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Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and First Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission.

Fourth WPK Conference Meets

The Fourth Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea was held in Pyongyang on April 11 amidst great interest and expectations of all the Party members, service personnel and people.

The conference was attended by Kim Jong Un, and the delegates elected in the Party meetings of the Korean People's Army and provinces and political bureaus. Attending the conference as observers were officials of the Party, military and government organs, working people's organizations, ministries and national agencies, KPA officers and officials from the sectors of science, education, public health, culture and the arts, and mass media.

All the participants observed a minute of silence in memory of President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il, who founded and built up the glorious Workers' Party of Korea.

The conference adopted amid the unanimous applause of the participants a resolution on venerating Kim Jong Il, who had developed the WPK into the eternal Party of Kim Il Sung and ushered in a golden age of national prosperity unprecedented in the 5 000-year-long history of the Korean nation by leading Songun revolution along the road of victory, forever as the General Secretary of the WPK and adding lasting brilliance to his revolutionary life and undying revolutionary exploits.

Those who took the floor said that it was the everlasting happiness of the millions of Party members, service personnel and people who are all the soldiers and devoted followers of Kim Jong Il and a great event of the nation of the sun that they upheld Kim Jong Il, a peerless ideological and theoretical genius, legendary great man and ever-victorious Songun commander, as the eternal General Secretary of the WPK and that they were able to defend to the hilt and add lustre to his leadership exploits.

The conference elected Kim Jong Un First Secretary of the WPK by reflecting the unanimous desire of all the Party members, service personnel and people.



Participants in the conference are full of glory and emotion of holding Kim Jong Un at the top post of the WPK.



Rostrum of the Fourth Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea.

All the participants in the conference burst into thunderous cheers in the warmest congratulations to Kim Jong Un. They were filled with great national pride and self-respect in having Kim Jong Un, a great statesman possessed of celebrated ideological and theoretical wisdom and seasoned leadership ability, outstanding military strategist, benevolent leader of the people and banner of all victories and glories of Songun Korea, at the top post of the WPK, and confidence in the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche, the cause of Songun revolution.

The conference declared that Kim Jong Un was elected member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK in accordance with the Party Rules and the regulations for the election of the supreme leadership body of the Party.

To have Kim Jong Un at the top post of the WPK is a historic event of epochal significance in the development of the glorious Party which organizes and guides all victories of the Korean people, an auspicious event which assures the bright future of Songun Korea and the everlasting prosperity of its nation and the greatest fortune and glory of the Party, army and people of Korea.

Kim Jong Un was together with Kim Jong Il on the road of Songun-based revolutionary leadership from his early years. In the course of this Kim Jong Un has developed the revolutionary ideologies of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il as Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism with his gifted intelligence and energetic ideological and theoretical activities, advanced original ideas and theories in politics, the military, the economy, culture and all other fields of

the revolution and construction and put them into practice successfully and is making distinguished contributions to Juche-oriented army building with his dynamic Songun-based leadership.

Saying that Kim Jong Un is a peerless great man faithful to the ideology and cause of Kim Jong Il, those who made speeches in support of his election as the First Secretary of the WPK emphasized that as it was led by him the WPK was able to invariably preserve its revolutionary character as the Party of the leader and dynamically push ahead with the revolutionary cause of Juche generation after generation.

They continued to say that as he consolidated the country's military capabilities in every aspect by means of his energetic Songun-based leadership, the DPRK has staunchly safeguarded its dignity and the gains of the revolution and entered a new, higher stage of building a thriving nation in an all-round way.

Saying that Kim Jong Un is the centre of unity and leadership for the WPK and the Korean revolution and the banner of all victories and glory of Songun Korea, they called upon the entire army and all the people to perform their honourable duty and mission in the building of a thriving socialist country, solidly united around him.

The Fourth WPK Conference was a historic meeting which fully demonstrated the stability of the centre of leadership and unity of the Korean revolution which was pioneered in Mt. Paektu and provided a strong political guarantee for the victorious advance of Kim Il Sung's Korea, Kim Jong Il's Korea, in the new century of the Juche era, greatly inspiring the whole Party, the entire army and all the people to build a thriving socialist country.



Fifth Session of 12th SPA Held

The Fifth Session of the 12th Supreme People's Assembly was held on April 13 at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang.

Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, attended the session.

The session solemnly declared that reflecting the unanimous desire and will of the whole Party, all the service personnel and people, it revised and supplemented the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK by stipulating that Kim Jong Il, who ushered in a heyday of building a thriving socialist country unprecedented in the 5 000-year history of the Korean nation, would be venerated as eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission, and adopted it as an ordinance of the SPA.

Kim Yong Nam, president of the SPA Presidium, made a speech on electing Kim Jong Un to the top post of the DPRK.

In reflection of the consensus of the whole Party, the entire army and all the people, he suggested with courtesy to the session the proposal of the WPK Central Committee and Central Military Commission on electing Kim Jong Un, who is wisely leading the revolution and construction by shouldering all the burdens of affairs of the Party, the military and the state true to the cause of leader Kim Jong Il, as First Chairman of the DPRK NDC.

The proposal reflecting the ardent wish and unanimous will of all the Party members, service personnel and people to elect Kim Jong Un to the top post of the state

met with full support and approval of all the deputies and other participants.

The session solemnly declared that Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, was elected as First Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK.

All the participants gave a standing ovation to him who is carrying forward the revolutionary ideas and cause of President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il without the slightest deflection.

His assumption of the top post of the DPRK has provided a sure guarantee for accomplishing the Songun-based revolutionary cause, the revolutionary cause of Juche that started on Mt. Paektu.

The session also dealt with the agenda items on the work of the DPRK Cabinet in

Juche 100 (2011) and its tasks for Juche 101 (2012), on the results of the implementation of the DPRK state budget for Juche 100 (2011) and the state budget for Juche 101 (2012), and the organizational matter.

The Fifth Session of the 12th SPA which was convened at a time when a historic turning point is being brought about in accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, marked an important occasion to consolidate and develop the state and social system of the DPRK true to the lifetime instructions of Kim Jong Il, and to give an impetus to the efforts of the service personnel and the people on the onward march in the new century of the Juche era.



