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FRONT COVER: Pyongyang citizens warmly welcome Xi Jinping

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Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China, arrived in Pyongyang by his personal plane on June 20 to pay a state visit to the DPRK at the invitation of Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un greeted him at Pyongyang International Airport.

The airport was crowded with people, children and students who came out to warmly welcome the Chinese President to Pyongyang with flags of the two countries and flower bundles in hand.

Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju came out to the airport.

Present there were senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and government of the DPRK and commanding officers of the Korean People's Army.

At 12:00, Kim Jong Un had an emotional meeting with Xi Jinping.

The Supreme Leader was so pleased to see him again in Pyongyang only 160odd days after the significant meeting at the beginning of the year that he warmly took hands of Xi Jinping and exchanged friendly greetings with him.

Saying his long-cherished wish for Pyongyang visit has been fulfilled, Xi Jinping expressed heartfelt thanks to the Korean people for the grand welcome.

Kim Jong Un introduced to Xi Jinping the leading Party and government officials and KPA commanding officers who came to greet him.

He also exchanged greetings with the accompanying Chinese officials.

There were Ding Xuexiang, member of the Political Bureau, member of the Secretariat and director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee, Yang Jiechi, member of the Political Bureau and director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee, Wang Yi, state councillor and foreign minister of the PRC, He Lifeng, vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and head of the National Development and Reform Committee, Song Tao, head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC Central Committee, Zhong



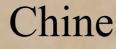


Significant Meeting in Pyongyang



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Shan, minister of Commerce of the PRC, and Miao Hua, director of the Political Affairs Department of the Central Military Commission of the PRC.

A ceremony took place to welcome the Chinese President.

A 21-gun salute was fired amid the playing of the national anthems of the two countries.

Xi Jinping, guided by Kim Jong Un, mounted the reviewing stand to watch the guards of honour of the KPA marching past.

The top leaders went past the crowds, acknowledging their passionate cheers.

The car carrying Xi Jinping headed for the Kumsusan State Guest House, escorted by motorcycles.

Pyongyang citizens lining the streets along Sunan District, Ryonmot-dong, Ryonghung Crossroads and at the plaza of the April 25 House of Culture warmly welcomed Xi Jinping, who visited Pyongyang with warm friendly feelings of the Chinese people.

The two leaders got in an open



Chinese President Welcomed at the Airport





President Xi Jinping is accorded enthusiastic welcome by Pyongyang citizens



Top leaders in an open limousine entering the plaza at the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun

limousine at the Ryonghung Crossroads. As they passed Ryomyong Street in limousine, the crowd enthusiastically cheered the Korean and Chinese leaders, who have built special friendly relations on the journey for defending socialism and peace and opened a new chapter of genuine friendship and unity in the the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun. history of bilateral ties.

cheering crowds.

The limousine arrived at the plaza of

Xi Jinping was greeted by senior Party The leaders warmly acknowledged the and government officials and leading Pyongyang.

and government officials to Xi Jinping.

officials of Party and power organs in the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun amid the enthusiastic welcome by Kim Jong Un introduced senior Party the citizens holding the flags of the two countries and flower bundles in their The car carrying the two leaders left hands, and arrived at the Kumsusan

State Guest House.

The Korean leader and his wife guided the Chinese counterparts to the lodging quarters and had a pleasant chat with them.

Top Leaders of the DPRK and PRC Have Talks





The two leaders and their wives meet at the Kumsusan State Guest House and have a pleasant chat before posing for photographs with the national flags of the two countries for a background





Talks between Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, held talks with Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China, on the afternoon of June 20.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju visited the Kumsusan State Guest House and exchanged warm greetings and had a pleasant chat with President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan in a family atmosphere before having a photo taken against the background of the national flags of the two countries.

Then, talks were held between the top leaders of the two countries.

Present there from the DPRK side were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vicechairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assmebly, Kim Jae Ryong, member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, member of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and premier of the Cabinet, Ri Yong Ho, member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, member of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and foreign minister, Ri Su Yong, member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, member of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Su Gil, member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, member of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army.

The Chinese attendees were Ding Xuexiang, Yang Jiechi, Wang Yi, He Lifeng, Song Tao, Zhong Shan and Miao Hua.

Warmly welcoming Xi Jinping's visit to the DPRK in this year of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic relations, Kim Jong Un said his visit will be a decisive occasion to demonstrate the immutability and invincibility of the DPRK-China friendship to the whole world and is of great significance in further consolidating the bilateral ties that have greeted a new age of vitality.

