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Saepppyol Street Inaugurated



The inauguration ceremony of Saepppyol Street took place in splendour on February 15.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the ceremony.

He was greeted by the commanding officers of the overseas operations units of the Korean People's Army.

He met and exchanged warm greetings with them and extended

militant greetings to all the officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units.

Kim Jong Un made a speech in commemoration of the inauguration.

Saying with deep emotion that the meaningful day came when Saepppyol Street was completed thanks to the ardent desire of our

motherland to have its address in our capital city, he noted that the inauguration of the street named Saepppyol that had already been etched in everyone's heart as a byword for the glorious life of the combatants was an emotive moment when we recorded in the history of Pyongyang the most heroic era that embodies the strength of Korea, symbolizes the greatness of its people and defended its sacred

dignity and fame.

Saepppyol Street is a source of honour for our generation and a pride of Pyongyang and our state, he said, praying for the immortality of the martyrs along with its inauguration which would etch the martyrs' names and images in history. He sincerely hoped that the street, a place where the ennobling souls rest and reverence from all





over the country converges, would always brim over with joy and happiness.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

Licences for the use of flats were handed over to the bereaved families of the martyrs.

Kim Jong Un, together with senior Party, government and military officials, gave the licences in the name of the WPK Central Committee to the bereaved families.

An artistic performance was given, the music reverberating through Saeppyo Street where the huge national flag of the dignified DPRK was flying high in the sky.

Meeting the bereaved family members who would move into new houses, Kim Jong Un said:

As the street for the families of the fallen fighters in the overseas military operations has been inaugurated, I can see in my mind's eye the images of heroic combatants who laid down their lives, praying



for the rejuvenation of their country and the prosperity of Pyongyang at the last moments of their lives. It is the highest respect for the noble lives of the martyrs to make the country, associated with their desires and souls, richer and more beautiful and safeguard and glorify it.

The fallen fighters are model patriots and greatest heroes who unhesitatingly dedicated their precious lives to carrying out the order of the motherland without claiming any reward. It is the obligation and noble mission devolving on the Party and the government to



take care of the destiny and life of their parents, who brought them up to be excellent persons, and their wives and children, who were a source of their strength and support, in the most responsible and sincerest manner.

He visited the house of Kim Jong Ok, widow of martyr O Thae Chol, looked round its rooms and kitchen and listened to the family members' impressions of the new house.

Saying she would miss her husband more than ever before in the





new house, he hoped that she would overcome her sorrow as early as possible and lead a happy life. And he wished her son studying at Mangyongdae Revolutionary School a bright future, saying that he should become an excellent man like his father.

At the house of the couple Mun Ryong Mo and Ryu Sung Nam, whose twin sons dedicated their lives to the country, he said that thanks to such a patriotic family, the country is strong and sturdy and steadily advances towards prosperity.

Saying that the Party and the government will take full care of the bereaved families, he showed warm kindred affection, wishing them lasting happiness in their good houses.

He also visited the house of martyr Kim Tong Chun, twice Hero of the Republic. The family members, overwhelmed by the dreamlike happiness, expressed their deep gratitude to him.

I think my anxieties have been removed a little, seeing the bereaved families who will lead a new beautiful life of the country

earlier than others in their houses in the capital, he said, adding that the war heroes, who performed the great exploits, to be etched in history, for the eternal prosperity and mightiness of the country, and their families deserve the greatest glory and respect paid by the country and the people.

He repeatedly urged officials of the Party and power organs to thoroughly implement the measure taken to accord preferential treatment and privileges to the families of the martyrs, regarding it as

an important policy-oriented task, and to pay close attention always to their life so that they would never feel any inconvenience.

Saeppeyol Street, the crystallization of the Party's and the people's eternal gratitude to and respect for the heroes in the overseas military operations, will shine brilliantly for all ages along with its noble name, conveying to posterity a new legendary tale of love and moral obligation that has been written in the great era of Kim Jong Un.



Plan for Building 50 000 Flats in Pyongyang, Decided on by Eighth Congress of WPK, Successfully Overfulfilled Inauguration Ceremony of 10 000 Flats at Fourth Stage in Hwasong Area Held



An epoch-making success was witnessed of concluding the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, which had powerfully been carried on as the top-priority task of the historic Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea in the new era of comprehensive national rejuvenation.

An inauguration ceremony of 10 000 flats at the fourth stage in the Hwasong area to conclude the five-year plan for monumental capital city construction was held in splendour on February 16, an auspicious holiday of the state.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the inauguration ceremony.

Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the WPK Central Committee, addressed the ceremony.

We have come to greet the emotive moment of proudly declaring that the construction plan for 50 000 flats in the capital city has been overfulfilled by far through the dynamic construction revolution in the great era of Kim Jong Un, he said, extending warm congratulations and thanks on the occasion of the significant inauguration to all the builders of the capital city, service personnel, and officials and working people in the relevant fields, who helped the Party keep the promise made to the people.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un ensured that the housing construction was carried out without fail, irrespective of condition and environment, by setting it as the core of the construction policy put forward at the Eighth WPK Congress, saying that socialism should be built in the mind of the people first and the housing problem is a matter of their greatest concern, the speaker noted, adding:

Thanks to his noble intention and iron will, the construction of 50 000 flats assumed absolute significance as the Party's long-cherished desire and was carried on powerfully and vigorously at all times from its dynamic start.