National Meeting Held to Mark the Anniv of Kim Jong II's Election as NDC Chairman

April 9 was the 19th anniversary of Kim Jong II's election as chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission.

On this occasion a national meeting was held at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang.

All the participants observed a moment's silence in memory of Kim Jong II.

The meeting started with playing of the *Patriotic Song*, the national anthem, and Vice Marshal of the Korean People's Army Ri Yong Ho, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and chief of the KPA General Staff, addressed the meeting.

He said that all the service personnel and people, looking back on their glorious past that they have won victory after victory with Kim Jong II at the helm of the DPRK, were full of strong yearning for him who devoted his whole life to the prosperity of the country and happiness of the people.

He noted that Kim Jong II's election as NDC chairman on April 9, 1993 was a historic event of great significance in developing the country and accomplishing the Songun-based revolutionary cause of Juche, and a great auspicious event that would shine forever with the Korean revolution advancing along the road of victory by dint of arms. He pointed out that this great event provided a sure guarantee for the army and the people of Korea to glorify the future of Kim II Sung's Korea for all ages by successfully inheriting and carrying forward Kim II Sung's idea of building self-reliant national defence and his exploits and thoroughly implementing the Party's line of nation building in the Songun era.

Thanks to the leadership of Kim Jong II, the sun of Songun, the DPRK could crush the moves of the imperialists for aggression and war even under

the difficulties and ordeals unprecedented in its history, stoutly defend the sovereignty of the country and nation and write in history a great chapter of building a thriving nation, he stressed. He mentioned that it was the greatest exploit Kim Jong II performed for the eternal prosperity of Kim II Sung's Korea and ever-lasting happiness of the people that he, cherishing the noble sense of responsibility for the destiny of the country and nation and the future of revolution, perfectly settled the issue of continuity of leadership. He said in an excited tone that Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un is the supreme leader all the service personnel and the entire people held in high esteem from the bottom of their heart.

Pointing out that Kim Jong Un always accompanied Kim Jong II on the road of Songun-based revolutionary leadership and rendered distinguished services to the sacred struggle for achieving national prosperity and carrying forward and accomplishing the Songun revolutionary cause while leading the overall affairs of revolution and construction including the work of strengthening the People's Army and developing defence industry, he appealed that all people should firmly rally around the Party Central Committee headed by Kim Jong Un and vigorously fight for building a thriving socialist country, achieving independent reunification of the country and accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche.

All the participants confirmed their determination to carry through the revolutionary cause of Juche, the revolutionary cause of Songun under the leadership of Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un, venerating Kim Jong II as the sun of Songun for all ages.

Article: Kim Thae Hyon



Statues of Leaders

Statues of President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il have been erected on Mansu Hill in Pyongyang.

The statues describe the beaming President raising his hand up to the sky and the smiling leader wishing Songun Korea eternal prosperity, visualizing its rosy future in the new century.

The entire army and people of Korea, reflecting a firm faith in venerating Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, great persons ever produced by humankind, as eternal leaders of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK, and accomplishing the cause of the sun without fail, devoted their wholehearted sincerity to erecting the statues. Thanks to the boundless reverence and sincerity of all the Korean people at home and abroad and the progressive people all over the world, the statues were set up within a short period of some 100 days.

The statues standing majestically against the background of a large mural portraying Mt. Paektu on the façade of the Korean Revolution Museum constitute the symbol of the greatness of the Korean leaders, who opened up a new era of independence for the first time in history and glorified the century of Juche Korea as a proud age of great changes, and the high prestige of Songun Korea dignified with their august names.

The building of the statues is an expression of the single-hearted unity of the leaders and people of Korea, the people's pure loyalty to their leaders and boundless reverence for the Korean leaders cherished by the progressive humankind. With the building of the statues of the great men of Korea, their greatness and revolutionary exploits will shine forever.

The statues were unveiled on April 13.

Supreme leader Kim Jong Un attended the unveiling ceremony with senior officials of the Party, the state and army.

Mansu Hill and the adjoining avenues, the banks of the Taedong River and East Pyongyang area were crowded with over 300 000 people, service personnel and youth and students.

All the participants paid tributes to peerless great persons of Mt. Paektu, with a firm pledge to hold the leaders in high esteem for ever as the sun of the nation and carry out the revolutionary cause of Juche.



Unveiled on Mansu Hill



National Meeting Held to Celebrate

The national meeting was held splendidly at Kim Il Sung Stadium in celebration of the centenary of President Kim Il Sung's birth. The venue of the meeting was packed with the people with boundless respect to the President, who authored the immortal Juche idea, built the people-centred socialism on this land and laid the foundations of eternal value for the accomplishment of the Songun-based revolutionary cause.

Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, First Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, attended the meeting.

Senior officials of the Party, the state and the army, vice-chairman of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, and chairperson of the General Association of Koreans in China took their seats on the rostrum.

The meeting was also attended by deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly, officials from Party, military and government organs, social organizations, ministries and national agencies, anti-Japanese war veterans, officers of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Internal Security Forces, officials from institutions of science, education, literature and the arts, public health and the media, heroes, families of revolutionary martyrs, persons related with revolutionary activities of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, persons of meritorious deeds and working people in Pyongyang.

Overseas Koreans' delegations and compatriots, including those from Japan, and the representative of the Pyongyang Mission of the Anti-imperialist National Democratic Front attended the meeting.

Invited to the meeting were diplomatic envoys, resident representatives from international organizations, military attaches, participants in the World Congress on the Juche Idea and other foreigners.

Kim Yong Nam, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, delivered a keynote

speech.

Saying that the Korean army and people are filled with a determination to stubbornly follow the road of Songun revolution, venerating the peerless great men as their eternal leaders and holding aloft the red flag under the leadership of supreme leader Kim Jong Un, he extended the greatest respect and glory to Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il on behalf of all the Party members, service personnel and people.

He continued:

"President Kim Il Sung was the most outstanding leader of revolution the Korean nation had ever held in high esteem for the first time in its thousands-year-long history and the peerless great man of mankind.

"He performed undying exploits for the country, people, the times and history by leading the unprecedentedly arduous and complicated Korean revolution in the van for decades with his superb ideas and theories and gigantic revolutionary practice.

