US President's official request for releasing Americans who have been detained in the DPRK for committing hostilities, and gave an order in the name of the Chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission on granting a pardon for them to return home.

He highly appreciated the talks with the US State Secretary that produced satisfactory results.

Mike Pompeo expressed heartfelt gratitude to Kim Jong Un for according gracious hospitality to him and his party while in Pyongyang and for holding very good talks with full agreement. And he voiced his readiness to work hard to ensure a successful US-DPRK summit in his capacity as US Secretary of State.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un promised to meet him again and saw him off.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un meeting again with President Moon Jae In of south Korea [May Juche 107 (2018)]



Talks between Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and President Moon Jae In of south Korea [May Juche 107 (2018)]

Historic Fourth North-South Summit

The historic fourth north-south summit meeting and talks took place at the Thongil House in the north side area of Panmunjom on May 26, Juche 107 (2018).

Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, came to the Thongil House at Panmunjom to meet and hold talks with President Moon Jae In of south Korea.

KPA honour guards lined up in front of the Thongil House, the venue of the summit, to receive President Moon Jae In.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un warmly welcomed and exchanged greetings with President Moon Jae In, who arrived at the Thongil House on the north side after crossing the demarcation line at Panmunjom.

The two leaders were so pleased to meet again at the historic place in a month that they warmly shook hands with each other.

Prior to the talks, President Moon Jae In made an entry in the visitors' book of the Thongil House to mark his visit to the north side area, which reads: *Peace and Prosperity of the Korean Peninsula, together with Chairman Kim Jong Un of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea! May 26, 2018 President of the Republic of Korea Moon Jae In.*

Kim Jong Un and Moon Jae In had a photo taken with their hands firmly held to commemorate the fourth north-south summit.

There were talks between Kim Jong Un and Moon Jae In.

At the talks there was an in-depth exchange of views on matters which should be resolved to quickly implement the Panmunjom Declaration agreed upon at the third north-south summit, realize the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and achieve regional peace, stability and prosperity, those the north and the south



President Moon Jae In of south Korea made an entry in the visitors' book [May Juche 107 (2018)]

are now faced with and for successfully holding the DPRK-US summit.

The two leaders were unanimous that they would meet frequently in the future to promote dialogue and pool wisdom and energy, expressing their stand to make concerted efforts to denuclearize the Korean peninsula.

Kim Jong Un thanked Moon Jae In for his great effort for the DPRK-US summit scheduled for June 12, and expressed his firm will to hold the DPRK-US summit.

Kim Jong Un suggested to positively work together to improve DPRK-US relations and build a mechanism for permanent and durable peace.

They reached a satisfactory consensus on the matters discussed at the talks.

They warmly embraced each other and exchanged good-byes, making an appointment to meet again.

The meeting, in which the top leaders of the north and the south freely and open-heartedly heard each other's views on the crucial pending issues and had a candid dialogue, marks another milestone that opens up a new chapter in the development of the north-south relationship.

Article: Kim Jong



Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and President Moon Jae In of south Korea warmly embraced each other and exchanged good-byes, making an appointment to meet again [May Juche 107 (2018)]

Gold Prizes Awarded to Kimilsungia and Kimjongilia



Gold prize and diploma awarded to the immortal flower Kimilsungia

Gold prize and diploma awarded to the immortal flower Kimjongilia



Immortal flowers, Kimilsungia and Kimjongilia, won gold prizes and diplomas at the 15th China Azalea Show.

The show is the one on the largest scale organized by the azalea branch under the flower association of China.

Kimilsungia and Kimjongilia won gold prize at the 11th China Azalea Show held in China in Juche 102 (2013).

The show that ran in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China, between April 1 and May 12 drew 108 units from 32 cities of Chinese 16 provinces, Germany, Belgium and other countries of the world.

Korean immortal flowers elicited great admiration of the visitors for their beauty and rarity.

Article: Kim Un Gyong



In Jilin, China

Day of the Sun Celebrated Grandly

Celebrations of the Day of the Sun (April 15), a greatest national holiday of the Korean people, took place in many foreign countries, including China, Guinea and Indonesia.

Last April Kimilsungia and Kimjongilia exhibitions and visits to Kimilsungia greenhouses took place in Jilin, Dalian and Dandong of China.

Kimilsungia and Kimjongilia exhibition was held in front of the statue of President Kim Il Sung in Jilin Yuwen Middle School, co-sponsored by economic trading companies in Jilin and Hunchun. Also on display were diplomas awarded to the immortal flowers at several international exhibitions and picture albums of them.

At the opening ceremony a speaker noted that the immortal flower show in Jilin which is associated with the revolutionary activities of President Kim Il Sung and was visited by Chairman Kim Jong Il would be an important occasion in further strengthening the friendly ties between the peoples of the DPRK and China.

Similar exhibitions held in Dandong and Dalian of China drew a lot of visitors, who were fascinated by the celebrated flowers of Korea.

Kimilsungia shows took place in Indonesia and Guinea.

Cultural exhibitions and book, photo and fine art shows were held in Liaoning and Heilongjiang provinces of China, Moscow and St. Petersburg of Russia, Mpumalanga of South Africa, Caracas of Venezuela and other places in many countries of the world.