Those modern large architectural groups are a symbol of the great ideology and politics of the WPK which warmly embraces the people and holds them in high esteem as heaven, a fortress of the strongest single-minded unity that nothing can break, and a demonstration of the indomitable spirit and inexhaustible strength of socialist Korea, the speaker said, and in reflection of the unanimous mind of all the capital city builders, Pyongyang citizens and all other people across the country, he extended the warmest gratitude to

Kim Jong Un, who is building on this land a socialist paradise to be envied by the world.

Stressing that it is the sacred duty and honour of the present generation to improve the appearance of the country through a dynamic construction revolution and create the richest and most civilized life with our wisdom and efforts, he called upon all the people to continuously work hard to glorify the capital city of Pyongyang as the most beautiful and greatest city in the world full





of the people's happiness and attain the far-reaching goal of building a highly civilized and prosperous state at the earliest date according to the new milestone of transformation to be indicated by the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

He received bouquets of fragrant flowers from cute children.

He met the working people who received new houses.

As they expressed gratitude to him, he wished them happiness in the wonderful houses and all the families who would move into new houses joy and happiness.

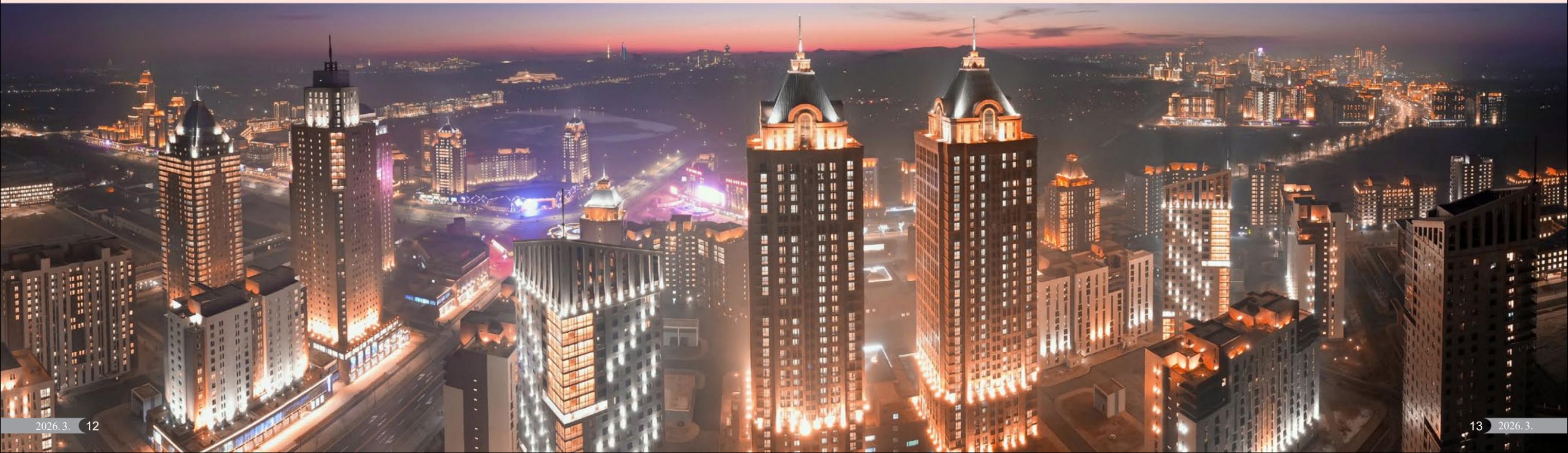
Kim Jong Un met labour innovators who had performed distinguished feats in the construction of the capital city.

Shaking hands with each of them, he said that thanks to the thoroughgoing implementers of the Party's policies like them, the important construction task decided on by the Party could be successfully carried out and that the Party Central Committee would launch a more gigantic construction project with a belief in the revolutionary mettle of creation and fighting spirit of the capital city builders in the future, too. And he warmly encouraged them, hoping that they would once again fully display their honour and mettle as capital city builders in the new grand construction theatre.

There was an artistic performance in celebration of the inauguration.

Kim Jong Un looked round the new street in the Hwasong area.

The newly-built Hwasong area looks beautiful for the majestic appearance of large architectural groups embodying advanced





civilization and, more importantly, as it reflects the genuine happiness and bright images of the people, he said, adding that today is a very significant day in the time-honoured history of the capital city of Pyongyang.

Stressing that it is our Party's faith, absolute outlook on the people and thoroughgoing spirit of serving them to do under any circumstances everything that is wanted by them and that is for their wellbeing, Kim Jong Un said that our Party will make strenuous efforts without a moment of stagnation and without an inch of

deviation to bring earlier the future in which our people will enjoy a civilized and affluent life to their heart's content.