The Chinese President said he was very pleased to meet the Korean counterpart again and expressed thanks to senior Korean Party and government officials, leading officials of military organs and Pyongyang citizens for warmly welcoming him.

The two leaders informed each other of the situations of their countries and the successes their Parties and peoples made in their efforts to advance the cause of socialist construction, and expressed their full support and solidarity to them.

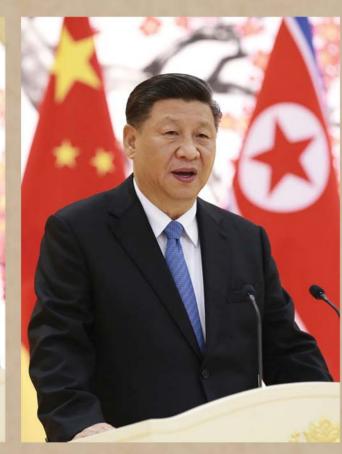
They emphasized that it is the consistent stand of the Parties and governments of their countries to develop the traditional friendship and cooperative relations as required by the times and it fully conforms to the aspirations and fundamental interests of the peoples of the two countries. They proposed good plans for marking the 70th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations more significantly and exchanged views on them.

Both sides agreed on making positive joint efforts to promote close strategic communication between the two Parties and countries, deepen mutual understanding and trust, maintain the tradition of high-level visit and strengthen exchange and cooperation in every field.

The talks proceeded in a comradely, sincere and candid atmosphere and achieved common understanding of the issues discussed.











Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju hosted a grand banquet on the evening of June 20 to welcome the DPRK visit by President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan. The Korean leader and his wife gladly greeted the Chinese counterparts at the venue of the banquet. The top leaders entered the banqueting hall amid enthusiastic welcome.

DPRK.

He warmly welcomed General Secretary Xi Jinping and his wife, who came with warm feelings of friendship of the Chinese people, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the DPRK government, all Party members and other Korean people.

Expressing the belief that the two countries would as ever unite as one and surely win brilliant victories in their efforts for advancing the cause of socialism, the DPRK leader expressed

Splendid Banquet Given in Honour of Chinese Guests

Kim Jong Un made a speech welcoming Xi's visit to the

the firm conviction that the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people would achieve greater successes in their efforts to perform a new miracle of the Chinese nation under the guidance of the General Secretary.

Xi Jinping made a reply speech.

He extended the sincerest greetings and heartfelt thanks to Kim Jong Un and his wife, the Party, government and people of the DPRK on behalf of the Chinese counterparts for the grand and warm welcome accorded by senior Party, government and military officials of the DPRK and other hundreds of thousands of Korean people.

The Chinese Party, government and people firmly support the Chairman leading the Korean Party, government and people to keep the road of socialism, enforce a new strategic line and give impetus to the political settlement of the peninsula issue and thus create a good environment for self-development, he said.

The banquet proceeded in a warm and amicable atmosphere.



Chairman Kim Jong Un and President Xi Jinping, together with their wives, enjoyed the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance Invincible Socialism at May Day Stadium on the evening of June 20.

They appeared on the platform of the stadium and waved

back to the cheering crowds.

Amid the playing of song DPRK-China Friendship Is *Everlasting*, the national flags of the two countries were hoisted. The performers artistically represented the course of development replete with glory and heroic struggle of the

DPRK which has emerged as a socialist state independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in defence, winning great victories and bringing about epochal changes under the leadership of the WPK with the peerlessly great men held in high esteem.

It ended with a dazzling fireworks display. Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping warmly acknowledged the cheering crowds including the performers.

The top leaders and their wives went down to the stage to congratulate the performers on their successful performance.

Luncheon Hosted for Chinese Guests



Kim Jong Un visited the lodging quarters of Xi Jinping and hosted a luncheon for him and his wife Peng Liyuan. The top leaders of the two countries and their wives exchanged warm greetings and walked together in the garden of the lodging place to deepen friendship in an amicable atmosphere.

The leaders briefed each other on major internal and external policies of their countries and had an in-depth conversation as they exchanged constructive views on domestic and international issues of mutual concern.

They continued the discussion on a series of plans for strengthening collaboration to mark more significantly this year of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic relations and to derive greater satisfaction from the DPRK-China ties, and on positive promotion of the situation of the Korean peninsula.

Then the DPRK leader and his wife conducted the Chinese counterparts to a specially-arranged place for the luncheon at the Kumsusan State Guest





Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and General Secretary Xi Jinping have a photo session with members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee against the background of the office building of the Party Central Committee House and sat together with them in a cordial and genial atmosphere like a family.