Article: Kang Su Jong



In Moscow, Russia



In Mpumalanga, South Africa

TAEAN FRIENDSHIP GLASS FACTORY



The Taeon Friendship Glass Factory in Nampho is a building materials producer which has taken the lion's share in the production of glass needed in different economic sectors.

Inaugurated in October Juche 94 (2005), the factory has developed into a comprehensive manufacturer of various kinds of glass necessary for construction, medical treatment, foodstuff, chemical industry and other sectors.

As they displayed the spirit of self-reliance and self-development and conducted the mass technical innovation drive, its officials, workers and technicians have ensured the production of a

variety of quality products such as tempered, heat-proof, laminated, picture, patterned, frosted and hollow glass, and demand for them is on the steady rise.

Employees display great enthusiasm for increased production in their struggle to implement the strategic line of the Workers' Party of Korea on concentrating all efforts on socialist economic construction.

Workers at all workshops such as those for plate glass, tempered glass, mineral dressing, raw materials, hydrogen and nitrogen and consumer goods operate machines at full capacity as they manage equipment and technology in a responsible manner.

The factory directs big efforts into the learning of science and technology on the principle that it is precisely production, while conducting a dynamic mass technical innovation drive for conceiving and introducing new technologies.

In the course of exploring latent reserves and pooling wisdom, the employees have newly established a sulphur dioxide production process at the plate glass workshop, succeeded in developing a method of producing curved laminated glass and upgraded the mineral dressing process for removing the components of iron from silica sand, the main raw material, in order to ensure the colourlessness of glass at a high level.

The factory has also resolved technical issues for improving the quality of plate glass while preventing the oxidation of tin, which is indispensable in glass production, and saving it as much as possible. In

addition, it has recently invented and introduced dozens of new technologies to put production on normal track.

The products of the factory are sent to major

construction sites and used in improving the people's living standards.

