

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un pays congratulatory visit to Central Cadres Training School of WPK on its 80th founding anniversary

He warmly congratulates all the teaching staff and students of the school on its significant 80th founding anniversary

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The Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea, a prestigious political school of the WPK and the highest institution of training Party cadres, is proudly marking its 80th founding anniversary in its glorious history.

The Central Cadres Training School has successfully carried out its strategic and historic duty, entrusted by the times and the revolution, in the van of accomplishing the sacred cause of eternally carrying forward the lifeline of the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and its ever-victorious leadership and firmly guaranteeing the bright prospect of the Juche cause. Such

contribution of the school serves as a solid cornerstone supporting the immortal

dignity and honour of the WPK which is writing the longest history as a socialist

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ruling party.

The respected Comrade 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, paid a congratulatory visit to the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK marking its 80th founding anniversary on June 1.

The revolutionary university, which stands imposingly in the historic Kumsusan area as a symbol of the absolute prestige of the WPK and the invincibility of our cause, was filled with great excitement and joy of all its teaching staff and



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivers important speech on the occasion of 80th founding anniversary of Central Cadres Training School of Workers' Party of Korea

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, paid a congratulatory visit to the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea greeting its 80th founding anniversary on June 1, and made a meaningful speech before its teaching staff and students and the education workers and students from provincial Party schools across the country.

Comrades,

Today the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea marks its 80th founding anniversary.

I warmly congratulate all its teaching staff and students on this very significant day.

Also present here are the education workers from provincial Party schools, and I extend warm greetings, through you, to the teaching staff and students of Party schools at all levels throughout the country.

I also pay tribute to the educators and meritorious persons of the preceding generations who made a distinguished contribution to the training of Party cadres as they faithfully worked at Party schools until the twilight years of their life.

Today I am really filled with deep emotion as we are to mark in splendour the 80th founding anniversary on this campus truthfully reminiscent of the high dignity and sacred course of our Party.

Celebrating the occasion, when the glorious history of the school is connected with its rosier future, can be called a demonstration of our faith and will to carry forward the revolutionary ideology and Party building ideal of Juche with a firm conviction in them and in their pure form without the slightest deviation.

In looking back upon the history of political parties of the working class, there is no party other than ours that established bases for training its cadres by itself through a well-regulated system and structure, bases capable of training its hard core, from the centre down to the regional areas in a little over a year after its founding.

It was a truly correct and far-sighted measure to have laid the foundation for training Party cadres armed with our ideology and traditions and the mode of struggle of our own style in the difficult and complicated situation immediately after the country's liberation, when there was almost nothing to rely on, proceeding from the Juche-oriented standpoint that even though the problem of technical personnel could be solved by means of training them abroad, political activists who would serve as pillars of the Party and revolution of our country should be trained by our own efforts.

In its 80-year history since June 1, 1946, when its founding was declared with the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung as the first principal and only 80 persons as students, the Central Cadres Training School has made a steady growth into a reliable cadres training base of the WPK both in name and reality. Today, too, it is adding



lustre to its sacred original name without marring it in the slightest, the appellation for a political educational institution faithfully serving the Juche-oriented Party building cause and for a strategic fortress guaranteeing the existence and development of the Party.

As a matter of fact, our Central Cadres Training School is the only political school which has laid such a solid foundation for and given nourishment to the cause of building the working-class party, which has continued from one century to the next and from one generation to the next, while going through the arduous years of the revolution together with the Party since its birth.

In this sacred course, the school has gained great honour and reputation and also preserved them.

The many hard-core elements educated and trained here have played the role of the backbone in strengthening all levels of the Party, ranging from its grass-roots organizations to its central committee, organizationally and ideologically, and are performing the important duty of leading the development of the political, military, economic, cultural and all other spheres of state and social life.

The Central Cadres Training School, shouldering the responsible mission of guaranteeing the eternal future of the Party and the revolution, has made a tangible contribution to training Party cadres equipped with faithfulness and high practical qualifications and to enriching the treasure house of the theory of building a revolutionary party. This firm stronghold has made it possible for the WPK to chronicle its sacred chapters without any mistakes or twists even in the tempest of history and maintain its dignity still today with outstanding leadership abilities.

During its shining 80 years the school has left indelible

imprints in the development of the Party and served as its powerful base for preserving the immutable revolutionary genes for the succession to its cause that will not deflect even in the coming 80, nay 800, years. This constitutes the outstanding position and matchless authority unique to the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK.

Comrades,

Building a prosperous and powerful state is inconceivable separated from the core and leading role of Party cadres and training Party cadres should be put above all other affairs. The aim of the founding of this school remains an absolute truth even today, 80 years later.

As everyone feels and experiences, the reality is changing very rapidly and our socialist construction is going through an era of transformation, which no one has ever witnessed.

Our Party is vigorously promoting crucial policies aimed at radically boosting the overall strength of the country and transforming its appearance; accordingly, the struggle to realize the people's ideals is expanding to an unprecedented scale.

That is why we can say that this is the time when the role of Party cadres is highlighted more than ever before.

But the point is that there are not many competent Party cadres capable of perfectly carrying out the Party's ideas and policies in the theatres of gigantic struggle for transformation that is going on more extensively and intensively as the days go by, the hard core capable of organizing their work in keeping with the changing reality and the high demands and standards of the developing times.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, after analysing the current overall level and abilities of cadres, referred to the urgent need to decisively enhance the role of the cadres training schools of the Party, whose course is compulsory for all cadres to attend, and continued:

It can be said that this is an era when talented persons, not material resources like technical means or natural resources, are considered to be the No. 1 strategic resources of the state, and that the level of development of the socialist state depends entirely on the level of the cadres of its ruling party.

Training Party cadres has never been separated from the existence and development of our Party and state, but this has never been such a pressing and vital task as it is today, I think.

Of course, some who are loyal and talented can be found in reality, but the ranks of Party cadres needed for all the fronts and their boundaries of the revolution that is developing in depth can only be trained through the specialist education of Party officials.

If the Party is to be strong and the country is to develop, the "pedigree" institution for training hard-core cadres of

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the Party should be firm, and talents of the talents of our country must be produced by this institution.

Another reason why we attach top priority to Party school education is that, with the change of generations in the revolution, people of younger generations, who are short of tempering in Party life and differ in sensitiveness from their preceding generations, make up the main ranks of cadres.

Comrade Kim Jong Un referred to the prevailing situation, in which cadres of younger generations who have had no chance to undergo trying ordeals like war and postwar rehabilitation, are betraying bigger and bigger differences in the spiritual world and personal quality from those of their preceding generations.

Clarifying how to tide it over, he stressed:

This shows that the younger they are, the greater attention should be paid to training them in Party spirit and transforming them along revolutionary lines and that a higher level and target should be adopted in deciding the educational content and methods.

We have to prevent the awareness of the younger generations from receding from the ideals and faith of their revolutionary forerunners, and ensure that the whole society is filled with their ethos of indomitability and staunchness with which to fight resiliently against all odds and challenges. To this end, Party schools should play their role in a responsible manner as political institutions which are assigned to get rid of all alien things and inject only the pure revolutionary spirit.

Party schools should put their teaching levels and educational environment and climate onto a highest possible phase. In this way, they can produce genuine Party officials worthy of the name, who are ready to work heart and soul for supporting the Party's leadership, instead of simply turning out their graduates who pay lip service to the concepts and text of the five-point line of Party building in the new era.

In other words, they should hold fast to their original features and ethos as the Party's political schools despite the passage of time and the uninterrupted change of generations, and train Party cadres who are indispensable to the country, people who are prepared to devote themselves to the good of their fellow people, the source of their own life, while sharing ideology, intentions and ideals with the Party Central Committee.

Hoping that the teaching staff and students of the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK as well as all its graduates will be boundlessly loyal to the great mission assigned by the Party, state and people, and meet the requirements of our developing revolution, I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to emphasize some things.

What I want you to refresh your memory of on this occasion today is that the Central Cadres Training School is, in name and reality, a Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist school, a school of the Party Central Committee.

Even when everything else in the world may change, the original feature of the Workers' Party of Korea must remain as it is. Likewise, even when its educational environment and teaching and edification modes may change, the character and mission of the Party school must remain unchanged.

This may be what we have said time and again, and yet we should be mindful at all times of why we established our own Party school on the debris when parties in other countries in the same situation asked those countries that had accomplished their revolution earlier to train their own cadres.