Kim Jong Un and Xi Jinping said that through the five rounds of meetings in a little more than a year they had in-depth communications and excellent and beneficial talks to deepen mutual understanding, reached a consensus on important issues, built up comradely trust and forged special relations of friendship, and expressed their will to creditably carry forward and ennoble the friendly ties between the two Parties and the two countries, whatever the international situation.

The Chinese leader and his wife expressed their thanks to the Korean counterparts for offering them warmest hospitality and carefully arranging enthusiastic and special reception and ceremonies during their stay in Pyongyang.

The luncheon proceeded in a harmonious atmosphere overflowing with the feeling of friendship.





Chinese President Pays Floral Tribute at the Friendship Tower

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the People's Republic of China, laid a basket of flowers at the Friendship Tower in Pyongyang on June 21.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his wife

Ri Sol Ju greeted President Xi Jinping and his with the participants, observed a moment's silence wife Peng Liyuan at the Friendship Tower.

The national anthems of the two countries were in the name of Xi Jinping.

The top leaders of the two countries, together

in memory of the fallen CPV soldiers.

The Chinese President and his wife looked played. A basket of flowers was placed at the tower round the tower symbolic of the blood-tied bilateral friendship as they were told about it.

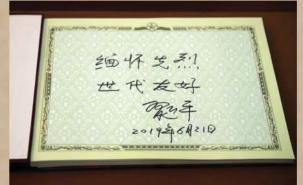
Xi Jinping wrote in the visitor's book.











Friendship will be handed down through generations with longing for the martyrs. Xi Jinping June 21, 2019











DPRK Leader Sees off Chinese President

President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China, who paid a state visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at the invitation of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, left Pyongyang on June 21 by his plane after wrapping up his itinerary.

Kim Jong Un and his wife Ri Sol Ju saw off Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan at Pyongyang International Airport. There was a ceremony to see off the Chinese President.

The top leaders had a firm handshake of farewell, promising to steadily strengthen the DPRK-China friendship in the great new era in line with the desires of the two Parties and peoples of the two countries.

The plane left the airport at 15:30.





DPRK Supreme Leader Receives Message from US President

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, received a personal message from US President Donald Trump.

Having read the message, he expressed satisfaction saying it contains good suggestions.

He said that he appreciates President Trump's politically judging prowess and unusual courage, adding he would weigh the appealing contents.

Korean Children's Union Marks its Anniversary



The Korean Children's Union (KCU) members splendidly celebrated their **1** 73rd founding anniversary. Delegates to the celebrations of the KCU anniversary came to Pyongyang from all provinces and cities across the country. They visited the statues of Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il on Mansu Hill to pay floral tribute to the great leaders. On June 6, the 73rd founding day of the KCU, there was a joint national meeting of the KCU organizations at the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun. Attending the meeting were delegates to the celebrations and students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School, and other schoolchildren in Pyongyang. A report and speeches were made in the meeting.

That day an art performance Three Million Members of KCU Grow up under DPRK's Flag was given at the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace. Among the audience were officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Youth League, delegates to the celebrations of the KCU founding anniversary, students of Mangyongdae Revolutionary School.



A joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations was held at the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun

The performance that began with a prologue Our Holiday for KCU Glorified by the Marshal staged a number of artistic pieces including male solo and chorus *He Wears the KCU Neckerchief*, dancing tale *The KCU Badge* Shines Today, and xylophone-playing and Russian accordion trio Song of Children's Corps.

The KCU delegates visited President Kim Il Sung's birthplace at Mangyongdae, Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt Taesong, Sci-Tech Complex and other places in the capital city.

At the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace they were deeply moved by warm affection of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un who spares nothing for younger generations.

They saw the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance *The Land of* the People at May Day Stadium, and spent pleasant time at the Kaeson Youth Park, Rungna People's Pleasure Ground and Munsu Water Park.

Article: Kim Son Gyong Photo: Hong Kwang Nam





Girl Poet

n Mi Ryong is an eleven-year-old girl studying at The Pyoksong Junior Middle School in Pyoksong County, South Hwanghae Province, and local people call her "little poet".

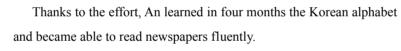
Already in her infant days, An excelled others about her age in sensitivity, memory and faculty of expression, surprising not only her parents but also other grown-ups.

Her parents recall that she began to take lesson in music at the age of three, and in the middle of playing etudes or sight-reading she often sang verses in an undertone, the words of which were made by herself and seemed logic.