Article: Kim Chung Bok

Photo: Ri Kwang Song



Annealing furnace



Plate glass moulding machine



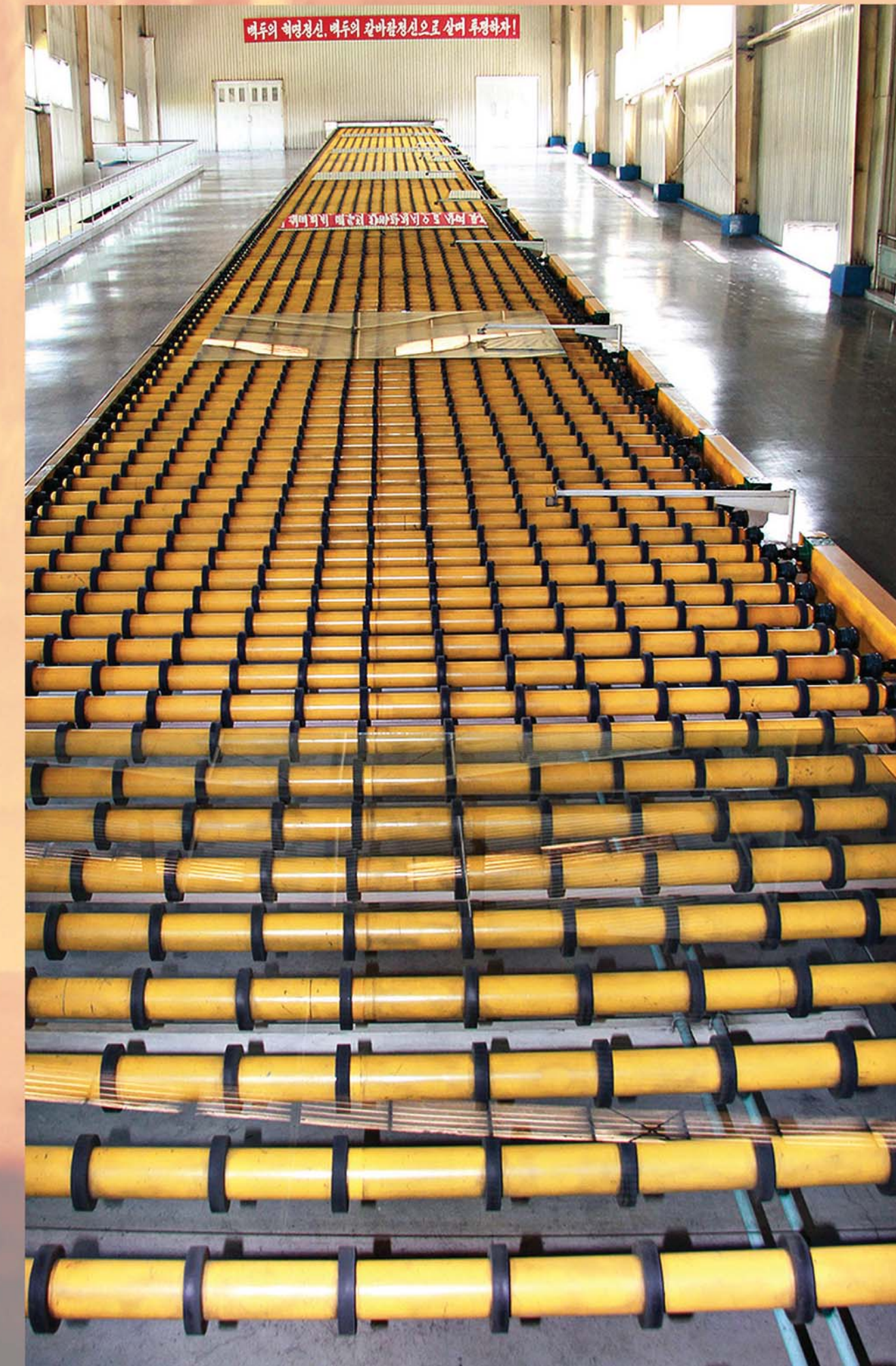
Heat-proof glass production line



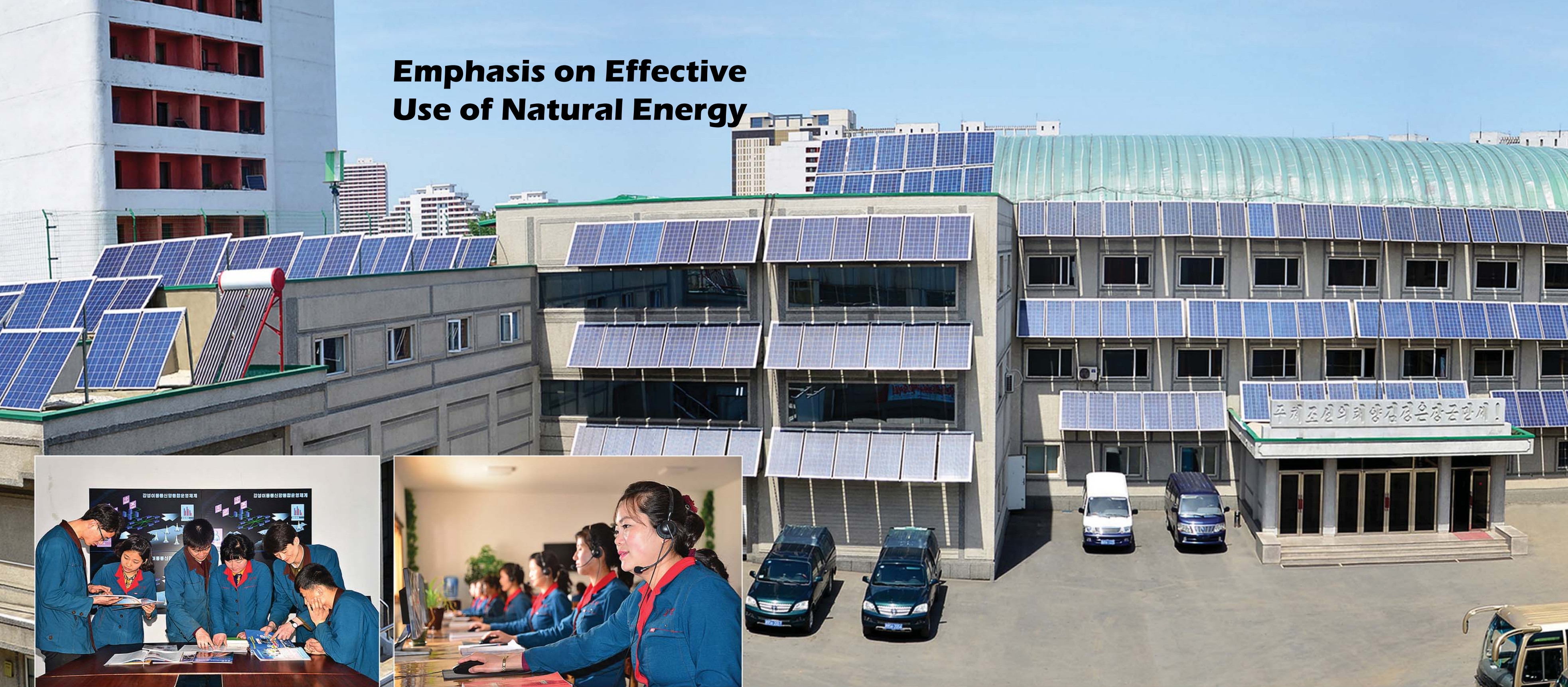
Tempered glass workshop



Shipment place



Emphasis on Effective Use of Natural Energy



Natural energy is instrumental in business management and cultural and leisure activities

Efforts are being made briskly in the DPRK to make effective use of solar heat, wind, geotherm and other natural energy resources.

The Pyongyang mobile communications operation bureau leads others in applying renewable energy to business and leisure activities.

Each wall and roof of its E-type cosy office building is furnished with solar panels and solar water heaters to blend in well with its architectural style.

The electricity generated from them is enough to be supplied to all office rooms, service facilities, bathroom, swimming pool, mess hall, gymnasium and solar-heated greenhouse without heating system.

The solar water heaters are dedicated to heating the interior space of resting rooms in winter. The arch-style solar-heated greenhouse without heating system built on top of the office building not only produces various vegetables

but also raises a great number of fish.