Our Party, since it newly built the Central Cadres Training School at this sacred place, has been doing its utmost to provide the school with the highest level

of working, learning and living conditions. This is, in the final analysis, aimed at training the elite who are thoroughly armed with the ideology of the WPK.

Our revolution has got a unitary character which should remain absolute and immutable for its steady succession and accomplishment.

That is the single guiding ideology, single leadership centre and single leadership system.

Only those who, cherishing unshakeable trust in their Party, have committed themselves to following it on the road of revolution against all odds, will not bend the knee or yield to power, nor will they tend to swim with the tide.

Whoever has graduated from the Central Cadres Training School must, above all else, be uncompromising when it comes to keeping revolutionary faith and principles.

The type of official our Party needs is one who regards its ideology and purpose as an absolute truth and never recognizes anything other than them, and who can carry out its policies unconditionally, come what may.

Graduates from Party schools, however many there may be and whatever character or qualifications they may have, should be one and the same in terms of the spirit and mettle with which to defend the validity of the Party's lines and policies.

The Central Cadres Training School produces 200 or so graduates a year. If they are all prepared to be pure-hearted and honest loyalists who are steadfast in ideology and faith, our Party's ranks of cadres will become a rock-solid buttress supporting the Party and the government, a powerful propellant for advancing the Korean revolution straight ahead while wiping away all manner of undesirable elements.

Over the past eight decades after emerging as a communist school, this school has put the main emphasis on tempering its students' loyalty to the Party. Just as in the past, it should design its curriculum as a course of mental training for helping the students cherish the Party Central Committee's intentions and will as an element of their faith, not merely as a course of imparting theories and knowledge to them; it should also organize the students' daily routine in ways that will facilitate the training of their ideology and willpower and cultivate their mental qualities, that is, improve their loyalty to the Party and foster the spirit of devotion to revolutionary tasks and ennobling personality. Such should be established as the Party school's peculiar climate.

The school should ensure that its students, while learning on the noble campus, seek an instinctive understanding of what the Party's aim is, what it is concerned about and how they should act to defend the authority of the Party Central Committee.

The fighters who pioneered our revolution cherished loyalty to the revolution as something like an inborn quality, even though they were denied access to regular education. Throwing themselves unhesitatingly into doing something that is most challenging, most urgent or most pressing—this was a source of infinite honour, glory and pride for them. Established as the mental mainstay of this country, this priceless tradition has influenced its successive generations.

Party schools ought to stand at the forefront of the effort to carry forward the ideological bloodline of our Party and the pure soul of the Juche revolution. So, they should naturally conduct revolutionary education and edification to raise the students' ideological spirit up to the level of our first-generation revolutionaries' mental world.

An important factor in qualifying the students as Party officials is to ensure that they get into the habit of acting in accordance with Party Rules and the regulations of Party life.

Only when all the members of society observe the laws of the state, will everything in the country go well. Likewise, if our officials make it part of their habit to act in strict accordance with Party Rules, success will be assured in all the aspects of work, like establishing the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee and cultivating loyalty to the Party, the revolution and the people.

It is important to make an exacting demand on the students so that they act in strict accordance with Party Rules and the regulations of Party life, use all the opportunities and processes for tempering loyalty to the Party so effectively as to help them develop mentally and raise their political awareness, and put their daily routine on a highly regular basis as appropriate for the climate of the Party's political school.

Party schools should pay special attention to ensuring that the students acquire the moral qualities befitting the officials of the ruling Party.

If an ideology and ideal is to serve as the banner of great ennobling struggle for the country and the people, it must be combined with morality.

A man, who has intellectual faculties but lacks morality, weighs the importance in approaching any undertaking and seeks after appreciation or personal honour. Such a man instinctively shrinks back when he is faced with a moment in which he has to risk his life, and he is liable to mentally collapse if he thinks that he is left alone on a deserted island.

For a revolutionary, steadfast ideology and ennobling morality can be said to be twin pillars that support his faith and personality.

Party schools should regard the work of implanting moral consciousness in the minds of the students and refining their moral traits as a pedagogical process which is as important as ideological education, and put the main stress on training all of them into true human beings who are possessed of unstained revolutionary conscience and moral obligation.

They should thoroughly eliminate all kinds of immoral and undisciplined practices that our Party guards and resolutely fights against, and the wrong viewpoint of regarding the course of studying at a Party school as a springboard for career development.

What I expect most of the Central Cadres Training School is that everything, which the students see, hear and feel on this campus, would become the nourishment for enabling them to cherish the revolutionary ideology of the Party and the political faith as unshakable ones and the lessons for developing their Party awareness and communist traits to be never forgotten throughout their life.

Simply by reading Comrade Kim Il Sung's autograph inscribed on the monument at the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK, the students would realize by themselves what they should learn first and what kind of persons they should become.

The word *people*, running through his precious instructions, describes in an intensive way what kind of person is an official necessary for the Party and the state.

With the passage of time, changes have taken place in the people's thinking and the mode of their activities, but the essence of our people, who entrust their destiny wholly to the Party and follow it, remains utterly unchanged and will never change in the future, too.

The mindset of the people is always on the side of the Party.

Some officials are obsessed with the material and economic factors rather than the ideological factor in Party work, claiming that the people of these days differ from those in the past era. Needless to say, it is an expression of ignorance of what faith and spirit defends

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and supports this country, or it is what the loafers, who have never properly embodied the Party's people-centred philosophy, say.

The appellation *our great people* is by no means a legacy of the past.

Countless are the citizens who have worked with devotion and still do so in different parts of the country for the Party and the state without expecting any remuneration or reward. Enshrined in their minds are pure and warm patriotism and loyalty which can never be compared with the value of any orders and medals.

Comrade Kim Jong Un said that in recent years the Party is putting forward the Party-founding generation, stressing the need to inherit its original ideals and spirit. This is because anti-people practices such as abuse of power, bureaucratism and accumulation of wealth by illicit means, which could not be found in the days of Party founding, have been revealed in the Party, he said, and continued:

People see and discern everything correctly.

To the officials who work sincerely for the sake of the Party and the state and who value the people as they would do their own parents, wives and children, the people not only open their heart but also guide them how to solve problems and teach them how to be resourceful, courageous and plucky.

The knack of gaining such an enormous asset is for the officials to prepare themselves into genuine Party officials equipped with Party spirit and people-oriented character.

The Central Cadres Training School should attach primary attention to educating and edifying its students with the aim of equipping them with our Party's outlook on the people, as well as tempering their Party spirit. In this way, it can help all of them acquire the spirit and trait of serving the people with faith and sincerity.

It would be a good idea to teach them with vivid examples how the first generation, who started the revolution following the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, fought believing only in the truth that they would emerge victorious in the revolution if they pooled the strength of the people and how painstakingly they strove to win over even a single person to the side of the revolution.

The school should give them an in-depth understanding of the Party's method of work with the masses so that they always mingle with the people and possess the ability of educating and moving them with skilful work method and style even in the face of unfamiliar situations.

It is important for this school to bring its education close to practical Party work and to give education that is closely combined with real situation. This is why it should proactively find out the experience and methods accumulated in the work with the people, the work with the masses, and apply them in its teaching.

Among the students, some, who made distinguished achievements by working well with the masses while staying on the job, can take the platform of a symposium or public presentation. This will be truthful and effective, I think.

The students in the six-month refresher course will complete their course soon. You and all others who will graduate from this school, mindful of the fact that you are sons and daughters of the working people and faithful servants and vanguard fighters of the people trained by our Party, should always make efforts to improve and train yourselves to become officials enjoying the people's affection and trust.

The present era demands Party officials who are

possessed of specialist qualifications—who are capable of thinking and working with a fresh enterprising work style and innovative insight.

If he is a cadre of our Party, he should be an able political activist capable of grasping the actual conditions of his sector and unit promptly and correctly in the light of Party policy, presenting scientific methods with his clear-cut view, freely communicating with experts and other talented persons and rousing the organization and the masses to action, that is, a hands-on official capable of producing substantial results through persevering efforts.

Party schools should make every possible effort to help their students acquire in a historical and systematic way the immutable guidelines and programmes put forth in the whole course of the founding of our Party and its development, teach them the fundamental principles and methodology necessary for learning and applying more knowledge more quickly, and train them to be the Party building specialists, versatile persons, who have mastered the guidelines and detailed regulations of Party work and methods of presiding over various meetings so as to be proficient in practical Party work.