The capital city construction should be steadily boosted, leading the development and civilization of our own style, he said, adding that the successes achieved so far are really great and precious, but they are just the beginning in view of our dreams and capabilities. And he expressed his firm will to perfect the Hwasong area as a model district equipped with all the political, economic and cultural components and turn the whole area of the capital city into the one

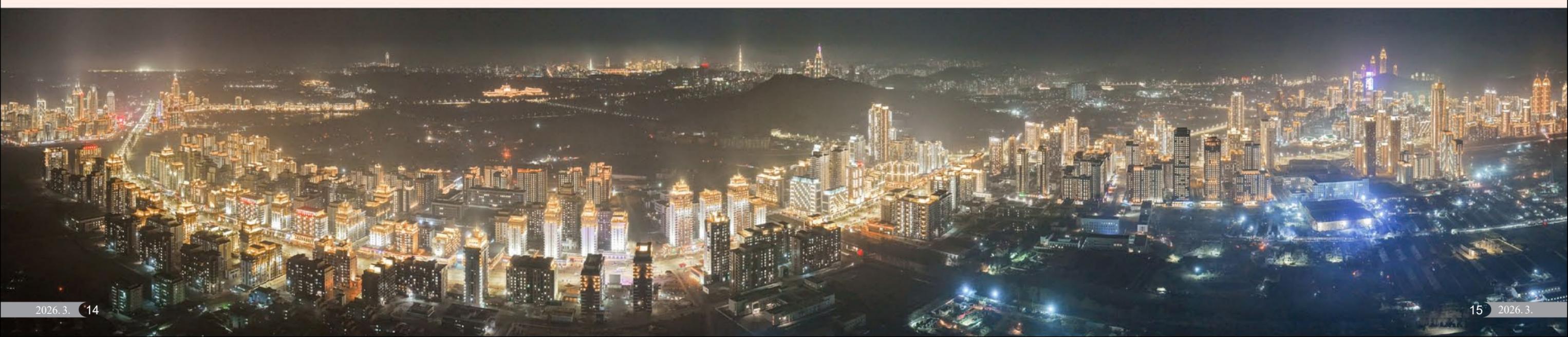
embodying the features of the new era.

On the basis of the remarkable successes and experience achieved and gained in the period of the eighth term of the Central Committee of the WPK, the Ninth Congress of the WPK will set a greater milestone and goal of creation and our people will witness again another exciting five years of their perfect implementation, he said.

After the ceremony was over, the participants looked round the wonderful new street.

The successful completion of construction of 50 000 flats in

Pyongyang proved before the whole world the iron truth that the WPK's decision for the good of the people is a science, practice and victory. And it was recorded in the history of the country as an unprecedented construction miracle that convinced all the people that their capital city and their state will prosper more wonderfully along the new road to the overall prosperity of socialism to be opened up by the Ninth Congress of the Party.



Ceremony of Presenting 600mm-calibre Multiple Rocket Launchers to Ninth WPK Congress



The workers in the munitions industry of the DPRK are providing a sure guarantee for a continuous development and dramatic leap forward of the self-reliant defence capability, and giving a boost to invincibility and mightiness of our state, at the outpost of the national defence industry revolution in the new era energetically led by the great Workers' Party of Korea. In this course, they presented 600mm-calibre multiple rocket launchers, which embody their spirit of death-defyingly implementing the Party's policies and fervent patriotism and loyalty, to the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

The workers of a major munitions enterprise, who have taken the lead in implementing the Party's idea of self-reliant defence on defending the state, the people and the revolutionary cause with national efforts and its strategic line on the development of national defence, prepared the main strike military hardware injecting the strongest power into the heroic Korean People's Army through their indomitable struggle for creation and increased production as the most valuable and precious gifts dedicated to the Party Congress.

A ceremony of presenting 600mm-calibre multiple rocket launchers to the Ninth Congress of the WPK by the workers of the munitions industry sector was held in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, on February 18.

The absolute weapons, fully reflecting the patriotic soul of the soldiers in the national defence sector, who had worked with devotion for the accomplishment of the historic mission for consolidating the self-reliant defence capability to be strongest in the world and symbolic of the definite military superiority of the armed forces of the DPRK, were lined up in fine array at the plaza of the April 25 House of Culture, demonstrating their might.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

When he appeared at the venue, all the participants extended the highest respect and glory to the ever-victorious, iron-willed commander who has opened up a new realm of development of national defence of Korean style and is reliably defending the prestige and security of the state and people with his far-sighted wisdom, outstanding leadership ability and unrivalled courage, guiding the great cause of increasing the national defence capability.

Present at the ceremony were the delegates to and observers of the Ninth Congress of the WPK and officials, scientists, technicians and workers of the munitions industry sector.



An official of the major munitions enterprise made a presentation report.

He respectfully reported to Kim Jong Un on presenting to the Ninth Congress of the WPK the fifty 600mm-calibre multiple rocket launchers the workers of his enterprise additionally produced in two months, out of their mind to uphold the Party's cause of building a powerful army with their boundless patriotism and loyalty.

He courteously presented to Kim Jong Un the written donation

reflecting the pledge of unshakable faith and loyalty of all the workers in the munitions industry to support the revolutionary cause of the WPK with miraculous successes in the production of military hardware.

Expressing thanks for that, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a reply speech.

Saying that the workers in the munitions industry prepared the most precious gifts to be presented to the WPK Congress, he



courteously suggested giving warm applause as a token of thanks to the workers and officials of the major munitions enterprise, who came to the venue of the glorious Party Congress with the powerful military hardware.

It is a source of pride for the Congress of our Party to greet such an inspiring event at the most crucial and responsible time, he said, referring to the military value and efficiency of the focused strike weapon, most powerful in the world, and the invariable will of the

WPK to modernize the national defence capabilities.

Saying that the main guarantee for ensuring the national security environment lies in thoroughly maintaining the resolute outlook on the enemy, building up the most powerful military muscle and applying the offensive mode of response, he expressed his belief that the national defence research group and the workers in the munitions industry would attain more wonderful and inspiring successes in carrying out their important mission for meeting the demands of the



revolution and executing the Party's strategic plan.