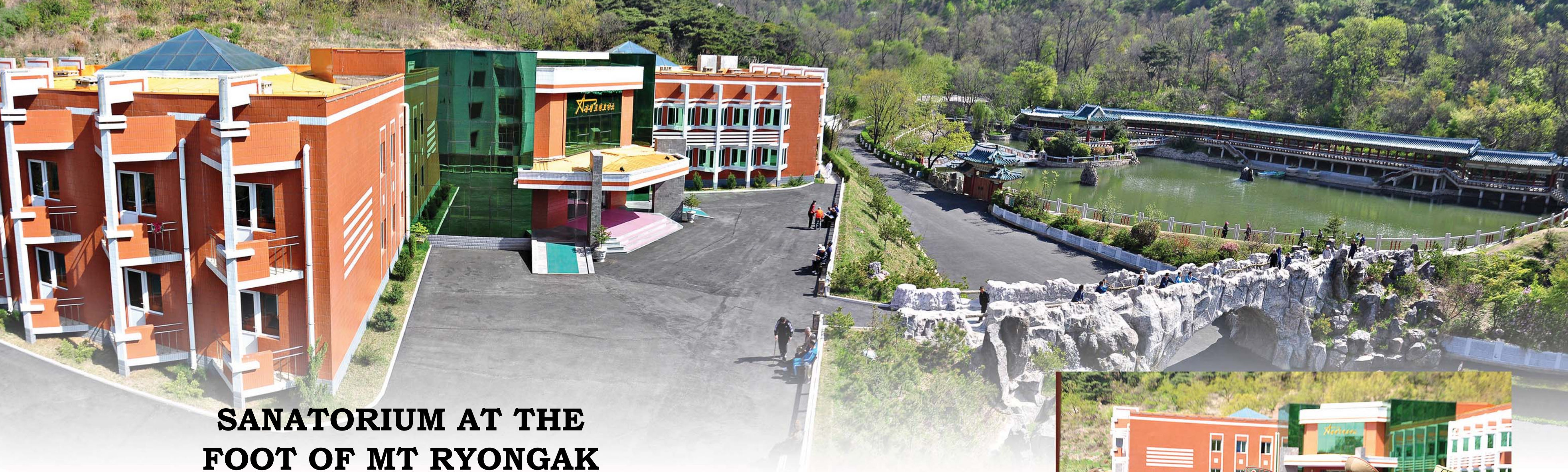
The bureau which relies over 80 percent of its annual electricity demand on renewable energy aims to ensure 100 percent of electricity necessary for its management activities with renewable energy.

It is channelling big efforts into improving the capacity of generating electricity from renewable energy as it updates equipment by introducing advanced technologies such as MPPT developed by the information communication institute under the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and the Wonsan communication machine repair factory.

Employees' cultured ways in production and life are improving day by day thanks to the effective use of renewable energy.

Article: Pak Pyong Hun
Photo: Choe Won Chol





SANATORIUM AT THE FOOT OF MT RYONGAK

I recently went to the Pyongyang Municipal Sanatorium for War Veterans situated at the foot of picturesque Mt Ryongak.

The place was blessed with a healthy environment—green pine forests sending forth resin scent, waterfalls cascading down the valley and clear fresh air.

I admired the cosy and unique building of the sanatorium, which goes well with surrounding beautiful scenery, when its director Ri Song Sil came out to greet me.

As she guided me around the place, she told me that Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un took the benevolent measure of building such facilities for war veterans in Pyongyang and the provinces and

solved all problems arising in construction and, as a result, comprehensively equipped bases were established for the relaxation and recuperation of war veterans.

The sanatorium was furnished with rooms convenient and suitable for elderly health-seekers, a fitness room equipped with a variety of apparatuses for exercise, clinic, amusement room, library, barber's shop, beauty parlour and other amenities.

I first dropped in at Room 3 on the ground floor. The roommates who were watching TV welcomed me and said they felt as if they were at home as attendants were so hospitable and everything was arranged at their convenience.

Attracted by a peel of laughter, I headed for

Room 8 where veterans were seeing their photos taken at the healthcare facility. They said they would show them to their families back home.

Elderly people were doing exercise with various apparatuses at the fitness room and playing *janggi* (Korean chess) and the games of *yut* and *kkoni* in the amusement room.

And I happened to meet an old man who had just undergone a medical checkup in the clinic. He was happy to say that his blood pressure returned to normal a few days after he came to the sanatorium and that he became refreshed as he had a shower bath at the ultrasonic therapy room in the afternoon the previous day.

Everyone in their 80s seemed to have retrieved

their youthful looks.

“As the motherland takes good care of us all and adds lustre to our lives, we enjoy public respect as brave defenders of the country and lead a happy life. After returning home, I’ll help my children work harder for the grateful country,” said Kim Juk Song living in Ryonghung-dong No. 3, Taesong District.

Through the visit, I keenly felt the validity of the policy of the Workers’ Party of Korea that respects war veterans, who defended the country at the risk of their lives during the Fatherland Liberation War between June 1950 and July 1953, as revolutionary seniors and educators, and places a high premium on them, as well as their determination to fulfil



their duty.

time.