Party official should be an eloquent speaker and a competent writer capable of awakening the masses and arousing them to the implementation of Party policy.

Party schools should intensify education in composition, get the students to analyse and evaluate others' writings and regularly organize various presentations during lectures, discussions and daily routine, in order to improve their oratory and writing abilities, which are essential qualifications of Party officials, in the course of that.

Party schools are educational administration organs training Party cadres and, at the same time, important bases for studying the ideas and theories of Party building.

The Central Cadres Training School of the WPK and other Party schools at all levels should steadily intensify the study of the Party's ideas and theories for academically formulating and systematizing the ideas and theories put forward by the Party Central Committee and for demonstrating the validity of Party policies that are constantly developed and enriched.

They should make an in-depth study of the new Party building ideas, including the five-point Party-building line in the new era, and the pressing theoretical and practical problems in strengthening the whole Party, and also work out methodologies, plans and good ideas for Party work geared to solving the problems arising in reality.

They should create a model of advanced education so as to strongly promote the educational revolution in the new era.

Although society is developing rapidly and the scope of transformation is being expanded at present, Party schools still fail to overcome the old practice of cramming out-of-date knowledge into the students by systematizing it.

A day's stagnation at present results in a vast gap which would be difficult to address even if you make efforts for one hundred days, nay, a thousand days.

The reality in which a new stage of struggle for transformation is being waged is just the course of developing and enriching Party policy.

Party schools should regard it as their lifeline to put the teaching content on a Party-policy footing, sensitively reflect new Party's policies in the teaching of all subjects and constantly update the teaching content so that the students would correctly sense the development trend of the times.

They should also set examples in searching for and

introducing advanced teaching methods and applying various information technologies to the education practice.

The guidance bureau for Party cadres training institutions under the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK should cooperate with educational units in all fields to share advanced teaching styles and methods and should ensure the sufficient and timely provision of teaching resources needed for the qualitative change in education at Party schools in provinces, cities and counties.

As it is the world's best political school, the Central Cadres Training School should keep updating the items and indexes which can be standards for the whole country also in educational administration.

As I have repeatedly stressed, Party officials should change first in order to make the country change and education at Party schools should change to that end and, before that, it is necessary to raise the ideological consciousness of the teaching staff of Party schools and improve their qualifications and abilities.

Comrade educators of the Central Cadres Training School and other Party schools at all levels who are making strenuous efforts at the honourable post for training our Party cadres,

Just as fruits are good when they are invariably tended by putting the whole mind, conscience and efforts, so will the results of education be.

Your platform and educational authority will change in height, if you possess good qualifications and personality, fully conscious of the reason why you are standing on this platform and the attitude with which to preserve your educational authority.

Mindful of the fact that the teachers of Party schools are ideological advocates and political activists of our Party before educators, you should constantly raise your Party spirit and political awareness, educate and inspire students with profound knowledge, outstanding teaching abilities, high academic authority and noble moral traits so that students can keep all their life the precious memories of the days when they learned and grew at Party schools.

I believe that you will channel all your energy and passion into the sacred cause of consolidating the strategic fortress for building the bright future of the WPK into an impregnable one.

Students who should shoulder the future of our Party and revolution,

You are studying and growing to your heart's content at the most prestigious university of the DPRK and the world-class political school at the time when each hour and each day are so invaluable.

Without forgetting even for a moment the expectations of the Party and the people, you should always be positive learners and active searchers to steadily improve your practical abilities and should read avidly so that you can be proud of having read really a lot of books in your school days.

Reliable pillars who are excellent in all aspects and capable of taking charge of any front and domain should be trained in large numbers just at this school.

Dear comrades,

We now stand here together with one mind and will and with a firm determination. This place will serve as another significant starting point for developing our Party and revolution.

The determination you are renewing at this moment and the efforts you will make will bring brilliant results to the Party and the country in the future.

Linking the honourable moment of today to the future, let us open up more courageously the broad avenue for Party building in the new era.

Glory to the future of the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea!



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students who were having the greatest honour and happiness of having Comrade Kim Jong Un on its campus on the significant 80th founding anniversary.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!"

They paid the highest tribute and gratitude to Comrade Kim Jong Un, the most faithful successor to the sacred cause of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the peerlessly great political master and the great teacher, who visited the school with ardent love, trust and warm blessing.

Comrade Kim Jong Un was courteously greeted by Ri Yong Sik, principal of the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK, and Paek Hyong Chol, secretary of its primary committee of the WPK.

He was presented with bouquets of fragrant flowers by educational workers

of the school.

He warmly congratulated all the teaching staff and students of the school on its significant 80th founding anniversary as they are performing brilliant feats with honour by making a tangible contribution to organizational and ideological strengthening of the Party and its leadership activities through educational practice and academic activities and with good performance at a time when the new era of Party building and the great period of national rejuvenation are being ushered in.

Present at the celebrations were secretaries and other officials of the Central Committee of the WPK, the teaching staff and students of the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK and educational workers and students of the provincial Party schools across the country.

Present there at invitation were the

veteran educators who made distinguished contributions to training Party cadres.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a significant speech on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK.

Appreciating the outstanding position, matchless authority and high fame of the Central Cadres Training School, he said: In its 80-year history since June 1, 1946, when its founding was declared with the great leader Comrade

Kim Il Sung as the first principal and only 80 persons as students, the Central Cadres Training School has made a steady growth into a reliable cadres training base of the WPK both in name and reality. Today, too, it is adding lustre to its sacred original name without marring it in the slightest, the appellation for a political educational institution faithfully serving the Juche-oriented Party building cause and for a strategic fortress guaranteeing the existence and development of the Party.

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the people's ideals is expanding to an unprecedented scale, he said, referring to the Party's strategic intention and necessity of giving more importance to the training of Party cadres.

If the Party is to be strong and the country is to develop, the "pedigree" institution for training hard-core cadres of the Party should be firm, and talents of the talents of our country must be produced by the institution, he continued, setting forth in detail the important principles and educational and practical directions to be adhered to by the Party political school in remaining faithful to its character, original features and mission as a Party's political school despite the passage of time and the uninterrupted change of generations, and in training the reserves of the Party into elite elements possessed of Juche-oriented outlook on revolution, life and morality.

Ardently calling for opening up more courageously the broad avenue for Party building in the new era by linking the glorious moment of today, which marks another significant starting point in the development of the WPK and the revolution, to the future, he wished the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK only glory in the future.

All the participants, receiving with boundless excitement the profound guidelines guaranteeing the bright future of strengthening the whole Party in the new era, broke into enthusiastic cheers amid thunderous applause, expressing their determination to remain unflinchingly faithful to the cause of Juche-oriented Party building as the true personifiers of the red-flag spirit firmly armed with the

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revolutionary idea of the Party Central Committee and the standard-bearers of the revolution steadfastly carrying forward the glory of the Party and guaranteeing its future.

Comrade Kim Jong Un went round the room dedicated to the history of the school.

Our cause of Party building has never experienced a moment of stagnation or frustration even though it traversed such arduous years of the revolution, thanks to the Party cadres training bases which have invariably served as sustenance for the Juche-oriented cause of Party building from the very day of the Party founding, he said, adding that it is the great pride and strength of the WPK to have such a prestigious educational base and strong theoretical base as the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK which is reliably supporting the struggle of the socialist ruling Party while maintaining the high sense of responsibility for the revolutionary cause, sincere research attitude and substantial teaching strategy.

He stressed that even though the Party's revolutionary idea is great and its exploits enormous, it is impossible to expect the Party's future development and steady succession to the revolutionary cause if the Party fails to successfully train its successors, and that the Central Cadres Training School should help ceaselessly enhance the leadership and fighting efficiency for the permanent

existence and uninterrupted victorious development of the Party and consolidate its eternal prosperity in conformity with the important mission given by the times and the revolution.

It is the guarantee for invincibility of the revolutionary Party and the law of its rule to highly value its sacred first page and steadfastly carry it forward as the history becomes longer and exploits are accumulated, he said, stressing that the school should steadily glorify its noble position and duty as the main base and think-tank of the Party's ideo-theoretical building in the work of intensifying the education and struggle to maintain and give full play to its original ideals and determination and qualitatively training the hard-core elements possessed of its inherent revolutionary trait as their mental qualities.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un had a photo taken with the teaching staff of the Central Cadres Training School, who are displaying their high qualifications as educators, Party conscience and revolutionary enthusiasm on the sacred school platform related to the eternal future of the Party, on the occasion of the significant founding anniversary of the school.