Her kindergarten teachers discovered her gifted talent for poetry and held collective discussions to work out a special teaching program for her.



An Mi Ryong, third from the left



Then she received education in composition from a qualified teacher, who stressed on fostering her faculty of observing circumstances and phenomena closely to detect their essence and describing them in artistic expressions.

Her fecund imagination was most outstanding in her poetic talent. When she was six, she saw a pear tree in full bearing and recited an impromptu poem, "Ye pear tree, you are blessed with many children."

Since she was five, she wrote her diary, and in many cases in the form of children's poems and rhymes.



She won diplomas at the third national prize contest of children's literary works and the 21st national children's literature prize contest

In this course, the little prodigy brought her talent into bloom. The poems she wrote in her early years represented her naive feelings, and, afterwards, they were enriched in content to portray her affection for her mates and teachers and the pride in native place and resolve to spruce it up.

She likes music and drawing but her most favourite pursuit is reading. Sometimes she lies awake late at night reading books, a worry of her grandmother and parents. She has read all the books in the selection of world juvenile literature and is well versed in them.

She is good at her studies and of a cheerful disposition, enjoying popularity among her friends.

journals.

She has won the children's literature prize for consecutive six years since she was six, and "Our Classroom" literature prize last year. She also obtained diplomas from the Central Committee of the Writers Union of Korea and other relevant organizations, totalling 12 in five years.



She wrote her maiden poem On Beautiful Clouds, when she was four, and has so far written more than 500 children's poems and songs. Nearly 80 of them were published in newspapers and

> Article: Choe Kwang Ho Photo: Hong Kwang Nam







Benefitting from Renewable Energy Sources



The Ryuwon Footwear Factory in Mangyongdae District, L Pyongyang, is actively employing renewable energy sources in business activities and production.

Its officials and workers set up a goal of relieving power shortage by displaying the spirit of self-reliance and buckled down to its implementation.

They have installed over a thousand solar panels on the

Harnessing the Nature

Officials and builders of the General Tideland Reclamation Enterprise of South Hwanghae Province are dynamically pushing forward the reclamation of Ryongmaedo Tideland in Chongdan County, a grand natureremaking project to expand the territory of the country.

By mid-March, they completed the first-stage damming up projects of the two reclamation sections and acquired 3 600 hectares of cultivation land.

The construction of 15 000 metre-long dyke was no easy job for them as they had to overcome tidal effects and adverse weather conditions.

Despite the difficulties, the builders, full of pride in widening the country's territory, doubled the tunnelling speed at the quarries, introduced new blasting methods and ensured the full operation of rolling stocks and other equipment, so as to supply sufficient quantities of earth and stones for damming up projects.

The enterprise's officials and technicians, keeping in mind that science and technology should be prioritized to make leap forward and innovation, worked out practical methods for building dyke in the area and pushed ahead







with them.

In a short period of five months they completed the first-stage damming up project in Section 3 by erecting 70 metres of anti-tidal dyke a day, while finishing the construction of several thousand metre-long dyke in Section 4.

To this end, they removed 1.7 million cubic metres of earth and dressed the embankment of several tens of thousands of square metres with feldspar.

The officials and builders of the enterprise continue to make strenuous efforts, despite unfavourable natural

conditions, to expand the acreage under cultivation.

> Article: Kim Chung Bok Photo: An Chol Ryong







The employees of the Osoksan Granite Mine, the country's leading L producer of natural building stones, call their manager Chang Jae Ryong "our manager" with affection.

Chang devoted his youthful vigour as a member of the High-Speed Youth Shock Brigade at the major construction projects across the country and cherished it as the key to success to cultivate indefatigable mental strength and strong confidence in one's own effort and give full play to them.

Since he had returned home in 1987, he worked at the mine as a workteam leader, workshop head, chief engineer and then manager, proving his enterprising and unyielding attitude and experienced method of work.

When he was appointed chief engineer of the mine, he set to work with a determination and courage that there is nothing impossible if the working masses are mobilized.

He encouraged the technicians and skilled workers to ensure the maximum operating rate of machines and facilities and step up their technical updating. He also pooled efforts of the mine's workers and technicians in reconstructing loading machines that had been broken for many years, so that heaps of mineral overburden piled in quarries were removed and a sure guarantee was provided for increased production.

In those days the mine increased its production more than ten times over



its peak year.

meticulous manner

He started his work as the manager with the construction of a workers' sanatorium, and pushed ahead with the planting of several thousand fruit trees and trees of good species in the mine and around the dwelling houses as well as the housing project for the miners.