"His ideas and cause were successfully carried forward by leader Kim Jong Il, who wisely led the struggle to accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche as his most intimate comrade and the most faithful comrade-in-arms.

"Leader Kim Jong Il, shouldering the destiny of the country and the people, overcame manifold trials and difficulties and led the Korean revolution along the road of victory and glory, thus exalting the dignity and might of the nation to the highest level.

"The cause of Juche, the cause of the Songun revolution started by Kim Il Sung and glorified by Kim Jong Il is now being carried forward by supreme leader Kim Jong Un."

He concluded his speech by calling on all the people to work harder to build a thriving socialist country, achieve national reunification, complete the revolutionary cause of Juche and implement the cause of mankind for independence, by dint of single-hearted unity under the guidance of the WPK headed by Kim Jong Un.

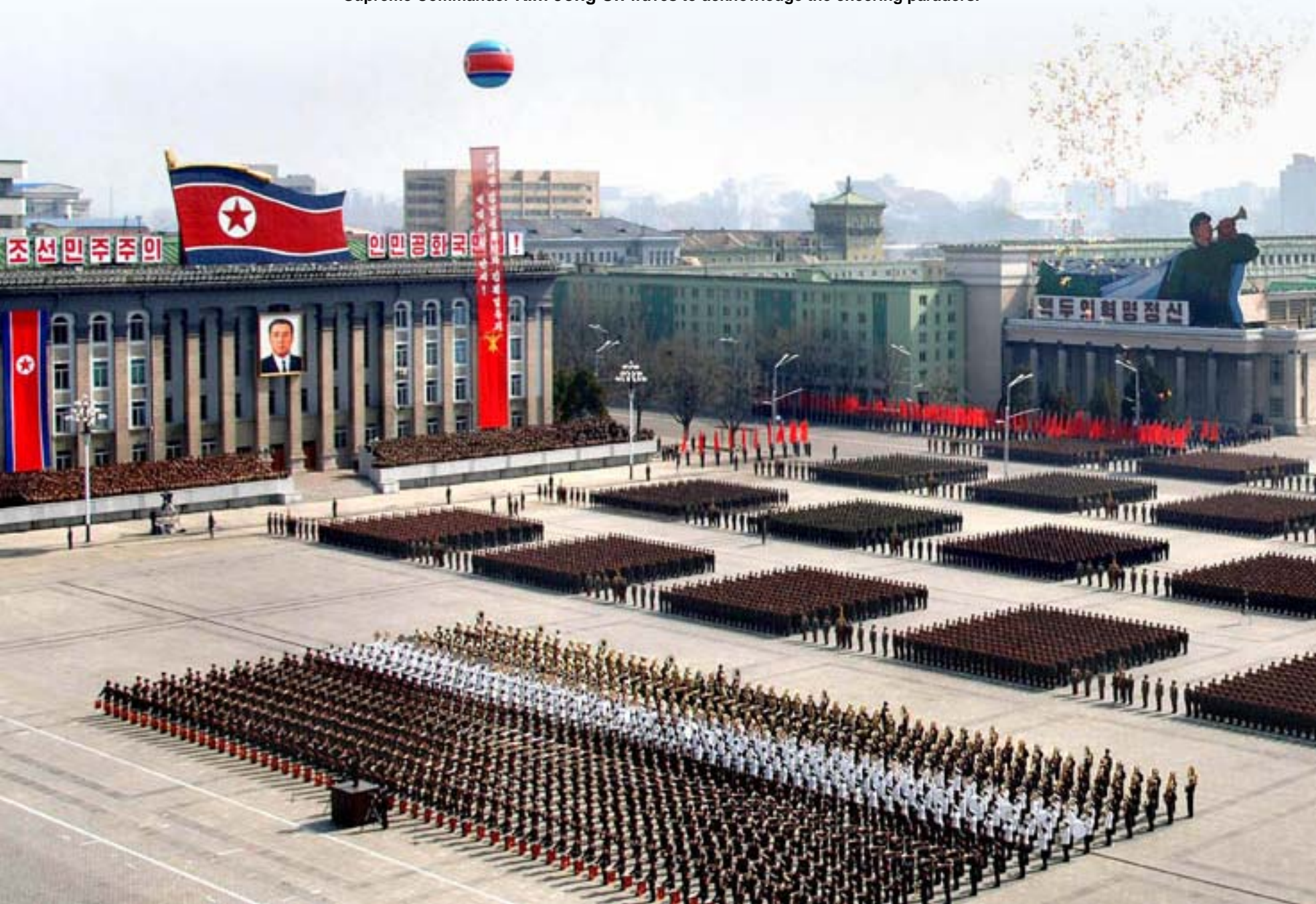


President Kim Il Sung's 100th Birthday





Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un waves to acknowledge the cheering paraders.



Grand Military Parade Held to Celebrate the Centenary of the Birth of President Kim Il Sung

A military parade was held in grandeur at Kim Il Sung Square on April 15 in celebration of the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

Amid the playing of welcome music Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, First Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, stepped into the rostrum.

Senior Party, government and military officials took their seats on the rostrum.

The bugle call signalling the start of the parade rang out all through the square. Amid the playing of the immortal revolutionary hymns "Song of General Kim Il Sung" and "Song of General Kim Jong Il" a 21-gun salute was fired.

Kim Jong Un delivered a congratulatory speech.

When he concluded his speech shouting **"Forward towards the final victory!"** all participants on the square burst into cheers with such great jubilation and delight as they did on the day 20 years previous, when Kim Jong Il had loudly shouted, **"Glory to the officers and men of the**

heroic Korean People's Army!"

When the military parade started and the column carrying the flags bearing the portraits of beaming Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il entered the plaza escorted by the flags of the WPK and the KPA Supreme Commander and colours, all the paraders showed respect to the flags.

Columns of paraders marched past the rostrum in fine array; they included those representing veterans of the anti-Japanese war and the Fatherland Liberation War, those of military schools at all levels including Kim Il Sung Military University and Kim Il Sung University of Politics, those of the KPA three services including the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su 105th Guards Tank Division, the 4th Seoul Kim Chaek Guards Infantry Division and the 2nd Guards Torpedo Boat Fleet and those of the Korean People's Internal Security Forces.