The role of the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK just means the strengthening and development of the WPK and the eternal future of the Party building depends on every step of this political school, he said, expressing expectation and belief that the school will further strive to strengthen the Party and

brilliantly accomplish its sacred fighting programme, always sharing the intention, will and practice with the Party Central Committee.

Then, he also had a photo taken with the educational workers of the provincial Party schools who were invited to the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the Central Cadres Training School, which will be eternally recorded in the history of Party building.

All the participants hardened their will to more creditably and steadfastly carry out the basic duty of the glorious political school with their great efforts and successes in the educational work, bearing deeper in mind the honour of being career revolutionaries who are arming and training the reserves of the Party.

The women's soccer teams, who won gold medals in international games to glorify the honour of the motherland, had a demonstration match to commemorate the 80th founding anniversary of the school.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un watched the match together with the participants in the celebrations.

Prior to the match, he met and warmly congratulated the players and coaches of the National Soccer Team, the winner of the 2026 AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup, and the Naegohyang Team who won the trophy in the 2025-2026 AFC Women's Champions League.

He had photo sessions with the trustworthy women players, proud daughters of the motherland, hoping that

they will support the country by winning more gold medals and trophies—more brilliant successes—associated with their patriotism.

The conspicuous match started amid high spirit and excitement of the women players honoured with great love and trust of the fatherly Marshal.

The match, in which the players displayed highly competitive spirit, impressively decorated the end of the celebrations.

At the end of the match, the participants raised roaring cheers of "Hurrah!" as an eruption of their joy and excitement of spending together with the benevolent father dream-like pleasant and happy time that they would recollect in their lifetime.

Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering participants, expressing his hope that the pedigree establishments for training the backbone of the WPK, which have upheld its glorious history as a ruling party, would achieve more remarkable successes in education and gain higher academic authority.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's guidance at the supreme political school of the DPRK will be registered in the history of Party building in the new era as a sacred footprint he made to ensure forever the eternal continuity and invincibility of the Juche revolution and usher in a brighter and more hopeful era of prosperity for the Party and the country by giving definite precedence to the work for the future of the Party over all other affairs.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un gives field guidance at newly-inaugurated nuclear materials production factory

He makes an important conclusion clarifying the action guidelines to be followed in rapidly accelerating the qualitative and quantitative buildup of the DPRK's nuclear forces

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The respected Comrade 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, gave field guidance at a newly-inaugurated nuclear materials production factory on June 3.

He was accompanied by leading officials of the Munitions Industry Department of the WPK Central Committee and the Nuclear Weapons Institute of the DPRK.

Going round new production lines based on more sophisticated technology, Comrade Kim Jong Un learned about the factory's operation indices and its long-term production plan.

He highly appreciated the fact that the nuclear materials production-related sector is correctly implementing the decisions adopted at the recent major plenary meetings of the WPK Central Committee.

He praised the group of nuclear experts for having provided a firm guarantee for improving the efficiency of all the system elements of the production line and further strengthening the foundation for the production of weapons-grade nuclear materials by settling the problems decisive in putting the production of nuclear materials on a Juche basis.

Saying that the weapons-grade nuclear materials production capacity more than doubled as compared to the previous one during the past five-year course of bolstering up the nuclear forces under the direct guidance of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, he expressed satisfaction over the fact that the WPK's line of boosting nuclear capability is being thoroughly carried out thanks to the enhanced technical capability developed by the nuclear science research group.

He recalled that the Ninth Congress of the WPK adopted a strategic decision to further expand the nuclear materials



production capacity and continue to increase the nuclear arsenals accordingly by considering the prospective demand of the DPRK's nuclear forces, when deciding on a new five-year plan for strengthening nuclear forces geared to steadily boosting the country's nuclear war deterrent.

The peculiarities of the Korean revolution inevitably accompanied by protracted confrontation with the most ferocious enemies, the existing threats getting more serious every moment, potential threats and unpredictable prospective crises further highlight the urgency of and responsibility for the historic mission to bolster up both in quality and quantity and in a sustained and accelerated way the nuclear war deterrent, the basic guarantee and powerful safety device for reliably ensuring the security, interests and right to development of the country, he noted.

Very clear is the stand taken by our Party and government in dealing with all these complex changes in the subjective and objective environments and actively coping with them and, accordingly, it is the invariable political and military stand and responsible duty we should maintain and

assume to further expand and strengthen the national nuclear forces, the pivot in implementing the strategies on deterring and fighting a war, and fully exercise the country's position as a nuclear weapons state, he declared.

That day, there was an important consultative meeting for bolstering up the nuclear forces.

Comrade Kim Jong Un made an important conclusion clarifying the action guidelines to be followed in rapidly accelerating the qualitative and quantitative buildup of the DPRK's nuclear forces, saying that the conditions in which the nuclear materials production capacity has greatly expanded and the development of sophisticated nuclear technology create a mature environment for going into a new next-stage struggle for bolstering up the nuclear forces and offer the possibility of carrying out more ambitious plans.

Finishing his important conclusion, he said:

"Today we have updated the digits that are critical for our nuclear activities, and discussed some key matters.

"In doing so, we have comprehensively

considered the tactical and strategic requirements for building up our nuclear deterrent and, on the basis of this, adopted a highly responsible and crucial decision.

"We have confirmed the order of priority for implementing the ambitious future plan designed to beef up our state's nuclear forces at an exponential rate, as well as a requisite guarantee for the purpose.

"This signifies an amazing, successful change that is beyond rhetorical description, a historic event that has set up an epochal milestone in rapidly upgrading our nuclear capabilities.

"This nuclear potential that we have now is inconceivable apart from the worthwhile struggle we conducted over the past five years.

"Today, I would like to pay tribute, once again, to our nuclear scientists."

He stressed that the DPRK will get ever more thoroughgoing and courageous in its will for action to defend its Constitution and sovereignty and reliably ensure the security of the state by exercising in a responsible manner the inviolable authority granted by the Constitution.

He expressed his expectations and belief that the DPRK's group of nuclear experts would remain faithful to the fulfilment of the sacred mission for the perfect implementation of the decision adopted by the Party for the security of the country in the present and in the future.

Comrade Kim Jong Un's inspection of the new nuclear materials production factory serves as an important occasion that has clearly highlighted once again the invariable will to bolster up the nuclear forces of the Party and the state, which are determined to guarantee the country's security and right to development, deter war and defend the regional and global peace and stability by highly developing nuclear weapons, and the great potentialities and unlimited prospect.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspects Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm

He sets forth important tasks for the long-term development of greenhouse farms

KCNA

The respected Comrade 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, gave field guidance at the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm on May 31.

He was accompanied by senior Party and government officials.

The greenhouse farm, built on the banks of the Amnok River in the northwestern end of the country as an outcome of the WPK's noble ideal and long-cherished desire, has a good crop of vegetables at present. And hundreds

of hectares of it are covered with rape flowers in full bloom and therefore the scenic beauty of the Wihwado area is at its height.

Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted by Yang Myong Chol, chief secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the WPK, and officials of the farm.

Going round hydroponic and edaphic greenhouses of different styles and experimental cultivation greenhouses, he learned in detail about the production, vegetable science research and management of the farm.



Expressing satisfaction over the report of the farm manager that the greenhouse farm has harvested hundreds of tons of various vegetables in tens of species at over 1 150 greenhouses every day and supplied them to orphanages, baby homes, primary schools for orphans and commercial units on a regular basis to contribute to improving the dietary life of the regional people, he highly appreciated the patriotic devotion of its agricultural workers who are demonstrating the validity and vitality of the Party's policy with their pure conscience and production

results. Saying it is an urgent matter to minimize energy consumption in the production of vegetables and provide an effective and appropriate environment for the growth of different varieties of vegetables so as to reduce costs and cultivate vegetables in all seasons, he clarified in detail the scientific and technological issues to this end.

The farm should not be preoccupied with productivity alone, but increase the variety of vegetables and manure and tend them in a sci-tech way to provide

the people with nutritious and tasty vegetables, he said, adding that it would be good to actively organize a socialist emulation drive among farms to this end.

Stating that it is an important policy-oriented requirement of the Party for greenhouse farms to raise the proportion of farm work done by machines and automate the transport means, he specified the ways for fulfilling it.