He awarded the Order of Kim Il Sung to the enterprise which had performed distinguished feats in carrying out the WPK's policy of defence industry revolution in the new era.

He presented the written donation of 600mm-calibre multiple rocket launchers to the chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army.

He personally drove a launcher vehicle, reviewing the weapons, symbolic of absolute power, which were lined up in the plaza of glory.

Thunderous cheers reverberated through the plaza that witnessed an exciting event to be especially recorded in the WPK's history of leadership for accomplishing the great historic cause of building a rich country with a strong army.

Repeatedly expressing his satisfaction that the 600mm-calibre multiple rocket launchers are really admirable military equipment making it possible to successfully carry out the strategic plan for rapidly developing the war deterrent of the DPRK, Kim Jong Un highly praised the workers in the munitions industry as the greatest revolutionaries and patriots who staunchly support the Party's cause with their thoroughgoing ideological and spiritual strength and inexhaustible creativity.

The venue of the ceremony was filled with boundless gratitude and reverence for the great teacher, benevolent father, who called

those, who had left proud imprints of loyalty and feats true to the mission they shouldered before the Party and the country, to the venue of the historic Party Congress, and put them on the platform of glory admired by the whole country.

The workers in the munitions industry sector were full of ardent enthusiasm to make a dash to attain the higher goals of bolstering up the national defence capabilities to be indicated by the Ninth Party Congress by dint of the invincible strength of trust, greater confidence and inexhaustible creativity, with which they follow their Party only.

After the ceremony was over, the delegates to and observers of the Ninth Party Congress looked round the super-powerful military hardware presented to the Congress by the workers in the munitions industry.

The ceremony of presenting to the Ninth Congress of the WPK the military hardware produced by the workers in the munitions industry will be recorded in history as a significant occasion for redoubling the unshakable will of all the people across the country to dynamically advance towards a new victory of the revolution, rallied as one under the red flag of the WPK with a firm faith in the validity and invincibility of their cause and absolute confidence in the future of their country which will be powerful and prosperous forever.

Fifth-stage Construction of Hwasong Area Begins with Grand Ceremony



The groundbreaking ceremony for the fifth-stage construction in the Hwasong area took place in splendour on February 18, adding to the trust of the people in the Workers' Party of Korea and the social system and the confidence in their strength and cause.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's

Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a meaningful speech on the occasion of the groundbreaking for the fifth-stage construction of the Hwasong area.

He noted that we will now launch into a construction project for the new year according to the long-term plan for transforming

our capital city of Pyongyang more wonderfully. Saying that with the beginning of the fifth-stage construction project in the Hwasong area that day, the capital city construction that was basically aimed at solving the housing problem was switching over to a higher phase of transforming the overall appearance of the capital city on a large scale, he referred to the nature of the capital city construction and the

goal and long-term plan to be attained and implemented in the next five years.

As befits the hub of our country and the origin of advanced culture and civilization, the capital city of Pyongyang should be perfect in all aspects and make uninterrupted progress, he said, adding that over the few years to come we will get rid of those elements





that are inappropriate for the capital city in view of its overall formation and build modern streets and that this will bring about another facelift of the city, which will in turn augment its strategic position and role.

Expressing belief that all the capital city builders will wonderfully carry out the first task in the new plan period by pooling all their efforts and creativity and render a great contribution to glorifying this significant year, when the Ninth Party Congress would be held, as a successful year without fail, he ardently called on everyone to vigorously turn out once again for the capital city of the motherland.

He dug the first spadeful of earth to signal the start of the construction project and pressed the button for blasting.

He extended his warm encouragement to all the builders filled with enthusiasm for glorifying the precious name and honour of

the capital city builders by performing a miracle of legendary construction and more magnificently transforming the Hwasong area into an exemplary entity of the development and civilization of Korean style perfectly embodying the Party's people-first ideas and politics.

He repeatedly expressed belief that the officials of the construction headquarters and the capital city builders would always bear in mind the trust and expectations of the Party and the people, faithfully discharge their responsibility and role in the vanguard of the construction revolution in the new era and thus make the next five years a remarkable heyday when Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, will be transformed once again into the most beautiful city full of happiness of the people.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Inspects Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at Overseas Military Operations under Construction



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, inspected on February 13 the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations under construction.

Going round the construction site, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un acquainted himself in detail with the progress in construction and creation and installation of sculptures.

Highly appreciating that the sculptures embossed on the outer walls were created well to preserve the theme-specific features, he said that the matchless bravery and mass heroism displayed by soldiers of the Korean People's Army in the overseas military operations must be imposingly etched in history as a banner of invincibility.

The Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations is, before being a simple architectural structure,

the crystallization of the noble respect paid by our Party, country and people to the sacred souls of the heroic martyrs who will be immortal for all ages, as well as a platform of dignity and honour for respectfully exalting their worthwhile life, he added.

Stressing the need to create all elements to be ideologically and artistically perfect to the last detail, he clarified a series of tasks and ways of modification.

He called upon the service personnel, designers and creators, involved in the construction of the memorial museum, to deeply cherish the profound feelings of respect of the Party and people and successfully build the museum into a sacred temple, a grand monumental edifice representative of the era, which will be everlasting as a symbol of the feats and immortality of the martyrs.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Pays Congratulatory Visit to the Sangwon Cement Complex



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on March 1 paid a congratulatory visit to the Sangwon Cement Complex that is advancing under the banner of the patriotic movement for increased production and encouraged its workers who turned out in the new struggle for implementing the

decisions of the Party Congress.