I left the sanatorium, hoping the victors of the great era would be healthier and spend a pleasant

Article: Kim Un Gyong
Photo: Ri Myong Guk

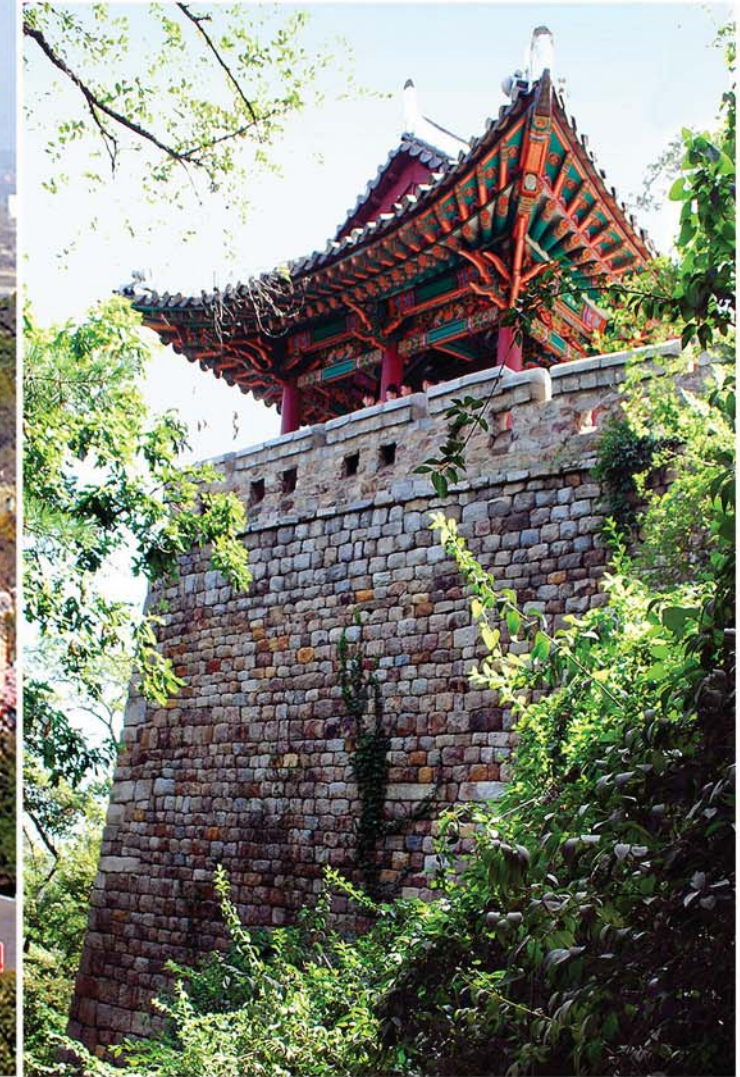
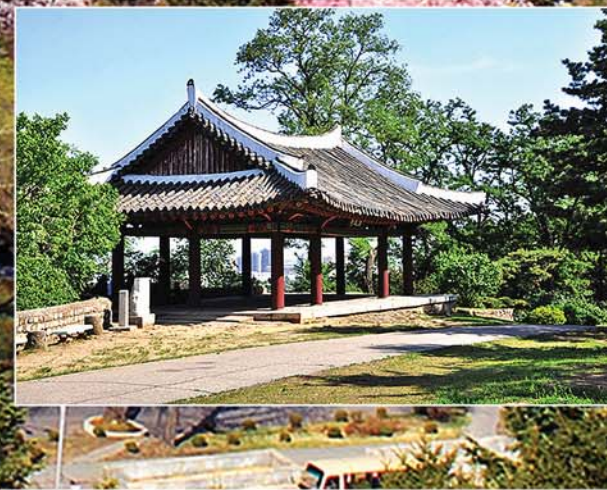


War veterans at the sanatorium equipped with all necessary conditions for their medical treatment and rest

Moran Hill, People's Cultural Recreation Area



Many scenic spots and historical remains like Ulmil and Choesung pavilions in Moran Hill



Moran Hill on the banks of the Taedong River meandering through the capital city of Pyongyang is shaped like a peony blossom. Hence the name Moran (peony) Hill.

The scenery of hill is always conspicuous as there are several peaks and valleys and the Taedong River meanders round the Chongnyu Cliffs in

the east.

In particular, enjoying the spring on Ulmil Pavilion and viewing the first full moon on Pubyok Pavilion have been included in the eight famous views of Pyongyang since olden times for their spectacular scenery.

The inner and outer castles on the hill showcase the architecture in the period of

Koguryo which existed between 277 BC and AD 668. The hill is also blessed with historical remains showing long history and brilliant culture of the Korean people, namely Ulmil, Choesung, Chongnyu and Pubyok pavilions and Chilsong, Jongum, Hyonmu and Tongam gates. They add beauty to the landscape of the hill as a scenic attraction.

It is now winning fame as it has been spruced up into a cultural recreation place that gives pleasure to the people.

Pavilions have been set up in many places in harmony with old structures, and small animal houses and artificial falls built to give unusual feelings to visitors.

The Moranbong Theatre and

Kim Il Sung Stadium in green foliage and the Amusement Park of Kaeson Youth Park which is brilliantly illuminated at night are always packed with working people, youth and schoolchildren.