Columns of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and Young Red Guards that have grown up to be a powerful militia force and those of revolutionary schools that train successors to the Songun revolution strode forward in high spirits.

The columns of paraders were followed by the cavalry and columns of motorized artilleries, ar-

moured vehicles, tanks and others which had been lined on the roads to the square, the roars of rolling stocks resounding the whole square. The climax of the motorized columns was the appearance of those loaded with rockets and missiles in several kinds.

Silver-winged planes flew in columns over the square and demonstrated the art of flying.

When the parade was over, which displayed the unshakeable will to bring eternal glory to the exploits Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il made in Songun revolution and the might of Korea, thunderous cheers burst forth again.

That day the Pyongyang streets were crowded with the citizens to give hearty welcome to the convoys of lorries of paraders and military hardware.

*Article: Choe Kwang Ho
Photos: Ri Kwang Song*











Pyongyang citizens give hearty welcome to paraders in the streets.





The KPA Military Hardware Exhibition House Opens



The Military Hardware Exhibition House of the Korean People's Army, a symbol of enormous national power of Songun Korea, was inaugurated in April.

Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, First Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, attended the inaugural ceremony. He cut the ribbon to declare the exhibition house open and looked round the house together with senior officials of the Party, the army and the state.

The house exhibits weapons and combat equipment, ranging from small firearms to artillery pieces, tanks, armoured vehicles, warships, aircraft and strategic rockets produced at the munitions factories in the country.

The newly built exhibition house is an epitome of the legacy of arms handed down by President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il who devoted their all to military buildup, upholding the banner of Songun so that our people, who were deprived of their country by the Japanese imperialists in the early previous century as they could hardly manufacture even a matchlock, would not repeat the history of a ruined nation.

President Kim Il Sung established the precious tradition of making military equipment of the revolutionary army in the flames of the anti-Japanese

war, set forth the line and policy of building the Juche-oriented defence industry and wisely led the efforts to put them into practice.

Leader Kim Jong Il, successfully inheriting the Songun idea of the President, regarded military buildup as an important affair to defend the destiny of the country and socialism from the beginning of his Songun-based revolutionary leadership and gave top priority to the development of defence industry, with the result that the country's defence industry has become capable of manufacturing advanced military hardware.

It is the greatest of the exploits Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il performed for the country and the revolution that they have turned socialist Korea into an invincible military power.

Seeing the weapons and combat equipment, the visitors fully realized the lofty moral obligation of supreme leader Kim Jong Un to add lustre through generations to the immortal exploits Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il performed in strengthening and developing the revolutionary armed forces.

The Military Hardware Exhibition House of the KPA built under the energetic leadership of Kim Jong Un is the most precious national treasure that showcases the history of arms and the inexhaustible strength of Kim Il Sung's nation, Kim Jong Il's Korea.



Firework Gala in Celebration of the National Holiday



A firework gala titled “Korea of the sun will prosper forever” was held in grand style in celebration of President Kim Il Sung’s 100th birthday.

The banks of the Taedong River were crowded with the working people from all walks of life, youth and students, overseas Koreans and foreigners to see the spectacular scenes of the firework display.

Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, First Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK and Supreme Commander of the Korean People’s Army, saw the gala.

With the declaration of the beginning of the firework gala the immortal revolutionary hymn “Song of General Kim Il Sung” was played and a shower

of fireworks burst out from the Tower of the Juche Idea, brightly lighting the nocturnal sky of Pyongyang.

The banks of the Taedong River resounded with roars of miscellaneous fireworks setting off from the Taedong and Okryu bridges and riverbanks and the colourful drifts of fireworks cascaded down from the night sky, while those shooting up like fountains gave a display of enchanting scenes, adding to the jubilation of the holiday.

The firework extravaganza, portraying the great history of Kim Il Sung’s nation, Kim Jong Il’s Korea, in a grand style with its unparalleled scale and content, highlighted the 100th birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

Article & photos: Kim Song Chol





World Congress on the Juche Idea



The Juche idea, the gist of which is man is the master of his own destiny and has also the power of shaping it, was created over 80 years ago, and has brought about fundamental changes in carving out the destiny of the masses of the people.

Last April grand events were held in Korea in celebration of the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung, the author of this great

revolutionary idea that sheds light to the road ahead for the times and mankind. The advocates of the Juche idea all over the world gathered in Pyongyang and held the World Congress on the Juche Idea in which they declared that the Juche idea was the eternal banner for the accomplishment of the independent cause of mankind.

Pyongyang Declaration of the World Congress on the Juche Idea

Today the progressive people of the world are celebrating with a solemn feeling the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung, the most outstanding thinker, theoretician and distinguished statesman of the world and a great man.

It is a great glory and pride of the progressive people to have such a great man as President Kim Il Sung.

The World Congress on the Juche Idea was held on a grand scale from April 12 to 13, 2012 in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, amidst great expectations and attention of the world progressives, in celebration of the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung who founded the great Juche idea and ushered in a new era for the development of human history.

This congress was an international gathering which was held in reflection of humankind's unanimous aspiration for independence.

The congress was attended by delegations and delegates from more than 60 countries of the world.

The congress gave a new hope and energy to the progressive people's struggle to build a new independent, peaceful and friendly world under the banner of the Juche idea.

Confident that the World Congress on the Juche Idea held in Pyongyang was an important occasion of historic significance in implementing the people's cause of independence, we declare as follows.

President Kim Il Sung and Leader Kim Jong Il Are Eternal as the Sun of Juche

President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il were great leaders who illuminated the road ahead of the era of independence and made immortal contributions to the cause of global independence.

Kim Il Sung founded the great Juche idea with extraordinary ideological and theoretical wisdom

and outstanding activities, and wisely led the Korean revolution and the cause of global independence, thus performing immortal feats that will go down in history.

His life was the life of a great revolutionary, a great man, who devoted his all to the freedom and happiness of the people and the progress and peace of humankind.

Kim Jong Il was a peerless great man who led to victory the cause of global independence with his great ideology and leadership.