He was courteously greeted by Manager Yun Jae Hyok and other leading officials of the complex.

He extended his warm greetings of encouragement to the workers of the complex filled with an extraordinary determination and enthusiasm to uphold the grand construction plan set forth by the

Party Congress with eye-opening successes in cement production.

He made a rallying speech.

Stating his true purpose of visiting the workers of the Sangwon Cement Complex first after the Ninth Party Congress, he offered his tribute to the history of development of the complex and all its workers that had maintained an invariable attitude in rendering

faithful support to the Party's resolute choice and making a tangible contribution to its implementation over the past five years, a period filled with great difficulties, and that had written only wonderful records of loyalty and patriotism since its commissioning.

There are numerous large and important enterprises in our country, but none of them has such a contingent of staunch and



militant workers as those in Sangwon, he said, highly appreciating the history of over 40 years of the complex, which had added lustre to its appellation as a powerful enterprise that is capable of doing anything it is determined to do, and particularly the struggle success which the complex attained during the years of the eighth term of the Party Central Committee as it strongly supported through practical cement production the Party's plan for achieving remarkable progress and overall upsurge in socialist construction and opened up its golden age since its inauguration by expanding its production capacity and making constant efforts for increased production.

Supporting the Party and the country with boundless loyalty, aspiring after unlimited and daring innovation and consistently prioritizing science and technology—this is the key to the complex's leaping forward and it is a formula for increased production achieved by our workers and also for the development of our times, he said. He affirmed that the soaring patriotic enthusiasm and mettle for increased production, which the Sangwon workers display in making continuous innovations and advance, constitute an absolute support for the Party's ideology and cause, and that this would serve as a torch inspiring the whole country to a heroic struggle.

Expressing his firm belief that the complex will continue to

glorify its honourable history and traditions, which have been a constant source of great strength and support for the Party, he ardently called on the workers to display to the full the Korean people's dauntless spirit and wisdom, make an all-out effort again for the good of the great country and advance forward vigorously.

He visited the central control room to learn about cement production.

Noting that the complex is facing a more enormous task to carry out during the ninth term of the Party Central Committee and the whole country seething with transformation is pinning its hope on the complex, he stressed that the complex should bring about a steady upsurge on the strength of self-reliance based on advanced science and technology, while giving full play to the inexhaustible spiritual strength of the masses in all work in conformity with the immutable truth that the reserve for increased production is in the hearts of the producer masses and as intended by the Party which attaches absolute importance to the ideological one of the three resources of the revolution.

He had a photo taken with the labour innovators, meritorious persons and officials in commemoration of his visit to the complex.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Inspects Destroyer *Choe Hyon*



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the destroyer *Choe Hyon* on March 3 and 4 to inspect its crew members' combat and political training and the tests of the operational efficiency of the destroyer being conducted before its commissioning.

He was greeted by the leading officials of the Nampho Shipyard on the spot on March 3.

He boarded the destroyer *Choe Hyon* to inspect the sailors' training for vessel operation and the process of the tests of the destroyer's performance and capability to carry out operations.

He praised the sailors for having achieved successes in the new year's combat and political training for fully acquiring the military and technological qualifications, the level of which was set by the Party Central Committee for the operation of the new-type destroyer.

On the destroyer he acquainted himself with the sailors' preparedness for controlling the warship and handling its various weapon systems.

That day, a trial cruise of the destroyer took place in his presence to assess the elements of its manoeuvrability.

Kim Jong Un highly appreciated that the manoeuvrability of the warship meets the requirements of operational performance and that the ship control system is excellent.

Expressing satisfaction over the smooth tests of all systems of the destroyer for its commissioning for operations, he said:

"The tests of operational efficiency of the new-type destroyer, a new symbol of sea defence capability of our state, are going on smoothly as planned.

"This is an appraisal, from another point of view, of the advantages of the design of the vessel.

"Every year during the new five-year plan period we must build two surface warships of this class or of a higher class, and correctly implement the gigantic plan of increasing the fighting strength of surface warships.

"Ensuring the concentrated and sustained character of the capability of the national defence economy is a major guarantee for the implementation of this plan.

"We have sufficient potentials, i.e., powerful researchers group and shipbuilding industry.

"Our Navy's forces for attacking from under and above water will grow rapidly.



“The arming of the Navy with nuclear weapons is making satisfactory progress.

“All these successes constitute a radical change in defending our maritime sovereignty, something that we have not achieved for half a century.

“Our Navy will have a powerful offensive capability, which is, in effect, a capability for defending ourselves.

“If any forces are apprehensive about our efforts to build up our defence capabilities, this means that they are precisely our

enemy.

“I will have a strongest navy built.

“As I have stressed before, I am sure that the course of implementing the national defence development plan for the coming five years will be a course of transforming once again the structure of our armed forces; we will build reliable defence capabilities.

“We will guarantee the defence of national sovereignty, not in spoken or written words, but through capability for real actions



and through practice.”

Reiterating the goals to be attained by the warship-building industry in the coming five-year plan period, Kim Jong Un specified the measures to be taken by the state to modernize the Navy and a series of tasks including the issue of increasing the cooperative role of the Second Economy Commission and the national defence scientific research group.