Noting that the Sinuiju Vegetable Science Research Centre has a very important duty in putting greenhouse vegetable production on a scientific basis, he stressed that only when it properly plays its role as an academic guidance unit and a scientific

research and dissemination base which comprehensively leads the work of breeding, researching, growing and disseminating vegetable seeds, can it promote the trend towards the balanced and planned development for the greenhouse farms to be built across the country.

He said that the Agricultural Commission and other relevant departments should properly appreciate the research achievements proving

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effective in practice during the review of greenhouse vegetable production, help share the experience with each other, set forth new research assignments and learn about their implementation on a regular basis and take necessary measures. He also underlined the need to study a mechanism measure for the Sinuiju vegetable science research base so as to quickly apply the research successes to all the greenhouse farms of the country.

He set forth important tasks for the long-term development of greenhouse farms, including the issue of increasing the number of vegetable storage facilities and greengroceries to provide the people in the province with fresh vegetables on a regular basis, the issue of establishing a well-regulated system for rapidly disseminating new advanced technologies to the greenhouse vegetable sector and the issue of establishing a system for training greenhouse experts.

He then looked round the rape fields full of fragrant flowers.

He said with pleasure that the rape fields were really spectacular, noting that they presented a distinctive sight of a large, picturesque farm town.

He said that the beautiful appearance of

the island area with a sea of greenhouse vegetables and rape flowers brings him back the memory of the course of transformation in the Wihwado area and that this change is a proud epitome of socialist Korea showing the true meaning of dramatic transformation in the new era.

Saying that the Party attached importance to ecological and environmental protection as much as greenhouse farming while building the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm, he stressed the need for the farm to properly protect and maintain the rivers and roads and conserve the surrounding environments, including residential quarters, parks, ponds, embankments and street trees, in a scientific, cultured and hygienic and responsible manner.

The farm is just a visual aid and a textbook for practical education which comprehensively reflects the Party's policy, he said, affirming that the Party would make more strenuous efforts for the radical transformation of regions with the development of the Wihwado area as a starting point and turn all the farms and regions of the country into modern socialist villages and ideal land for the people without fail.

That day, Comrade Kim Jong Un inspected an advanced

public health establishment, a leisure complex and a combined vegetable processing factory newly being built in the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm area, as the tasks for the third year of implementing the Party's policy on regional development.

He learned about the progress in the construction project from a commanding officer of the military unit involved in it.

Thanks to the devoted efforts of soldier-builders who are out with the single desire of loyalty to record greater miracles and feats in the 2026 record book of the struggle for realizing the Party's long-cherished desire, the construction project for the regional development policy in this area is now being pushed forward at the 50 percent line of the total project.

Comrade Kim Jong Un said that a fresh memory wells up and it is gratifying indeed to see the modern hospital, multi-functional leisure centre and specialized general vegetable processing factory being vigorously built in the significant place, where the inauguration of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm was declared, to contribute to the promotion of regional people's health and the improvement of their cultural life. The

Wihwado area will get another name as a model and standard of regional transformation in the new era when the construction of these objects is completed, he added.

He highly appreciated the fact that the specialization of construction units has been further improved and the ranks of skilled persons are being strengthened as required by the Party's policy. And he stressed the need to provide more construction equipment and pay close attention to providing soldier-builders with good living conditions and took necessary technical measures.

He stressed that constant efforts should be directed to the political and ideological education of soldier-builders to prepare all of them to be ardent patriots who find genuine pride and worth of life in serving the country and the people, and staunch defenders and reliable implementers of the regional development policy of the WPK.

Saying that the land of the country would be richer and more beautiful along with their ongoing patriotic stride, he expressed his expectations and conviction that all the soldier-builders would more courageously write the record of struggle for uninterrupted innovation and advance in the vanguard of accomplishing the honourable cause.



Party schools hold political and cultural events

KCNA

The Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea and Party schools in Pyongyang and provinces (municipalities) had various political and cultural events on the occasion of their 80th founding anniversary.

Commemorative meetings were held at the relevant units.

Present there were officials

of the Central Committee of the WPK, ministries and national agencies, Party and administrative officials in Pyongyang and each province (municipality) and the teaching staff and students of the Party schools.

The reporters said that the 80-year history of the Party schools is a glorious course in which they trained the genuine revolutionaries, the Party's core elements

firmly defending and implementing the revolutionary ideas of the leader in the annals of the revolution to faithfully support the cause of the WPK.

They noted that in his immortal classic works such as "On Further Improving the Work of Training Party Cadres in Conformity with the Requirements of Modelling the Entire Party and the Whole Society on Kimilsungism-

Kimjongilism", the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un provided important guidelines for strengthening and developing the work to train Party cadres and advanced the five-point Party-building orientation in the new era to usher in a heyday of strengthening the WPK.

They called upon all the teaching staff and students to display their extraordinary revolutionary enthusiasm in the education, scientific

research and study and thus live up to the great expectations of the Party Central Committee with loyalty.

Through lectures and seminars, the teachers and students grasped the ways for glorifying forever the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great men in the field of training Party cadres and for achieving bigger successes in education and study.

Also, there were exhibitions of education science achievements made in teaching and management of the Party schools for the past five years.

The teaching staff and students gave art performances with their pride of greeting the significant 80th founding anniversary.

There took place football, volleyball, tug of war and other sports games.

Memorial plaque for former ambassador unveiled at Russian embassy

KCNA

An unveiling ceremony of the memorial plaque for Aleksandr Matsegora, former Russian ambassador to the DPRK, took place at the Russian embassy in Pyongyang on May 30.

Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, attended the unveiling ceremony.

Also present there were Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui and officials concerned of the DPRK, Charge d'Affaires ad Interim Vladimir Topeha and staff members of the Russian embassy, Russian guests, bereaved family members and members of the diplomatic corps in Pyongyang.

Speeches were made at the unveiling ceremony.

Vladimir Topeha referred to the distinguished contribution made by Aleksandr Matsegora to the development of the Russia-DPRK friendly relations over the past decades, and said that his whole life is an example of devoted service for his country.

Choe Son Hui said that the feats performed for the strengthened DPRK-Russia friendship by Aleksandr Matsegora, a close friend and genuine comrade-in-arms of the Korean people and a patriot and son of the Russian people who devotedly worked for the national interests of his country, will be remembered forever by the peoples of the two countries.

The son and daughter of Aleksandr Matsegora expressed heartfelt thanks to the friends of Russia and the DPRK for their sincerity devoted to the present unveiling ceremony of the memorial plaque.

The participants observed a

moment's silence in memory of Aleksandr Matsegora.

When the memorial plaque was unveiled, the national anthems of the Russian Federation and the DPRK were played.

Seen on the memorial plaque, with the image of Aleksandr Matsegora and Order of Bravery carved in relief, are letters in Russian reading that Aleksandr Matsegora, a diplomat and winner of Order of Bravery, served his homeland here.

The participants laid flowers before the memorial plaque.

After the ceremony, Jo Yong Won met the bereaved family members and warmly consoled them.

DPRK NIA delegation attends int'l security forum

KCNA

A delegation of the National Intelligence Agency of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea took part in the 14th International Meeting of High-Level Security Representatives on the theme of "Challenges and Threats to International Security in the Context of the Emergence of the Multipolar World", the main schedule of the First International Security Forum held in Russia on May 28.

Present there were members of the security and diplomatic fields including the Security Council, the External Intelligence Bureau and the Foreign Ministry of the Russian Federation, and delegations from more than 150 countries and international bodies.

After a congratulatory speech of Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin to the participants in the international meeting was made via video-conferencing, a video on major recent challenges and threats in the field of international and regional security was screened.

Ri Chang Dae, general director of the National Intelligence Agency of the DPRK heading its delegation, made a speech.

Congratulating the successful holding of the First International Security Forum, he appreciated that

the forum is of great political significance in defending global peace and security and realizing international justice.

In order to put an end to the global security crisis and instability, all countries should build up their own security capabilities, closely promote solidarity and cooperation in the course of building a multipolar world and unite on the principles of respect, equality and mutual benefit to oppose exception and double standards in international politics, he said.

The DPRK is maintaining and steadily bolstering its strongest strength, he said, adding that it is aimed at defending its own security and the genuine era of peace without war forever. He extended full support and encouragement to the Russian army and people who are all out in accomplishing the sacred cause of defending the sovereign rights, security and interests of the country.

On the same day, the head of the delegation of the DPRK NIA met and had a talk with Sergei Shoigu, secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation.