It is an immortal exploit performed by Kim Jong Il that he formulated the revolutionary ideas of Kim Il Sung as an integrated system of idea, theory and method of Juche and developed and enriched it continuously to make it the guiding ideology of the era.

He was a brilliant commander and political veteran of the world who honourably safeguarded with the original Songun politics the gains of socialism, the precious heritage of Kim Il Sung, and led the masses' cause of independence to victory.

The glorious history of the revolutionary activities of Kim Jong Il is the history of a great leader who made energetic activities for the victorious advance of the cause of global independence.

Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il who provided genuine guiding ideology for human emancipation and added glory to it are immortal in the hearts of humankind, and their exploits will shine forever along with Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

Today the ideology and cause of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il are being inherited brilliantly by His Excellency Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un is a great man who is identical with Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il in ideological and theoretical wisdom, leadership and virtue.

The future of socialism and people's cause of independence is bright as they are led by Kim Jong Un.

The people's cause of independence that was developed onto a new, higher phase by President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il will achieve victory under the leadership of His Excellency Kim Jong Un.

The Juche Idea Is an Immortal Banner of the Progressive People

A great ideology plays a decisive role in the historical progress and social development.

The Juche idea is a man-centred world outlook and a revolutionary doctrine of the masses for independence.

Thanks to the Juche idea, the masses have been able to create a new history of progress and prosperity with the high consciousness of being masters of the world and their destiny.

History is making a vigorous progress in the struggle for independence, sovereignty and socialism under the banner of the Juche idea.

The Juche idea provides the masses with a powerful weapon to realize their independence at present.

The Songun idea that illuminates the road to realize independence of the masses by relying on arms, the revolutionary army, is the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

The reality of the DPRK that firmly safeguards



its national independence and dignity while frustrating the imperialists' moves to isolate and suffocate it and braving through the trials and difficulties proves the great vitality of the Songun idea.

The Juche idea is now striking its root deep in the minds of the world progressives and has become a recognized guiding ideology that represents not only the present era but the whole historical era of humankind.

The masses' struggle to build a new, independent world free from domination and subjugation, intervention and pressure under the banner of the Juche idea will surely win victory.

Humankind Will Invariably Advance along the Road of Independence

Independence is the life and soul of humankind.

All countries and nations of the world are desirous of opposing all sorts of domination and subjugation and solving all problems by themselves in conformity with the requirements and interests of their people without depending on others.

No one wants to be subjugated to others, and no nation allows its dignity to be trampled down.

Ours is the era of independence in which the masses transform the world and shape their destiny independently and creatively.

Humankind aspires after a society in which independence of the masses is fully realized.

No force can check the struggle of the masses who have turned out to realize their independence with the consciousness of being the masters of their destiny.

It is a law of the socio-historical development that humankind advances along the road of independence, whatever changes there may be in the world political structure.

Independence is justice, truth and victory.

A new, independent world will surely be built by the struggle of the progressive people who value independence and love justice and peace.

Let Us Bring about a New Turn in Implementing the Cause of Global Independence

Global independence is a common fighting task of the progressive people at present.

An independent world is a world, which is free from domination and subjugation, intervention and pressure and in which all countries and nations fully exercise the right to independence as masters of their destiny.

All countries and nations should struggle more dynamically to bring about prosperity while supporting and cooperating with one another in a peaceful world.

It is necessary for all countries and nations to boldly exercise the right to independence in the international arena, in order to realize global independence.

Let us solve all the problems arising in the international relations on a fair basis in conformity with the interests of our countries and nations, the common interests of humankind.

Let us strengthen and develop international cooperative relations among countries and nations on the principle of respecting independence.

It is an important demand for the implementation of the cause of independence to adhere to the principles of justice, equality and fairness in the field of international relations.

There may be countries, big or small and economically developed or underdeveloped in the world, but there can never be dominating or dominated ones.

All countries and nations should not allow double standards in the international relations, but establish a new international order based on independence.

Let Us Fight against Imperialism and Dominationism

Global independence is inconceivable without the struggle against imperialism and dominationism.

Imperialism is a dominationist force that tramples down independence of the masses and a main obstacle that destroys world peace and security and disturbs the common development of humankind.

Independence is trampled down and social chaos and disorder are created in many countries and nations of the world by the high-handedness and arbitrariness of the imperialists.

All countries and nations should reject every sort of imperialist pressure and intervention and never tolerate even the slightest infringement upon their sovereignty.

All countries and nations that aspire after independence and peace should staunchly fight against the aggressive moves made by the imperialists, including the US imperialists with the ambition of world supremacy.

Illusion about and fear of imperialism mean death.

It is necessary to have a clear understanding of the nature of imperialism and maintain a thoroughgoing anti-imperialist stand and the line of independence.

All countries and nations should preserve the Juche character and the national identity and achieve their independent development and prosperity.





The venue of the book and photo exhibition on the occasion of the World Congress on the Juche Idea.



They should also reject every kind of domination and subjugation by the imperialists and defend their national independence and sovereignty by themselves.

The world people's just cause for independence, peace and progress will surely win victory.

The People of the World Who Defend Independence, Unite

The cause of independence is a common cause of humankind as well as a cause of nations.

It is the truth proved by history that one stands if united, but falls if divided in the struggle for independence.

All countries and nations, small or underdeveloped, that oppose domination and subjugation should unite firmly. Only then, can they accelerate the cause of global independence.

Unity is immediately strength and a powerful weapon of the anti-imperialist struggle in our era.

All countries and nations should thoroughly frustrate the imperialists' moves for aggression, war and arbitrariness with united strength.

They should oppose national egoism and resolutely reject the imperialist moves for division and alienation.

They should make concerted efforts and conduct more dynamically the joint struggle as the imperialists intensify domination, subjugation and intervention more than ever.

Independence is the basis of unity.

The countries and nations that advance under the banner of independence should further strengthen unity, cooperation and solidarity on the basis of independence.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is a strong fortress for the cause of global independence.

With the firm belief that the Korean people will surely build a thriving socialist country under the wise leadership of His Excellency Kim Jong Un, the advocates of the Juche idea all over the world extend absolute support to and solidarity with the

Korean people in their just struggle for national prosperity and development and the independent and peaceful reunification of their country.