Thanks to his efforts, all the employees of the mine keep genuine attachment to their workplace and job and take an active part in production.

With a sense of responsibility for the living of the employees, Chang looks after them with a warm heart and approaches them in an unceremonious and They take good care of machinery and equipment and conduct mass technical innovation drive.

At present the mine, with modern and efficient machinery and experienced working personnel, is capable of producing building stones and processed stone goods in sufficient amounts and supplying them to various units across the country.

Last year it fulfilled the target for the five-year strategy for national economic development two years ahead of schedule.

In high appreciation for his meritorious services rendered to the construction of monumental edifices in the era of the Workers' Party, the state awarded Chang with the Order of Kim Il Sung, Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize, and Labour Hero. He is a deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK.

> Article: O Hae Yon Photo: Ri Kwang Song



Chang enjoys public esteem among workers



Together with kindergarten children



At a worker's family

Thriving Tourism in Korea



 \mathbf{F} rom time immemorial Korea has been widely known as a 3 000-*ri* land of golden tapestry for its beautiful mountains and limpid streams. Renowned mountains unfold a variety of scenery, including Mt Paektu, the ancestral mountain of Korea, soaring high with Lake Chon nestling on its summit, and Mts Kumgang, Myohyang, Chilbo and Kuwol. There are numerous scenic spots in the country's inland regions, such as Pujon Plateau, Lake Samji, Sokdamgugok and Rungna Island, while Songdowon, Majon,











Celebrated mountains, scenic resorts and historical sites in the DPRK are tempting tourists. Mts Paektu, Kumgang and Chilbo, city of Kaesong, scenic places along the west coast, and the Masikryong area are major tourist attractions.





Specialized tourism for aircraft lovers, skiing, surfing and others is encouraged









Tourists taste Korean folk customs

Chongsokjong, Monggumpho and others spreading enchanting views along the picturesque coastlines on the east and west. Besides, there are Ryongmun Cavern and Songam Cave that offer wonderful sights under the ground.

Mild climate and rich precipitation provided favourable conditions for living and production activities of the Korean nation, who have lived on this land for a long period of 5 000 years and created brilliant culture.

Therefore, a lot of historical relics and remains are found across the country.

The peak tourist season is from April to October in Korea which have four distinct seasons.

During the stay tourists can enjoy a wide range of tours with guides from travel agencies.

The government of the DPRK takes proactive measures for promoting tourism in order to develop friendship and cultural ties with the people of the world.

A Spanish tourist said: Sauntering along the streets in Pyongyang made a deep impression on me. Pyongyang is a beautiful and modern city.

Another foreign tourist marvelled at the time-honoured history and brilliant culture of Korea.

Article: Kang Su Jong Photo: So Kwang





22ND ROUND OF SPRING INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR



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Pyongyang hosted 22nd Pyongyang Spring International Trade Fair.

The event drew over 450 companies from the DPRK, China, Russia, Pakistan, Poland and other countries and regions, and displayed metals, electronic goods, machines, building materials, vehicles, medical supplies, consumer goods and foodstuffs.

The trade fair was a meaningful occasion for stimulating trading activities, economic cooperation and scientific and technological exchanges in different fields. Photo: Ri Myong Guk





schools in Pyongyang.



Games of Disabled Persons and Amateurs Held

he games of persons with disabilities **L** and amateurs took place in Pyongyang between May 3 and 19, drawing several hundred citizens.

Until last year persons with disabilities and amateurs competed in only table tennis event, but the competition expanded from this year into the games embracing two more sporting events, swimming and tennis.

The table tennis competition was an eye-catching event as it was participated in by many players and even Chinese tourists.

Its singles event of the disabled category was won by the player with











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AFC Grassroots Football Day Marked

An event took place at Pyongyang International Football School to mark AFC Grassroots Football Day. Present there were officials of the DPRK Football Association and in the field of education, and sports teachers and pupils of junior middle schools and primary

Pupils of Pyongyang International Football School and other schools did the football rhythmic exercise to be followed by a seminar of sports teachers. There were small-scale football matches of the pupils of primary and junior middle schools. Photo: Choe Won Chol

several records.

Also impressive were the amateur swimmers and couple table tennis amateurs showing their excellent skills, and an old man in his 80s was among the winners in the category of amateurs over 70.

The games of persons with disabilities and amateurs demonstrated not only their polished techniques amid the hot wind of mass-based sporting activities but also optimistic and enthusiastic life.

> Article: Kim Phil Photo: Sin Chung Il

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BACK COVER: Grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance Invincible Socialism Photo: Ri Kwang Song