At the talk they discussed the issues of thoroughly defending the core interests of the two countries and effectively coping with the global and regional security challenges through close cooperation between the two countries' security and intelligence institutions.



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Colourful events held to mark KCU anniv

KCNA

A photo exhibition "Glorious 80 years of the Korean Children's Union in the great embrace" was opened with due ceremony at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on June 1 to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the KCU.

On display at the venue of the exhibition are photos showing the revolutionary exploits of the great leader Generalissimo Kim Il Sung, the great leader Generalissimo Kim Jong Il and the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un who provided the precious tradition of the Juche-oriented children's movement

and trained the rising generations into true sons and daughters and young revolutionaries who would shoulder the future of the country.

Attending the opening ceremony were Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials of the youth league and schoolchildren in Pyongyang.

Pak Un Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made an opening address.

At the end of the ceremony, the participants looked round the exhibition venue.

The National Exhibition of

Children's Science Fiction Models and Inventions-2026 opened with due ceremony at the Sci-Tech Complex in Pyongyang on June 2 to mark the 80th anniversary of the Korean Children's Union.

Presented to the exhibition were science fiction models and inventions associated with the efforts of schoolchildren who have studied to their heart's content and made researches with the dream and hope of becoming scientists and inventors for glorifying the socialist country.

Present at the ceremony were Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, officials concerned, officials of the youth league and schoolchildren.

Pak Un Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made an opening address.

At the end of the ceremony, the participants looked round the venue of the exhibition.

A Pyongyang municipal meeting of active schoolchildren in displaying noble traits and pride-telling stage

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of schoolchildren took place at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on June 2 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Korean Children's Union.

Present there were officials concerned, officials of the youth league, young activists in displaying noble traits and schoolchildren in Pyongyang.

At the meeting of schoolchildren who distinguished themselves in displaying noble traits, the reporter and speakers said that the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un showed the great favour of taking a measure to give nationwide publicity to the KCU members who displayed noble virtues and traits on the occasion

of the significant June 6 holiday.

They called upon all schoolchildren to firmly prepare themselves to be young revolutionaries and patriots who steadfastly carry forward the Juche cause as desired by the respected fatherly Marshal.

Citations were awarded to the KCU members who displayed noble virtues and traits.

Then followed the pride-telling stage of schoolchildren. Its performers told about the pride of getting full marks and showing good examples in various good-conduct movements, sports and artistic activities, proudly expressing their honour and pride of growing up to be pillars of the country.



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80 years of Korean Children's Union

By Ri Sung Ik PT

June 6 this year marks the 80th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union.

President Kim Il Sung, who had paid close attention to the children's movement since the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, founded the Korean Children's Union, a mass organization of Korean children, in the year after Korea's liberation.

The task facing the Korean Children's Union is to train all children to be the revolutionaries of a Juche type who will shoulder the revolutionary cause of Juche and the pillars of socialist construction who are knowledgeable, morally sound, physically strong and

developed in all aspects.

The President, who spared no investment for children with a noble view on them, the future, established a universal free education system for the first time in the world and showed them warm love and solicitude as he ensured that all the schoolchildren across the country were provided with new school uniforms.

The Korean people still remember the benevolent image of President Kim Il Sung who sent a congratulatory message to the participants in the Fifth Congress of the KCUC in June 1994, the last year of his great life, and had a photo taken with them.

Chairman Kim Jong Il put it forward as an important undertaking related to the

future of the revolution to bring up the younger generation and firmly safeguarded the bright smile and happiness of children with the arms of Songun even in the period when the country had to undergo hardships.

The respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un made sure that the anniversary of the KCUC was celebrated with splendour every year and, though he was so busy, personally attended a congress of the KCUC members, made a speech and had a photo taken with them, wishing them a bright future.

He always put the policy for the rising generation as the top priority among state policies and saw that children's camps and palaces were built splendidly. He is making great efforts to



The Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union is held in 2022.

provide schoolchildren with new uniforms, shoes, bags and school things though everything is in short supply and difficult.

The 80-year history of the KCUC is also a proud course in which the ideological

and spiritual world of its members has been steadily developed.

Over the past 80 years, the KCUC members have creditably lived up to their pledge made before the KCUC flag, realizing the

preciousness of their country.

The KCUC members across the country, who grew more in mind than in physique, displayed many virtuous and commendable traits of devoting their all to society, the collective and comrades, leaving deep impressions on the people.

It is the proud reality in the DPRK today that all KCUC members are growing up to be revolutionary talents who will glorify socialist Korea while studying hard with high ambitions and ideals, training their bodies and minds and conducting various socio-political activities and do-good-thing movements.



KCUC members learn to their heart's content to cultivate their talents under the care of the state.

Readily spending time for children

By Kim Hak Chol PT

The respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un, endowed with love for children, unsparingly spends his precious time for schoolchildren.

In 2012, he attended the joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations held on the occasion of its 66th founding anniversary, though he was so busy with state affairs.

In his congratulatory speech, the fatherly Marshal affectionately called schoolchildren the "beloved Children's Union members" and wished them a bright future. He watched a concert together with the young delegates and, in the evening, saw the beautiful fireworks display with them. After the meeting, he moved to 20 places to have photos taken with them.

Referring to the Korean children shouting "Hurrah!" looking up to the respected fatherly Marshal while shedding tears of joy and gratitude, a foreign media outlet said:

"We have seen many adults in the DPRK welcoming their leader in tears at every event,

but it is the first time we saw children welcoming him so enthusiastically. Indeed, the country regards the people as God and the children as king. The DPRK celebrates children's holiday flying even the flag of the ruling party and the national flag in the streets. Such a country can be found nowhere else in the world."

The fatherly Marshal spends his precious time for children also on his field guidance tours.

One May day in a year, he visited the Pyongyang Municipal Myohyangsan Mountain-climbing Children's Camp on his inspection tour. He asked the officials where all the campers went.

Upon hearing the answer that the campers were to come down the mountain at about 5 pm, he said that they would be very disappointed if he left without meeting them and having a photo taken with them, adding that he would meet them no matter how busy he was.

That day, the children who met him unexpectedly and had a photo taken with him were so overjoyed and excited that they could not

sleep all night.

The respected fatherly Marshal, who ensured that the Songdownon International Children's Camp was renovated into a splendid hotel and palace for children, spent the whole day with children on its inauguration day, while seeing even a schoolchildren's football match in the playground of the camp.

Two years ago, he saw to it that all the schoolchildren in the areas that suffered unprecedented flood damage stayed in Pyongyang until the rehabilitation campaign would be completed and that a favourable educational environment was provided at the April 25 Hostel where they stayed. When he personally visited the hostel, he watched a demonstration lesson for the pupils and saw them rejoicing over new school uniforms and school things, describing the children's laughter as the powerful breathing and vibrant spirit of the advancing country and a symbol of the mightiness of Korean-style socialism.

Indeed, the future of the country is getting brighter as he spends his precious time for children.

'Let us always be ready for the socialist motherland!'

By Pang Un Ju PT

“Let us always be ready for the socialist motherland!” and “Let us learn for Korea!”—these are slogans upheld by the members of the Korean Children's Union.

They study hard with the dream and hope of becoming world-famous inventors and scientists to support the prosperity of their country with science.

Two years ago Kim Kwan Rok, a student of Changdok School, and other students showed science fiction models they had invented to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un who visited the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace to see the New Year performance given by schoolchildren.

Many KCUC members across the country presented excellent exhibits reflecting their dreams and ideals to the National Exhibition of Children's Science Fiction Models and Inventions-2025 held on the

occasion of the 79th birthday of the KCUC.

Not a few KCUC members have exalted the honour of their country at world Math Olympiad and artistic contests.

KCUC members cultivate the spirit of valuing their organization, collective and comrades through the KCUC organizational life.

The organizational life serves as a good course of bringing up KCUC members to be young patriots who love their friends, teachers, schools, hometowns and the country as well as their own families.

The KCUC organizations commend those members who have distinguished themselves in study, organizational life and do-good-thing movements.

Many schoolchildren across the country have won Kim Il Sung Children Honour Prize and Kim Jong Il Children Honour Prize over the past 10-odd years since the joint national meeting of the KCUC organizations in celebration of its 66th birthday.

June 1 International Children's Day marked

KCNA

Happy children across the DPRK greeted the June 1 International Children's Day with pleasure.