Let Us Study and Disseminate the Juche Idea More Actively

A new, independent world is a world in which the Juche idea is applied comprehensively.

Advocates of the Juche idea of all countries of the world,

Let us study and disseminate the Juche idea more dynamically with the dignity, pride, preparedness and determination of being disseminators of the great idea and pioneers of the era, thus making an active contribution to the implementation of the cause of independence of humankind.

Let us apply the Juche idea thoroughly in the implementing of the cause of independence.

Let us further expand and activate the Juche idea and the Songun idea study organizations.

Let us enhance the role of the IJJI and regional institutes and activate international and regional exchanges and cooperation among the organizations.

Let us continuously increase the ranks of advocates of the Juche idea among the youth, the masters of the future, and build up the hardcore ranks with a far-sighted plan and in such a way that they become more energetic, so as to ensure the succession of the study and dissemination of the Juche idea.

Let us improve the forms and methods of studying and disseminating the Juche idea in conformity with the requirements of the developing situation.

Let us disseminate the Juche idea in such various forms and methods as seminar, public lecture, interview, photo and book exhibition, film show, etc., and widely use up-to-date scientific and technical means to increase the public interest in the Juche idea.

Let us learn after the experiences and successes

achieved by the Korean people in advancing the revolution and construction under the banner of the Juche idea and apply them in conformity with the concrete realities of our countries.

The world progressives' aspiration to learn the Juche idea is getting stronger day by day in the new century. History advances dynamically along the road of independence.

We, who are celebrating meaningfully in Pyongyang the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung as a grand, auspicious event in human history, solemnly reaffirm before the history and the era that we will discharge our responsibility and play our role as vanguard fighters in implementing the cause of global independence.

It is our firm determination and will to fight to the end for the victory of the Juche idea throughout the world.

That His Excellency Kim Jong Un was elected as the First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea was a historic event, which gave the conviction in the bright future of the Juche cause.

We will follow to the last the ideology and leadership of Kim Jong Un, the great successor to the Juche cause.

We firmly believe that the ideal stated in the World Congress on the Juche Idea held in Pyongyang will arouse unanimous sympathy and support of the progressive mankind.

Victory and glory are in store for the world progressive people who push ahead with the cause of independence dynamically under the banner of the Juche idea.

Long live the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism!

**World Congress on the Juche Idea
Pyongyang, April 13, 2012**

International Festival Celebrates the Centenary of the Birth of Kim Il Sung

An international festival took place with splendour in Pyongyang between April 11 and 16 in celebration of the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

It was attended by hundreds of foreigners, including the representatives from the International Preparatory Committee for Celebrating the Centenary of the Birth of President Kim Il Sung, regional and national preparatory committees, those who were honoured with the audience of President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il and their descendants, renowned personages from different countries, and members of foreign organizations of friendship and solidarity with the Korean people and international organizations.

An international joint meeting co-sponsored by the international and the Korean preparatory committees for celebrating the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung was held in the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on April 15. Attending it were foreigners, senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and the state, the persons concerned and working people in Pyongyang.

Conveyed at the meeting were certificates of honorary titles, floral baskets, orders, gifts and congratulatory banners presented to President Kim Il Sung, leader Kim Jong Il, anti-Japanese heroine Kim Jong Suk and supreme leader Kim Jong Un from the international, regional and national preparatory committees, international organizations and organizations of friendship and solidarity with the Korean people.

The speakers said that Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, the great men of the

centuries, will always live in the hearts of the Korean people and progressive mankind and the future of Korea led by Kim Jong Un is bright and promising.

At the meeting an appeal to the progressive peoples of the world was read and a letter to Kim Jong Un adopted.

The participants of the festival also held an international conference supporting the reunification of Korea co-sponsored by the International Preparatory Committee for Celebrating the Centenary of the Birth of President Kim Il Sung and the Korea Committee for Solidarity with the World People, at the Yanggakdo International Hotel in Pyongyang.

In the keynote speech and the following ones the speakers paid tribute to Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il who performed the immortal exploits in the history of Korea's reunification and supported the Korean people in their struggle to reunify the country independently. They also discussed that all the organizations for solidarity should make strenuous efforts to ensure peace on the Korean peninsula and create an atmosphere favourable for the reunification through dialogues and cooperation. A resolution on the meeting was adopted.

During the festival the participants visited President Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae and had a commemoration tree-planting, visited Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp, and held the exhibition of books on the greatness of the three commanders of Mt. Paektu and works of reverence for them and an awarding ceremony of prize contest of international literary works.

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International friendship meeting.



International conference supporting the reunification of Korea.



Participants have a commemoration tree-planting at Mangyongdae.



Exhibition of the



They visit Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp.



books and the works.

Friendship get-together.



The 28th April Spring Friendship Art Festival



The 28th April Spring Friendship Art Festival opens.

The 28th April Spring Friendship Art Festival, which raised its curtain in Pyongyang 30 years ago, opened in April this year in grand celebration of the centenary of President Kim Il Sung's birth.

Present at the festival were prestigious troupes and personages, winners of international and national contests and other renowned artistes from many countries of the world as well as art troupes of overseas Koreans.

The performances were given at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre, the Pyongyang Grand Theatre, the Moranbong Theatre and other theatres in Pyongyang as well as the Yun I Sang Concert Hall.

The entertainers from different countries put on the stage the revolutionary hymns "Song of General Kim Il Sung" and "Song of General Kim Jong Il."

Entertainers of the Mongolian All-Army Ensemble prepared the songs with a feeling of respect to the President, such as "Song of Loyalty," the hymn of entire Korean people, and the immortal classical work "Where Are You, Dear General?," and the Russians sang songs representing the yearnings for leader Kim Jong Il.

The participants in the art festival also put on stage various art pieces of their own countries as well as world-famous ones, and acrobatic feats that spiced the festive mood.

Their performances were enthusiastically applauded by the audience for their high artistic skills and deep feelings of friendship.

All the participants sent a letter of thanks to Kim Jong Un, First Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, First Chairman of the DPRK National Defence



Korean song "The Blue Sky over My Country" by the chorus of the Moscow Tchaikovsky State Conservatory of Russia.

Commission and Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army.