He oversaw the test fire of sea-to-surface strategic cruise missiles conducted on the warship on March 4.

He said that the test was an important core element in assessing the operational capabilities of the warship.

The test fire was carried out successfully.

Kim Jong Un expressed great satisfaction at the sailors' very high proficiency in strategic attack.

The demonstration of such great power is not only a clear expression of the country's will to defend its national sovereignty based on firm self-confidence but also a responsible exercise of its war deterrent, he said.

That day, he familiarized himself with the building process of the third *Choe Hyon*-class destroyer at the shipyard.

He highly praised the workers of the shipyard, renowned for its tradition and might of self-reliance as a reliable large-scale warship-building base of the country, and the technicians and officials in the

warship-building sector for striving with high morale to successfully build another *Choe Hyon*-class destroyer by the birthday of the WPK this year, the year when its historic Congress was held, by further enhancing the spirit they displayed as they made a breakthrough in accomplishing the historic cause of rapidly turning the country into a maritime power of the 21st century through the building of the first new-generation multi-mission destroyer, and gave great encouragement to them.

Saying that the officials and workers in the warship-building sector should faithfully uphold the Party's line of building our country into a military power with the completion of powerful new-type warships, he called for making strenuous progress of uninterrupted innovations and successive leaps forward to accelerate the dramatic transformation of our Navy.

His inspection of the destroyer and the shipyard served as a significant occasion when the strategic plan of the Party Central Committee, aimed at the gradual and qualitative boosting of the combat efficiency of the naval forces that will undertake a crucial mission in implementing the national defence strategy and exercising war deterrent, began to demonstrate its vitality through actual development.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Oversees Shooting Contest of KPA Snipers

A shooting contest of snipers from the Korean People's Army units at all levels took place at Pyongyang Training Base No. 60 under the Capital City Defence Corps on March 3 on the occasion of the Sniper's Day of the KPA.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, oversaw the contest.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Kim Jae Ryong and Ri Il Hwan, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other major cadres.

He was greeted on the spot by commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and military and political commanding officers of the large combined units of the KPA.

The contest was aimed at steadily improving the marksmanship of snipers, to whom greater importance is attached in modern warfare.

It was attended by snipers selected from the special operations units of different services of the KPA and its large combined units at all levels.

In the contest, the special operations brigade of the Air Force came first, the 4th Corps second and the 1st Corps third.

It was followed by demonstration shootings by snipers of the Company of Snipers under the Operations Bureau of the General Staff and the power demonstration by combatants of the special operations units.

Saying that the combat capability and role of snipers are more highly valued in the composition of the armed forces of the country, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un noted that it is a main requirement in implementing the Party's line of building a powerful and modern army to bring about a rapid and qualitative change in boosting the combat capability of snipers in conformity with the development phase and trend of modern warfare.

He said that it is very important to frequently organize training in virtual combat environments and shooting contests for boosting the spirit of competition among the units in order to train all the snipers





of the KPA units at all levels into crack shots capable of dealing a fatal blow to the enemy in any weather and seasonal conditions and day or night.

Noting that accurate marksmanship should be a symbol and

special feature of the matchless combat capability of our army, he gave important guidelines to be followed in training a-match-for-a-hundred, all-round snipers well-versed in the Juche-oriented shooting methods and knacks.



In Celebration of 84th Birth Anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il



Officials, working people, service personnel and youth and students visit the statues of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and lay flower baskets and bouquets before them.



Party and government officials pay homage to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on the occasion of the 84th birth anniversary of Chairman Kim Jong Il.



All the people across the country celebrated the Day of the Shining Star, the greatest holiday of the nation, in splendour.

Party and government officials paid homage to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on February 16 on the occasion of the 84th birth anniversary of Kim Jong Il.

Officials, working people, service personnel and youth and students visited the statues of the great leaders in different parts of the country to lay flower baskets and bouquets before them.

Working people, youth and students visited photo exhibitions

in Pyongyang, provinces and cities under the direct jurisdiction of the government, recollecting with reverence the immortal revolutionary career of Kim Jong Il who had laid the lasting foundations for building a thriving country.

A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations took place in the capital city of Pyongyang.

Amid the joy of the people celebrating the February holiday, the Third February 16 People's Art Festival was held, enlivening the atmosphere of the holiday.

Put on the stages were colourful numbers singing of the boundless



The festival, divided into the categories of mobile artistic motivational teams and art groups, was held at theatres and halls in the capital city and regions with the attendance of the team and group members selected from Pyongyang and regional areas.

glory and happiness of the people enjoying the blessing of having the great leaders through generations.

The famous songs, depicting the eternal February spring along with the historic birthplace of Kim Jong Il in the Paektusan Secret Camp in the snow-covered Sobaeksu Valley, made the audiences feel

deep yearning and reverence for him.

Such songs as *Dear Father* and *The People Are with the Marshal* represented the highest respect of all the people for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is leading the socialist country, the greatest patriotic legacy bequeathed by Kim Jong Il, to



Joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations

a new change and development.

The 11th National Pencil Drawing Festival took place, and an artistic performance *Song of Happiness Resounding in the Sky of February* was given by members of the art groups of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace.

Dance parties of youth and students were held in Pyongyang,

provincial seats, cities and counties.

On the day, public catering establishments across the country provided special holiday services for the working people, and bases for recreation and leisure activities resounded with the happy laughter of the people.