The children at all nurseries, kindergartens, baby homes and orphanages in the capital city and provinces spent a pleasant holiday amid the blessings of nurses and kindergarten

teachers and parents.

Those of Kim Jong Suk Nursery, Kyongsang Kindergarten, Changgwang Kindergarten and Pyongyang Baby Home and Pyongyang Orphanage received apples and pears associated with the benevolence of the Workers' Party of Korea on their holiday.

Mirac Kindergarten in Phyongchon District,

Ryomyong Kindergarten in Taesong District, Raengchon Kindergarten in Tongdaewon District, Hwasong Kindergarten No. 3 in Hwasong District, Segori Kindergarten in Pothonggang District, Tongsong-dong Nursery in Central District and Thosong-dong No. 1 Nursery in Rangnang District of Pyongyang were in a festive mood.

The children, in art performances, sang such songs as "We Yearn for Marshal Kim Jong Un" and danced to the tune of various songs.

They took part in the sports and amusement games, divided into "Chong" (blue) and "Hong" (red) teams, "Aircraft" and "Tank" teams and the like, making the on-lookers

delighted.

The children of Kanggye Baby Home, Phyongsong Orphanage, Sariwon Orphanage and Nampho Orphanage gave special performances.

Children at Kindergarten No. 2 of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm, Kuje Kindergarten of Haeju City affiliated to Haeju Jo Ok Hui Teachers Training College,

Phyonghwa Kindergarten in Wonsan City and Chongmae-dong Nursery in Sinuiju City enjoyed themselves with various folk games and amusement games.

On the same day, commercial service establishments, parks and pleasure grounds across the country were crowded with children spending a pleasant time with their parents.



Art performances are given and sports and amusement games are played at all nurseries, kindergartens, orphanages and baby homes across the DPRK on June 1 International Children's Day.



Children hold joint friendship gathering on their holiday

KCNA

A joint friendship gathering took place at the Taesongsan Pleasure Ground in Pyongyang on June 1 to mark the 76th anniversary of International Children's Day.

Attending it were officials concerned, senior officials of the Party and power organs in Pyongyang Municipality, officials of the women's union, teachers and parents, children of the Pyongyang Baby Home

and the Pyongyang Orphanage and kindergarteners in the municipality.

Present were diplomatic envoys and members of diplomatic missions in Pyongyang and members of the delegation of Korean schoolchildren in Japan on a visit to the socialist homeland to take part in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union and overseas compatriots staying in the homeland.

Jon Hyang Sun, chairwoman of the women's union central committee, made a speech at the gathering. She warmly congratulated the children across the country and foreign children from different countries on International Children's Day.

A congratulatory performance of students of Kumsong Middle School No. 1 and artistes of the National Acrobatic Troupe brought joy and pleasure to the participants.

Amid the playing of juvenile songs, children displayed beautiful dances and sang songs reflecting their happy life.

Then, followed folk play and sports and amusement games. The games, in which little players competed with each other in wisdom and strength, and a game, in which their mothers took part, added to the pleasure and optimism of the participants.

The event climaxed with a cheerful circle dance of children and participants.

Children with disabilities celebrate intl children's holiday

KCNA

A meeting of children with disabilities took place at the gymnasium of the extracurricular sports school in Taedonggang District, Pyongyang, on June 1 to mark the June 1 International Children's Day.

Present there were Jon Chol Hi, chairman of the Central Committee of the Korea Federation for the Protection of the Persons with Disabilities (KFPPD), officials concerned, children of Tongmun Kindergarten No. 2 in Taedonggang District, nurses, kindergarten teachers and parents.

A speech was made by Song Hyang Chun, head of the Korean Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Disabilities, followed by an art performance of disabled children and kindergarteners.

Put on the stage were choruses "The day when the Marshal came is a happy holiday" and "Twinkling small stars" and other numbers. The performers expressed joy and optimism of the bright and happy children growing up under the warm love and meticulous care of the motherly Workers' Party of Korea.

And cheerful and high-spirited children competed in the sports and amusement games amid their parents' enthusiastic cheers.



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Japan's expansion of arms export, dangerous act revealing true colours of war merchant

Kim Ryo Won, an international security analyst of the DPRK, on June 3 posted the following article "Japan's expansion of arms export is a dangerous act fully revealing the true colours of a war merchant":

Taking advantage of the present unstable international situation in which armed conflicts are frequent in different parts of the planet due to the US arbitrary practices and tyranny, Japan is going beyond the red-line in its frantic moves to free itself from the political and military fetters of the defeated nation and realize its ambition for reinvasion.

Its latest example is Japan's amending in April of the "three principles of defense equipment transfer" and its operation guidelines, which had restricted the arms export just for form's sake, despite concern and strong opposition at home and abroad. And Japan is now keen on expanding arms export while justifying it.

Days ago, the present chief executive of Japan justified the criminal nature of the amendments to the "three principles of defense equipment transfer" by asserting

that the essential point is that it makes it possible to increase the deterrent for defense and prevent disputes in advance in the severest security environment after the war.

Japan, a war criminal state, revised its policy of arms export, talking about a "dramatic turn in its security policy". This is by no means a matter to be overlooked in view of its intention and purpose.

It is well known that Japan, which is banned by international law and its own constitution from possessing the right to belligerency, the right to participate in a war and the war potentials, has removed the institutional obstacles one by one tactfully to export weapons, not content with its frantic development of offensive weapons and equipment.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Japan put forward the "three principles of arms export" and "all-round expansion of the principle of banning arms export" as the signboard of a "pacifist state", but behind the scenes it achieved its own purposes.

It is an open secret that the parts

of various kinds of lethal weapons used in the sites for wars of aggression, big or small, launched by the US to realize its hegemony-seeking strategy, including the Gulf war and the war in Yugoslavia, were marked with the stamps of Japanese munitions monopolies.

In 2014, the then Abe cabinet abolished the "three principles of arms export", a hindrance to the realization of its goal to become a military giant. And it cooked up the so-called "three principles of defense equipment transfer" whose keynote is to allow the export of lethal weapons to those countries taking part in the co-development of weapons and equipment and the export of equipment for non-combatant purposes such as "disaster relief, transportation, guard, surveillance and mine-clearing" to other countries.

In 2023, Japan amended the principles and sold its home-made Patriot missiles to the US under the permission of its enterprises. In such a roundabout way, Japan sent a lot of lethal weapons to the Ukrainian battlefield.

Not content with this, Japan completely removed the restrictions on the export of weapons and equipment this time and added an exceptional clause that allows it not to observe the principle of banning arms exports to a party in a conflict under "the special circumstances". By doing so, Japan opened up a legitimate way to unrestrictedly sell all kinds of lethal weapons to any conflict zone in the world.

Accordingly, it is busy exporting all kinds of lethal weapons, including escort ships, submarines and missiles, through frequent arms sales negotiations with its so-called like-minded countries.

The world people still remember the criminal act committed by Japan which got a windfall through the supply of vast quantities of munitions as a logistic base of the US during the Korean war in the 1950s and embarked on the road of reviving militarism with it as an asset.

Japan's expansion of arms export is a dangerous act fully revealing its true colours as a war merchant intended to expand the munitions

industry and realize its ambition to be a major military power at any cost through the selling of a large number of deadly weapons.

And Japan seeks to accelerate the preparations for reinvasion by worsening geopolitical conflicts in the hot spots of the world and making much money through the bloodshed. Herein lie the injustice and dangerousness of Japan's arms export expansion.

Japan once resorted to political and military provocations against a neighbouring country, suggesting its intervention in "Taiwan contingency", and it is now developing into a war state by finding a market for selling various lethal weapons. So, Japan's destination is quite self-evident.

The international community should thoroughly check and frustrate the ever-increasing moves of Japan, a war criminal state, to become a military giant as it has completely discarded even the veil of a "pacifist state", obsessed with its ambition for reinvasion, and seriously threatens global peace and security.

'Climate action'



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June 5 is World Environment Day.

The day which has been commemorated every year since 1973 serves as an opportunity to raise public awareness about environment and encourage action to this end.

On the initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme, over 150 countries and international and non-governmental organizations have annually conducted various activities for environmental protection on the occasion of the day.

The UN Environment Programme set "Climate action" as the theme for this year's WED and called on all countries to have a correct understanding of climate change and take active measures to minimize its consequences.

Our country, too, has directed efforts to minimizing the effects of climate change and bringing about innovations in managing land and protecting environment.