Dancing sessions, floral coaches carrying newlyweds and cameramen taking pictures of all these scenes are another sight of the hill.

People spend a good time at the Moran Restaurant, soft drink stand and other service facilities built to blend in well with natural scenery, while drinking fresh Taedonggang beer and cooling beverages.

The people's joy is overflowing everywhere on the hill with beautiful landscape.

Article: Kang Su Jong
Photo: Hong Kwang Nam



Kim Il Sung Stadium, Moranbong Theatre, Amusement Park of Kaeson Youth Park and other bases for cultural and leisure activities in thickly-wooded Moran Hill



Moran Restaurant and some pavilions which were built to go well with surrounding scenery in Moran Hill are always crowded with people



Amateur Riders

The Spring Amateur Riders Competition took place at the Mirim Riding Club in April in the DPRK, in which the traditional riding custom is promoted under the popular policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government on encouraging people to create and enjoy the highest civilization at the top level.

Sponsored by the DPRK Equestrian Association, the event drew its members and other amateurs.

Riders competed in steeplechase, pony amusement game and race.

Spectators raised cheers and gave warm applause whenever players showed bold yet dexterous techniques as they jumped over bars by dint of good skills.

A demonstration by kindergarteners and a schoolchildren's pony amusement game also attracted the attention of viewers.

There was also a lottery as to the race of riders of the riding club.

Rankings were announced and prizes awarded at the award ceremony.

The competition served as a good occasion for promoting the Korean nation's excellent riding custom with time-honoured tradition.

Article: Kim Hyon

Photo: By Courtesy of the KCNA



The Spring Amateur Riders Competition with three categories of steeplechase, pony amusement game and race



2018 Spring Table Tennis Tournament of the Disabled and Amateurs Held

Photo: By courtesy of the KCNA



At the 2018 spring table tennis tournament of persons with disabilities and amateurs that was divided into the group of the disabled and amateurs, the group of man and woman amateurs of different ages and the mixed group of amateurs, the disabled and amateur players showed various techniques of table tennis



The janggu group at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace is one of the most popular groups favoured by the schoolchildren for extracurricular activities.

Janggu, a Korean traditional drum resembling an hourglass, generates original and elaborate rhythmic sounds to excite the audience. Students are eager to join the group to learn to play the percussion.

Every afternoon the training room is crowded with those who come from school.

To become a good janggu player, however, is far from easy.

It is especially hard to beat the toneless drum to produce solid and zestful sounds and rhythms.

It is also a challenge to learn to pose while playing to meet the characteristics of the Korean nation's own rhythms.

But the group members are undaunted yet hopeful under the tutorship of Ri Ryon Hwa, a merited teacher who has trained many good players over the past 30-odd years. She has created dozens of janggu works, namely solo *Beat the Drum to Signal the Advance* and ensemble *My Country Is the Best*.

She always customizes teaching programmes so that all the trainees could acquire rudiments in a short time.

Among the current repertoire are *We Like Our Rhythms* and *Riding the Flower Sledge of Love*, which require high-level skills such as quick cross-beating while turning round a decorative tassel.

In the past the group has produced many janggu prodigies who acquitted themselves well as they toured China, Chinese Hong Kong, Norway and Denmark as members of the Pyongyang schoolchildren's art troupe.

Still today many children enrol at the group with an ambition to become a janggu master.

Article: Kim Son Gyong
Photo: Kim Yun Hyok



Little Janggu Players





Sinuiju Traffic Safety Education Park for Children

The children's traffic safety education park newly built in Sinuiju, North Phyongan Province, is seething with children every day. The park is a base for education and edification in traffic safety where children from kindergarteners to senior middle schoolers acquire knowledge

about traffic safety at school and extracurricular hours according to teaching programmes and learn how to drive bicycle and car.

It mainly consists of the traffic safety education hall and outdoor practice ground, covering a total area of 12 000 square metres.

Children learn traffic safety regulations for both pedestrians and drivers as well as the rudiments of driving in the education hall which consists of classrooms, places for mock drill with vehicles, e-library, simulation rooms and such spaces as corridor, hall and resting place furnished with various forms of visual aids.

At the amusement ground, kindergarteners are engrossed in games they play with models of road signs, vehicles and toys on the large pictures of crossroads, three-way junction and alley. At the mock drill place, schoolchildren practise driving and learn traffic regulations with the help of mock equipment.

At the e-library children select various materials on traffic safety they like to read.

They consolidate their knowledge about traffic safety at the outdoor practice ground which unfolds a variety of traffic conditions including miniature and mock facilities like roads of different grades, slope, bicycle path, flyover and others on streets and around roads.

As they drive cars, cross the road hand in hand and ride bicycles there, boys and girls bear in mind the traffic safety regulations.

The practice ground has some facilities of amusement games for children.

The park is now a favourite haunt of children, and their parents say it is good for both intellectual development and physical training.

Article: Choe Ho
Photo: Hong Thae Ung



Children listening to the traffic regulations that should be observed at the crossroads



To Preserve National Soul and Flavour

The traditional Korean costume, which has developed for thousands of years, reflects the mild natural and climatic conditions, physical

constitution of the Korean people, their liking for anything clear and elegant, and features of their life characterized by the engagement in agriculture and

living in rooms with underfloor heating system.