Dance party of youth and students



An artistic performance given by members of the art groups of the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace



A figure skating demonstration

Signal of Continuous Revolution Demonstrating the Dynamic Spirit of Advance of Socialist Korea

Groundbreaking Ceremonies of Construction Projects for Regional Development Policy in 2026 Held

Demonstrating the dynamic spirit of advance and rosy future of socialist Korea confidently ushering in the new heyday of comprehensive prosperity of the country under the leadership of the great Party Central Committee, groundbreaking ceremonies of construction projects for the regional development policy in the new year took place one after another.

For the faster and more vibrant building of a civilized and prosperous state through realistic and qualitative transformation of the regions, the ceremonies took place in Phyongwon, Kangnam, Maengsan, Ragwon, Musan, Songhwa, Sinph Yong, Sonchon, Pongsan, Sijung, Sinhung, Thongchon, Hwaphyong, Phyonggang, Riwon, Myonggan and Samsu counties, Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm area, and Taeon and Phanmun districts.





The venues of the ceremonies were filled with boundless trust of the regional people in the Party that writes a new chapter of history of transformation, in which regional development represents the advance of our own style of socialism and ideal features of the regions represent the genuine appearance of our state, as well as with high fighting spirit of the officers and soldiers of the construction units, who were determined to be more thoroughgoing and perfect in achieving the long-cherished desire of the Party Central Committee.





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For Implementing the Decisions of the Ninth Party Congress

Sangwon Cement Complex



The Sangwon Cement Complex, one of the country's cement giants, is now gearing up for a production upsurge.

On March 1, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un paid a congratulatory visit to the complex and inspired its employees to further efforts in the new struggle to implement the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Greatly encouraged by his trust, they

hardened their resolve to invariably perform the role of standard-bearer in carrying out the new long-term plan.

The whole complex pursues an increasingly innovative and creative approach with a view to boosting the output of cement.

The Sangwon Limestone Mine, Samchong Mine, Ilchulbong Mine and Hwachon Coal Mine, all of which are



responsible for the initial processes of production, put emphasis on introducing effective working methods and raising the operating rate of equipment.

All of this has resulted in the operation of the main processes gathering momentum.

The calcination workshop, one of the main processes, has augmented the output of clinker by keeping the equipment running to the full and applying innovative technical schemes.

The central control room has introduced

rational operation methods to maintain cement production on a higher level.

Other workshops, particularly those for mixing raw materials and dust coal, join efforts to ensure optimal product quality and achieve innovative successes.

The management and employees of the complex are fully determined to keep up production and render a substantial contribution to carrying out the tasks presented by the Ninth Party Congress.

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Text: Pak Kyong Chol

Vibrant Steel Production Base

Chollima Steel Complex

The workers at the Chollima Steel Complex are bringing about a production upsurge in order to carry out the tasks set forth by the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Smelters at the steel workshop have launched a collective innovation campaign

while maintaining close ties among the processes for charging, melting, continuous ingot moulding, etc. In particular, those at the UHP electric arc furnace conduct various mass movements to increase the output of molten iron.

Workers and technicians of the complex

focus on keeping the equipment in a good state of repair in order to ensure their full-capacity operation. They are conducting an active mass-based technical innovation drive to improve the performance of the equipment.

Those at the gas generator workshop



work to maintain regular production by introducing innovative schemes for increased output.

The management of the complex pays due attention to improving product quality while boosting the production capacity.

Its technical personnel push ahead with their research projects to establish the Juche orientation in the metallurgical industry,

including those for improving the quality of steel.

The management and all the employees are fully determined to maximize production in order to help to ensure the normal operation of the relevant economic sectors.

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Text: Kim Son Gyong*



Flourishing Region

Regional-industry factories in Jangyon County



The factories turn out a wide range of foodstuffs, garments and consumer goods.





Jangyon County in South Hwanghae Province is well known for its successful cultivation of barley.

It has become a flourishing region in the new era of regional transformation.

In line with the regional development policy of the Workers' Party of Korea, modern regional-industry factories were built in the county last year, providing a solid guarantee for the development of its economy and the improvement of the living standards of its population.

These factories, built as suited to the specific features of the county, turn out a wide range of foodstuffs, garments and

consumer goods.

As they are all produced from raw materials abundant in the region, they are popular among the local people.

Special favourites among them are soy sauce, bean paste, milk biscuits, strawberry-flavoured drops and bread from the foodstuff factory.

The beer with the brand named after a locality in the county is a pride and speciality of the county.

While looking round the foodstuff factory after attending the inauguration ceremony of the regional-industry factories in the county on December 18 last year,

the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that it is quite spectacular to see a regional-industry factory equipped with an advanced beer brewing line and turning out a product named after the place of its origin.

The clothing from the clothes factory, and rose-, lemon- and iris-flavoured soaps and plastic things from the daily necessities factory are particularly high in demand.

The regional-industry factories in the county are striving hard to develop and produce a larger variety of goods to be favoured by the local people.

Photo: Choe Won Chol
Text: Kang Jin Song



Scallop-harvesting Season Starts

Sinpho City Offshore Farm



모든것을인민생활향상을위해

The scallop-harvesting season has started in the Sinpho City Offshore Farm, which was built as a model of offshore farming on the East Sea of Korea.

The management of the farm made scrupulous arrangements for the harvesting work beforehand, and the daily harvest reaches scores of tons.

The good news brings joy to the people across the country.