Activities are briskly conducted to transform forests to be useful.

According to the afforestation plan to turn all forest zones of tree want, simple forests and forests of shrubs into useful forests of economic value, more saplings of useful trees of good species and of high utility value have been produced and the scientific level of tree planting has been raised to ensure the maximum rate of rooting.

Amid the brisk mass movement for afforestation, all mountains of the country are turning into "gold and treasure mountains" including such forests of economic value as timber forest, oil-bearing forest and raw-material forest for paper production growing thickly.

And progress has been made in the work to establish a perfect water control system for managing reservoirs and rivers in a scientific and unified way.

The 2026 Spring Aesthetic Symposium in the Field

of Land and Environment Protection held last May dealt with the ways to carry out river improvement, which takes an important part in the protection of ecological environment, in a scientific and technological way in keeping with the world trend of development and the specific conditions of the country.

A great number of successes have been achieved in the work for improving the technical conditions of roads and urban management, sprucing up parks and pleasure grounds and normalizing their management and creating beautiful landscapes by planting good species of trees and flowers.

In recent years, laws of the DPRK and regulations including laws on environmental protection, waste disposal and recycling have been amended to consolidate the legal foundation for creating better environments across the country.

For building independent, integrated continent

By Choe Song Jun PT

African nations are now intensifying efforts to achieve justice and equality and promote the development of the continent on the strength of unity.

The vice-president of South Africa called for unity and industrial growth of Africa at an event commemorating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the NEPAD. South Africa, the chair of the Commission of Ministerial Promotion of the AU Agenda 2063, is willing to honestly perform its leading role for accelerating the implementation of the blueprint for long-term development of the continent during the current "Ten years of acceleration (2024-2033)", he said, expressing conviction that his country will be able to support its automobile industry, switch to renewable energy, capacity to earn interests from mineral resources and digitized economy to expand industrialization to wider areas.

The Togolese government revoked entry visa for all African passport holders. According to this, it will reportedly be possible for any qualified travellers to Africa to stay in the country for 30 days at maximum with no visa.

Congo also announced

a plan to revoke visas for all African travellers from January 1 2027.

As the restrictive travelling system has steadily hindered trade, tourism, movement of manpower and expansion of businesses in Africa, many countries including Rwanda, Benin, Seychelles, Gambia and Ghana have taken measures in recent years to allow African passport holders visa-free entry into the countries.

The African Union celebrated its 63rd birthday on May 25. At a celebration event that day, the minister of state for foreign affairs of Ethiopia stressed the need to give priority to the future of Africa, calling for putting fresh spurs to the improvement of medical services, promotion of sexual equality, expansion of agricultural modernization and industrialization and creation of jobs for the increasing youth population.

Noting that the international role of Africa has been continuously expanded in the world arena including the growing demand for Africa's obtaining the status of a G20 member and the permanent membership of the UNSC, the chairman of the AU said that the African population will reach 2.5 billion by 2050 and its economy will grow considerably in the coming decades.

At the 74th regular general meeting of the AUDA-NEPAD, the minister of external relations of Angola expressed the stand to promote the work of the Africa-led innovative financial organization, increase regional investment for accelerating the fulfilment of preferential strategies of the continent and actively support the sustainable efforts and activities for the operation of the AUDA and Team Africa now under way.

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Award winners at 2026 AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup and their chief coach

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Winner of the best player and top scorer awards

Yu Jong Hyang, No. 10 and forward of the DPRK team, won the best player and top scorer awards at the 2026 AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup.

Yu, who was born in Phyongsong City, South Phyongan Province, began to play football at the extracurricular sports school of Phyongsong Youth Stadium and improved her skills at Pyongyang International Football School. She now plays at the April 25 Sports Team.

She also won the similar awards at the 2025 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup last year.

With fast speed and good at shooting, she distinguished herself once again as an excellent forward making use of her strong points at the recent competition. She scored three hat-tricks by making five goals in the first

group league match with the Chinese Taipei team, three in the semi-final with the Chinese team and four in the final with the Japanese team, thus being selected as the best player of the games, and scored 15 goals in total to be the top scorer.

Winner of the best goalkeeper award

The best goalkeeper prize of the competition was awarded to Kim Son Gyong, No. 1 and goalkeeper of the DPRK team.

Kim Son Gyong, who started to play football in her senior middle school days, acted as a midfielder before becoming a goalkeeper. It is said that at that time she showed her aptitude for goalkeeping like her mother who had acted as a goalkeeper at a sports team. She started training as a goalkeeper later than others, but a year later she began to distinguish herself in domestic games of different categories.

According to People's Athlete Kim Chol Nam, a coach of the April 25 Sports Team who was in charge of her training in the past, she can play the role of playmaker and protective defender during matches as she has good physical ability and play-making ability and is quick and accurate in kicking.

As a player of the same sports team, she took part in the 2025 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup last year to reliably defend the goal of her team. At the recent competition, too, she skilfully handled dangerous balls which might have led to her team losing points, thus drawing the attention of the spectators and contributing to the team's lifting the trophy.

Chief coach Ji Yun Nam

Chief coach Ji Yun Nam, who led the DPRK team to victory, is a Merited Athlete.

During his playing career, he played as No. 8 and left

defender of the national football team. He left a deep impression on the audience for an excellent goal he made singlehandedly by driving the ball to shoot in the group league match with the Brazilian team at the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

After being appointed as a coach of the sports team, he led group A of its women's football team to rank as the strongest in almost all domestic games.

During the recent competition, he, as the chief coach of the DPRK team, made all coaches and players pool their efforts and minds for victory and paid special attention to data analysis, tactical study and the mental control of the players. Throughout the competition, he skilfully guided matches according to their ever-changing situations to enable them to constantly ensure a high speed of attack in every match and thus record signal victories in succession.



By Kim Hak Chol PT

The DPRK team lifted the AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup again in 2026.

This made the team the first five-time winner in the history of the tournament.

2007 AFC U-16 Women's Championship

The DPRK team took part in the then AFC U-16 Women's Championship for the first time in 2007.

The team, led by the then chief coach An Chang Nam, won all four matches from the group league matches to the final, scoring the largest number of goals (15 goals). At the tournament, Yun Hyon Hi of the DPRK team won the best player and top scorer awards by scoring seven goals.

2015 AFC U-16 Women's Championship

The 2015 AFC U-16 Women's Championship was the one the DPRK team took part in for the fifth time. The team, led by chief coach Hwang Yong Song, advanced to the final match for the fifth time in the history of the tournament. It scored 13 goals during the contest and Ri Hae Yon won the best player award.

2017 AFC U-16 Women's Championship

The DPRK team was led by chief coach Song Sung Gwon during the

2017 AFC U-16 Women's Championship

The team, which advanced to the final for the sixth time, won the trophy again. It scored 20 goals, and the best player and top scorer awards went to Kim Kyong Yong.

2024 AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup

In 2024, the DPRK team advanced to the final for the eighth time to win the fourth cup.

The team scored 24 goals in total at the tournament. The top scorer award went to Jon Il Chong and the best goalkeeper award to Pak Ju Gyong, goalkeeper who did not concede even a goal during the contest. Song Sung Gwon, the then chief coach of the team, became a coach who led the U-17 team to win two Asian and one world championships.

2026 AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup

This year, the young women footballers of the DPRK lifted the fifth trophy of the competition and qualified for the 2026 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup finals.

At the tournament, No. 10 and forward Yu Jong Hyang won the best player and top scorer awards and No. 1 and goalkeeper Kim Son Gyong won the best goalkeeper award.

Ji Yun Nam, chief coach who led the team to victory, is a Merited Athlete.

Natural monument – Riwon ballstones

By Jong Chol PT

Riwon ballstones are distributed on the seashore of the Rahung Workers' District in Riwon County, South Hamgyong Province.

Along the coast on both sides of the mouth of the Phohang River there are cliffs which were formed with the hard quartzite layer

belonging to the Jikhyon group from the Mesoproterozoic. And at the foot of the cliffs there is the abrasion platform which was formed by coastal erosion.

Lumps of quartzite, which originally fell into the sea due to weathering, wore due to the incessant action of waves to become large and small oval and smooth ballstones.

Riwon ballstones are white or

yellowish white in colour and oval in shape.

The stones became known as they were used as balls for grinding mills or crushers and are also used for decoration of structures.

The natural ballstones rare to be found not only in the country but on earth are a natural monument of great significance in both scenery and scientific study.