During their stay, they visited various places in Pyongyang and had a get-together to bolster friendly ties.

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Korean song "Nostalgia," immortal classic, performed by the quartet of Finland.



Ballet by the Trumpet Ensemble Intrada of Belarus.



The instrumental ensemble and song "Guantanamera" by the Cuban Anakaona female music troupe.



"O Sole Mio" sung by the Appassionante female trio of Italy.



Korean song "The Glow over Kangson" by Choir Sons of Jubal of the US.



"Friendship Dance" by the dance troupe of the Kiev Dance Theatre of Ukraine.

Impression from the Cultural Development in the DPRK



The April Spring Friendship Art Festival is very impressive, because artistes from different countries of the world get together and cement the friendship.

Our Italian Appassionante female trio is proud of participating in this festival held in celebration of the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

We sang this time the Korean songs "Song of Ploughing" and "We Are One."

Though we were not so good at singing, the Koreans gave us a big hand.

We sang several famous songs of the world to make the

festival conspicuous.

During the festival we visited various places of the country and saw the grand performance in celebration of the Day of the Sun. We were very impressed by the cultural development in the DPRK.

We will remember beautiful Pyongyang and warm hospitality of the Korean people, too.

Mauro Borjellino, head of the Italian Appassionante female trio



Mixed Chorus "Song of the Leader Is Eternal" by Koreans in Japan.



Dance "Yearning for the Leader" by the International United Confederation of Koreans.



Performance of the Circus of State Acrobatic Company of Russia



"Balancing on the Swing" by the Egyptian circus troupe.



"Neckerchief Trick" by Japanese magicians.



Friendship gathering.



Colourful Events for Celebrating the Centenary of Kim Il Sung's Birth



The venue of the 14th Kimilsungia Festival.



The Korean people celebrated splendidly in April the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung, the father of the nation, in the deepest reverence for him.

The people, youth and students in Pyongyang, delegations and personages from many countries and overseas Koreans visited the statues of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill with great yearnings for them, who rendered distinguished services to the times and mankind. They placed floral baskets, bouquets and flowers and paid tribute to the peerlessly great men.

People from all walks of life paid tributes to the statues of Kim Il Sung throughout the country.

Great reverence for Kim Il Sung could be felt in the venues of the grand 14th Kimilsungia Festival, the Kimilsungia exhibitions held in all provinces and the Kimilsungia and Kimjongilia greenhouses in the cities and counties.

The national photo and book exhibitions, industrial art show, the opening ceremony of the Korean Stamp Museum and the Korean stamp exhibition were held to mark the Day of the Sun, impressing the visitors with the immortal achievements Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il performed, dedicating their lives to the prosperity of the country and well-being of the people.

The celebration was enlivened by artistic performances given in theatres, halls and outdoor stages in Pyongyang and local provinces.

The Unhasu Orchestra gave a splendid performance at the newly built People's Theatre in celebration of its inauguration.

The working people enjoyed gala performances, music and dance performances of artistic groups, the evening gala and mass gymnastic performances in the capital city of Pyongyang, including Kim Il Sung Square, Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace and Pyongyang Indoor Stadium, and in the provinces. They also played various sports and amusement games.

The fireworks brightly lit the nocturnal sky amid enthusiastic cheers of people, adding lustre to the Day of the Sun.

The Korean army and people, who celebrated the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung in great jubilation, are now accelerating the march of great upsurge for the building of a thriving nation, rallied more firmly behind Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un, holding President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il in high esteem forever.

Article: Choe Song Jun

Photos: Jin Yong Ho and Kim Kum Jin

Commemorative Coins Issued



Gold coin "Centenary of the Birth of President Kim Il Sung."



Silver coin "Centenary of the Birth of President Kim Il Sung."



A national book exhibition.



A joint meeting of the Korean Children's Union.



A national photo exhibition.



A venue of the National Fine Art Festival.



IAAF-25th Mangyongdae Prize Marathon Race.



Performance of synchronized swimming "The Eternal Sun of Juche."



Demonstration performance of figure skating.



Mangyongdae Prize sports festival.