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Tour of Samjiyon

Thanks to the wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea to provide the people with a happier life and more cultured living conditions, the Samjiyon area is being transformed into a model of

modern mountain city, an all-season tourist resort.

New tourist attractions have been developed and many hotels and service amenities built.

They include a recreation hall and an exhibition house.

Here tourists enjoy their time, seeing exhibits and doing sports and recreational activities.



Visit to the Samjiyon Grand Monument depicting the homeland advance of the soldiers of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army during the anti-Japanese armed struggle and sightseeing tour of the Rimyongsu area that presents

magnificent scenery combined with the beautiful mountains and a waterfall—all these leave a great impression on the tourists.
Tourists visit Chairman Kim Jong Il's birthplace in the Paektusan Secret Camp.

Part of the attraction of the tour of the Samjiyon area comes from skiing at the Pegaebong Ski Resort.
Located at a suitable place for skiing, the resort provides magnificent scenery with dense forests nearby and fresh atmosphere.

Sledges and snowmobiles are also available for the tourists here.
Playing video and folk games at the recreation hall and enjoying the schoolchildren's artistic performance at the Samjiyon Schoolchildren's Palace will be

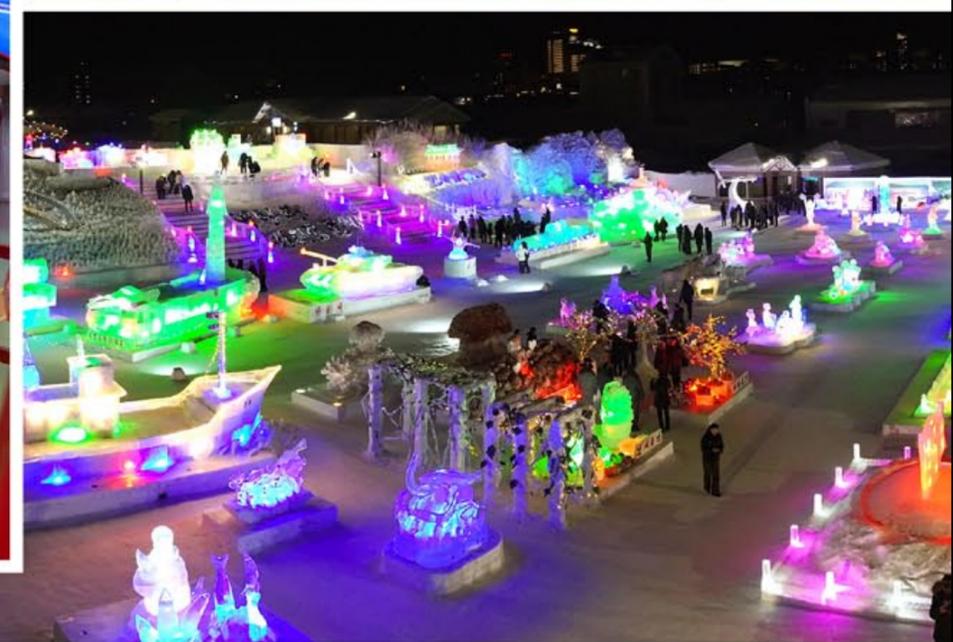


Pegaebong Hotel



Milyong Hotel







all good experience.

Hotels including Sobaeksu, Ikal, Potnamu, Chongbong and Milyong, the names of which are symbolic of the area,

are ideal for a variety of cultural activities.

Bathing in the indoor and outdoor spas at the Milyong Hotel, in particular, gives a peculiar experience to its guests.

Today the area is witnessing a booming tourist industry.

*Photo: Pak Chang Bok, Hwang Jong Hyok
Text: Kim Son Gyong*





QUINTUPLETS

Quintuplets, Son Chung Jong, Son Song Ryong, Son Ta Jong, Son Ha Ryong and Son Ri Jong, born in January last year at Pyongyang Maternity Hospital as the first of its kind in the country, are growing up healthily after they were moved to Pyongyang Baby Home in June from the hospital.

According to the national policy of looking after the children born to the same mother at one birth, the quintuplets will grow up there until they become four years old.

A babysitter cares for each of them, who regularly measures its height and weight so as to ensure its growth scientifically.

Besides, two doctors and a nurse are in charge of the nutrition and health of the babies.

The state supplies the quintuplets free of charge with everything including dairy products, nutritional supplements and clothes.



Son Chung Jong (daughter)



Son Song Ryong (son)



Son Ta Jong (daughter)



Son Ha Ryong (son)



Son Ri Jong (daughter)

Their parents, whenever they come to see their children at the baby home, say:

We cannot thank the country enough for fully taking charge of our babies.

On January 31, the quintuplets celebrated their first birthday.

Photo: Ri Chol Jin
Text: Kim Son Gyong





Sports and Cultural Complex *Ice Rink*

The Ice Rink, on the bank of the picturesque Pothong River in Pyongyang, has been renovated into a characteristic multifunctional sports and cultural base.

The rooms for physical training, dancing, coaches and changing have been laid out on a higher level.

Soft water is used to ensure a high quality of ice and the indoor temperature can be controlled for the convenience of the skaters and spectators.

Furnished with HD laser overhead projector, four-side LED screen and illuminations, it can host not only figure skating, ice hockey, speed skating and other winter sports events but also basketball, volleyball and boxing matches and artistic performances.

The people go to this characteristic base for leisure activities all year round.

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