The national costume production unit of the Korea Minye Corporation specializing in Korean

costume has long been known to the locals for making fine traditional clothes by blending well the national form with modern aesthetic taste.

The production unit has preparation and production sections mostly staffed with women, who are playing the pacesetter's role in highlighting and developing the noble and elegant features of traditional Korean clothes.

It focuses on giving full play to the freshness and beauty unique to traditional clothes while copying the natural colour, size and shape as much as possible, from the selection of cloth colours to flower patterns in the making of men's and women's clothes including *tangui* (women's formal dress), wedding dress, and casual, holiday and children's clothes.

The unit encourages dressmakers to fully exhibit their creative wisdom. And it introduces machines and new materials into ensuring fineness of patterns and making products more presentable while using the old method of depicting patterns on *chima* and *jogori* (women's skirt and jacket) only with brushes, to increase the speed of clothes making and improve the quality of products.

As all the employees direct a lot of time and energy to making even a line, a piece of embroidery and a trinket with good feminine sense and delicacy and enriching national costume in line with the

requirements of the times, their products, especially *chima* and *jogori*, were highly appreciated at the national Korean costume show every year.

At the 15th national Korean costume show held last year the unit's *chima* and *jogori* products won the first prizes, attracting particular attention of visitors. They include women's formal dress *tangui* with an embroidery of the flower of sweet brier and fine curve, light green jacket with crimson skirt for young ladies fully representing the national form, purple jacket with embroidered apple flower and black skirt, an everyday dress for women.

"All the unit's staff members will work hard to add more beauty to the fascinating charm and style of the national costume, full of pride in making traditional Korean costume that embodies national soul and flavour," said Kim Hye Ok, head of the production unit.

Article: Kang Un Jong
Photo: Ri Chol Jin



Efforts are given to further develop the traditional Korean costume, suitable for the Koreans' constitution and emotions, in accordance with the socialist way of life

Like Real Brothers and Sisters



Seriously burnt Yun Song Min in critical conditions



Students of Hamhung University of Medicine offering Yun Song Min their blood and skin

It was early January when a young emergency case was brought to the South Hamgyong Provincial Children's Hospital.

He was Yun Song Min, aged 4, who had second and third-degree burns over 30 percent of his body for his moment's carelessness. He was dispatched from the county people's hospital.

A doctors' consultative meeting was held immediately to organize a treatment team and take emergency measures, which was followed by an intensive treatment.

The medical workers in charge contacted central hospitals through the telemedicine service system to consult about a correct curing way and worked day and night in keeping with ever-changing conditions of the patient. In the two-round skin grafting period, blood transfusion was given to him several times, and medicines and tonics were medicated.

All the health workers of the hospital turned out to donate their blood and skin. Students of Hamhung University of Medicine joined them.

Among those who were waiting in front of operating room to donate their blood and skin, none of them had acquainted with Song Min and his parents who work on a farm in Yonphung-ri, Kumya County.

The young patient could not recognize what a great sincerity was devoted to him. He did not know why medical workers took good care of him staying up all night and why unfamiliar elder brothers and sisters often visited the hospital and made him pleasant reading picture books and telling interesting stories.

One day in mid-April, Song Min left the hospital in good health amid the warm send-off of well-wishers.

His face was bright with pleasure that he would be able to frolic to his heart's content, but tears rolled down the cheeks of his parents who were making deep bows repeatedly holding the hand of their son. The same was the mind of the well-wishers.

The story about the recovery of Kim Tae Song was also tearful. The boy in Hoesang District, Hamhung, was taken to the hospital in early last year as a severest case, but was completely restored to health after a 120-odd-day intensive treatment.

The medical workers of the hospital, Hamhung citizens and university students who contributed to their health recovery usually say, "It is of little importance as we are all members of a family and real brothers and sisters".

Touching stories are often woven there as there are lots of people like them.

Article: Choe Ho
Photo: Kim Sol Hui



Students visiting Yun Song Min who has been recovered after operations



Local medical workers discussing with doctors of central hospitals through telemedicine system



Laugh Heartily and Grow Up Happily

Sinyang Weekly Kindergarten is located in Somun-dong, Central District, Pyongyang. It was established over 60 years ago for the convenience of such career women as journalists, writers, entertainers and office workers without enough time to take care of their children.

A mother says, "My son Chung Song was pampered before going to the kindergarten, but he is now remarkably improved. He reads mother tongue and music fluently, has good manners, so all neighbours praises him."

Parents of the kindergarten children are very proud of the kindergarten, seeing their children progressing day after day.

The kindergarten teachers are fully aware of the importance of the kindergarten life in education and edification of children at the ages of 5 - 6, and they spare no efforts to bring up the children bright, cheerful, intelligent and talented as pillars of the country.

A great effort in the education of children

is being directed to cultivating their intellectual faculties and developing their talents according to their aptitudes and hobbies.

The teachers develop the children's intelligence through their favourite games and enhance cognitive abilities by employing visual aids

Various other teaching methods and aids created by the teachers prove effective in the education and edification.

They improve their qualifications by gaining experience through demonstration classes and departmental discussions on teaching materials

conducted every week. A monthly judgement of teachers' abilities helps them possess versatile abilities to be conducive to the education.