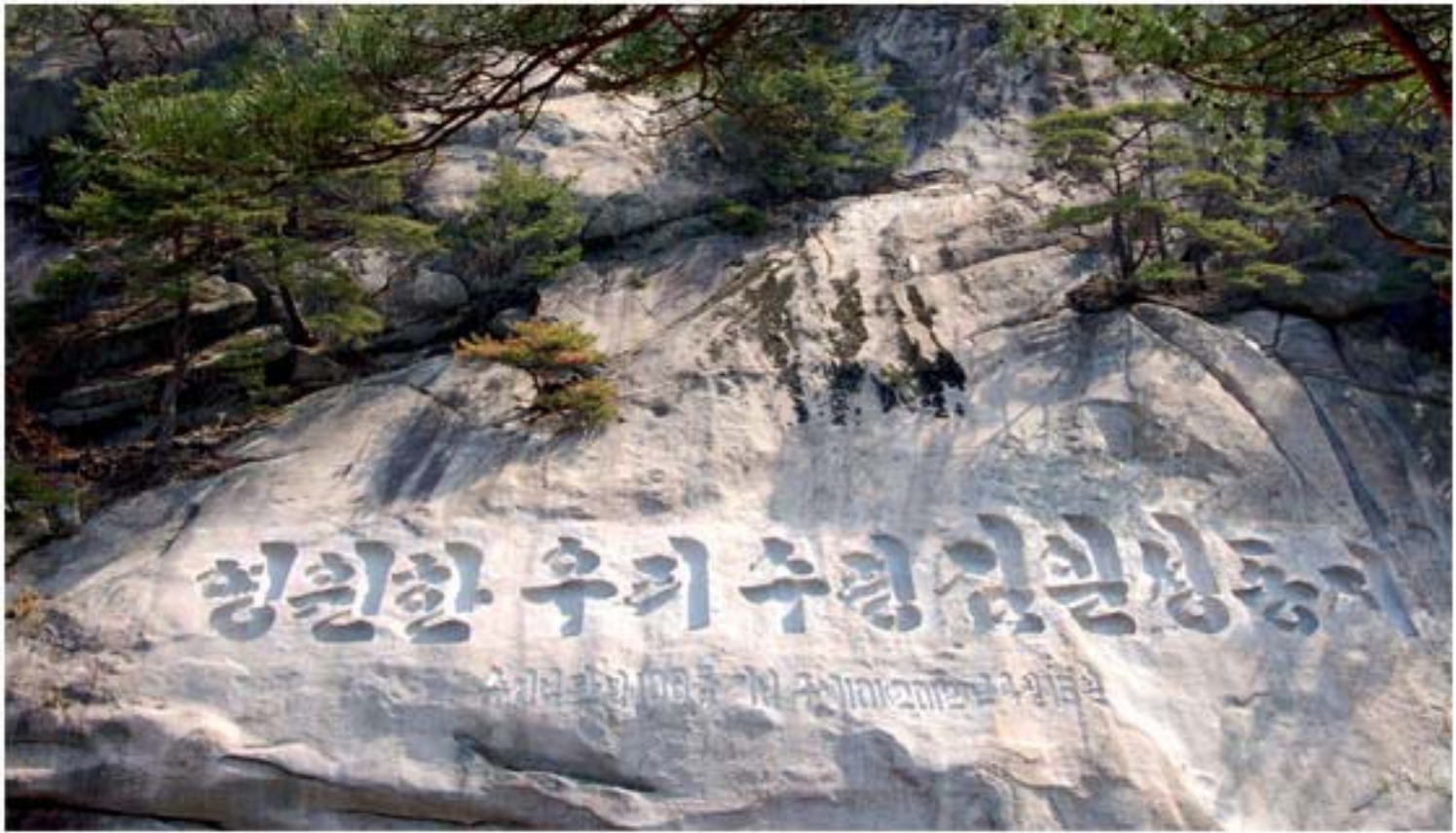




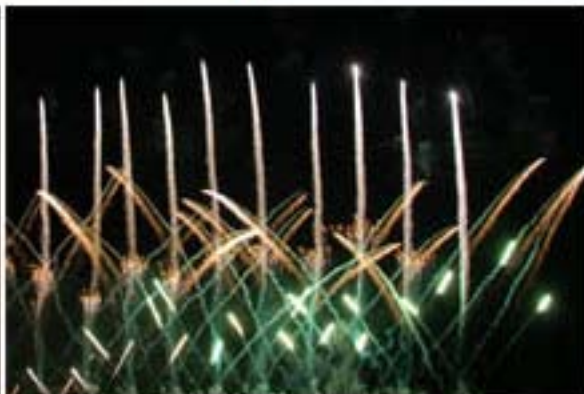
The Unhasu Orchestra gives a concert "Let's keep the vow made for the revolution" at the People's Theatre in celebration of its inauguration.



Evening gala of the youth and students.



Letters "Our Eternal Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung" are engraved on the rock near Pagon Falls in Kaesong.



Celebration events are held in North Phyongan and Kangwon provinces, Kaesong and other places across the country.

New York Joint Photo Exhibition Held



A joint photo exhibition, “Window on North Korea: Photographs from the DPRK,” ran in New York, USA, from March 15 to mid-April to mark the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

The exhibition co-sponsored by the Korean Central News Agency and the Associated Press of the US was the first of its kind in the history of the relations between the two countries, thus attracting the attention of international community.

Major media and Internet homepages in different countries gave wide coverage of the exhibition during the whole period.

The venue of the exhibition held in the Rubin Art Museum in New York was crowded with many visitors every day, who, seeing the pictures, came to have new understandings of the DPRK in many aspects.

They were greatly impressed by the photos showing the revolutionary careers of President Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il, who made undying contributions to the prosperity of the country, well-being of the people and the

cause of Korea’s reunification, and those showing the great personality of Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un.

The visitors looked round the photos showing the noble traits of moral obligation the Korean people expressed out of boundless respect for their leaders and those of working people pushing ahead with creation and construction, full of confidence and optimism.

The exhibition served as a favourable momentum in helping the world people to have correct understandings of the DPRK and demonstrating to the world the brilliant history and invincible might of Songun Korea which has won victories and performed miracles under the leadership of great leaders.

Through the exhibition the visitors came to be well aware of the reality of the DPRK which has developed into a great, harmonious family, helping and leading one another forward, and the people-centred socialist system of Korean style that regards the people’s well-being as absolute and gives the working masses all sorts of benefits.

Article: Choe Kwang Ho

Towards a Higher Target



A partial view of the Huichon Power Station built as a grand monumental structure in the Songun era.

In their advance towards the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung, the Korean people have achieved great successes in building their country into an economic giant and improving their living standards.

The Huichon Power Station was switched on. The large-sized hydroelectric power station, fed by abundant water resources in the upper reaches of the Jangja and the Chongchon rivers, will contribute a lot to solving the problem of power for Pyongyang, preventing flooding in the area around the Chongchon River and promoting industrial growth in Huichon and Namhung areas. Electric-power, coal-mining and metallurgical industries and other leading sectors of the national economy have made gigantic strides in production and light-industry factories produced varieties of quality consumer goods. The June 18 Cement Factory, Organic Composite Fertilizer Factory and other factories began operation, a new production line was added to the Taedonggang General Fruit-Processing Factory and many other factories and enterprises across the country were renovated. The second stage of reclaiming Kwaksan tideland and the building of network of facilities in the reclaimed Taegyedo tideland in North Phyongan Province were completed, changing the coastline of the country and expanding the area of arable land.

The People's Theatre was built at the heart of Pyongyang in less than a year and inaugurated on the occasion of the Day of the Sun, and Taekwon-Do Holy Centre sprang up in Chongchun Street demonstrating the spirit of the nation, both adding splendour to the scenery of the city as a world-class city. On the greatest national holiday school uniforms were supplied to all the students at primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities in the country.

The service personnel and people of the country, who celebrated their President's birth anniversary with great pride, are accelerating their grand march for the new century of the Juche era with full confidence that they could surely build a thriving socialist country under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Article & photos: Ri Kwang Song





The modernly equipped Taedonggang General Fruit Processing Factory.



Exhibition of consumer goods.



New pupils enter the school.





School uniforms are provided to all the students at primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities.









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