Thanks to highly qualified teachers, the children who graduated from this kindergarten are always good in their school records, particularly excellent at sound detection.

Promising musicians and dancers are growing up in the music and dance rooms of the

kindergarten, and its dancing group takes top places in the national children's art contests and festivals with distinctive folk dance pieces.

Headmistress Kim Yong Sun and teachers take care of the life of the children who are away from home, as their mothers would do at home. They bestow meticulous and warm affection on the children lest they feel sad and lonely, and ensure that they spend every day cheerfully and

pleasantly. It is a regular routine of the teachers to see children have a comfortable sleep and check up their health every day.

Under warm affection and care of the teachers who look after them like parents, the children at Sinyang Weekly Kindergarten are growing up brightly and happily.

Article: Kang Un Jong
Photo: Ri Chol Jin



Toys and playing tools for improving children's intelligence



Children cultivating talents according to their aptitudes





First Olympic Medallist in Asia

She was showered with honours by the government—among them were Kim Il Sung Prize and the title of People’s Athlete.

After finishing her professional career she entered Korea University of Physical Education to qualify for a sports expert possessed of experience and theory.

Later she was appointed to such responsible posts in the sports sector as speed skating coach of the then Pyongyang Municipal Sports Club, official of the Korea Sports Guidance Committee, secretary general for speed skating

of the sports technology association, and vice-chairwoman of the sports technology federation, devoting her time and energy to the development of the country’s speed skating.

She trained many renowned speed skaters including Merited Athletes Song Hwa Son and Pak Kum Ryon.

“When we fly the national flag high in the sky over the world, the dignity and might of the motherland will be further demonstrated. To do it, we have to train harder and harder,” Han often says to coaches and players to encourage them.

In such a spirit she still serves as an official of the Ministry of Physical Culture and Sports and vice-chairwoman of the Asian skating union, despite her advanced years of over 70, contributing her mite to the development of the country’s sports.

Article: Kim Son Gyong

Photo: Ri Myong Guk



11th Winter Olympic Games



Han Phil Hwa making efforts to develop the country's skating events

Han Phil Hwa is one of the famous DPRK athletes. She made her name as a speed skater who surprised the world speed skating in the 1960s and the early 1970s.

Still vivid in the memory of the local people is the fact that she broke the record in the women’s 500m of the world speed skating championships held in Japan in February Juche 52 (1963) and then finished runner-up in the 3 000m event in the 9th Winter Olympics in February Juche 53 (1964).

It was the first medal an Asian had ever won by exploding the myth of Europeans’ dominance in the Winter Olympic Games for 40 years since 1924.

Visitors can see her name inscribed on the Olympic torch tower at the ice rink in Innsbruck, Austria, the venue of the 9th Winter Olympics.

Her tally of wins in her career also includes a bronze medal in the 3 000 metres in the world speed skating championships in Norway in February Juche 55 (1966), another bronze medal in the 1 500m and a silver medal in the 3 000m in the 10th pre-winter Olympic games in France in Juche 56 (1967), and dozens of others in international events.



Han Phil Hwa, vice-chairwoman of the Asian skating union (first left)



Han's family



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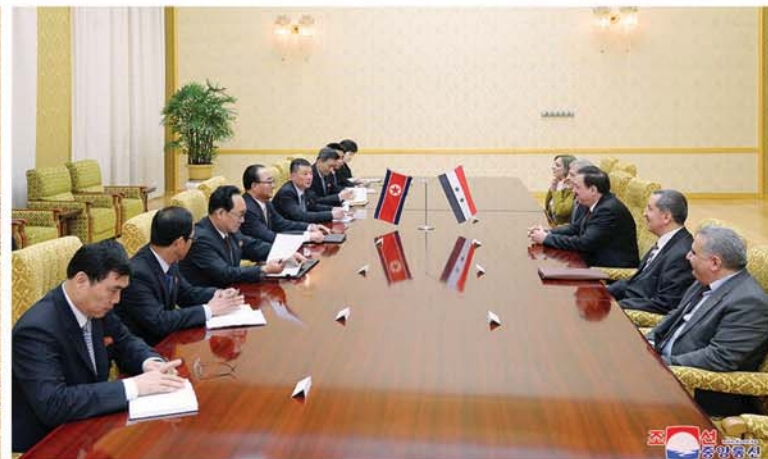
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President Kim Yong Nam of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK meeting the delegation of Brazilian senators led by the former president and head of the Senate Foreign Affairs and National Defence Committee of Brazil



Vice-president Kim Yong Dae of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK meeting the delegation of the Indian Foreign Ministry



The 10th meeting of the DPRK-Syria Joint Economic Committee held



Chairman of the Italy-Korea Friendship Parliamentary Group and his party visiting Pyongyang Teachers Training College



Delegation of the China Dongfangyi Tuozhan Association visiting Pyongyang University of Fine Arts



The 21st Pyongyang Spring International Trade Fair held



Official Fun Run of the 18th Asian Games held in Pyongyang



Ceremonies held on the occasion of the International Day of the Midwife 2018



National workshop on the conservation and wise use of wetlands in the DPRK held

