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In Juche 112 (2023) the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea were confronted with manifold trials, yet they made great strides towards promoting socialist construction and increasing their country's overall strength.

Projects for building up the Workers' Party of Korea under a long-term plan were launched and implemented, notable progress was made in intensifying the work of the state power and strengthening the people's power, and the policy of building up the country's nuclear forces was enshrined in the Constitution to provide a reliable institutional and legal guarantee for defending the state and protecting its self-respect and interests.

The key objectives of the five-year plan for developing the country's defence capability were attained, with the result that new strategic weapons were developed one after another, the overall defence capability was radically enhanced and a reconnaissance satellite was launched into space, solidifying the country's position as a military power.

Remarkable successes were achieved in hitting the 12 major targets for the development of the national economy as defined by the WPK, for example, the agricultural sector implementing the yearly plan for huge irrigation projects ahead of schedule and overfulfilling the cereals production plan.

As modern streets, houses and other buildings mushroomed in the capital city of Pyongyang and all other parts of the country, the news of people moving into new houses and inauguration of public buildings grabbed the headlines throughout the year.

The WPK's strategy for external affairs, designed to oppose imperialism, realize global independence and defend regional peace and security, strengthened the ties of friendship between the DPRK and the Russian Federation and brought about a fundamental change in the world political landscape.

The large-scale political and military festivals of the year, including the military parade held in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, demonstrated to the world the Korean people's soaring spirit and unshakable will to bravely march towards more ambitious goals, united rock-solid behind the WPK.

The year 2023, in which they went against all odds in the spirit of self-dependence and with indomitable fortitude under the sagacious leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, will shine its brilliance as a year of great changes and transformations in the history of the DPRK.

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Illuminating the Path for a Leap Forward

Kim Jong Un's ideological and theoretical insight and the validity of his revolutionary ideology were highlighted in 2023.

He set forth scientific ways and realistic methods for developing the Korean revolution at such important meetings as the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK held in late December 2022.

His ideas, theories and policies constituted an action programme for achieving remarkable transformations and accelerating the people's advance towards national prosperity.

Guided by this great programme, the Korean people overcame the hardships and trials, which they could not avoid nor detour around, and continued their march without the slightest hesitation, thereby adorning the history of their country with brilliant successes and miracles.



Enlarged Meeting of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK

December 26-31, Juche 111 (2022)





At the meeting Kim Jong Un delivered a report on the first agenda item, titled, *On the Review of Execution of the Major Party and State Policies for 2022 and the Work Plan for 2023*.

In his report to the meeting, he said that 2023, when the tasks of the third year of key significance in implementing the five-year plan set forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK would be carried out and when the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and the 75th anniversary of the DPRK would be celebrated, was an important year in the process of socialist development and the history of the DPRK. Then he set it as the general direction for the year to expand and develop the all-people struggle to open a new phase in socialist construction so as to provide a decisive guarantee for the fulfilment of the five-year plan.





The resolution of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK was drafted at the sectional workshops and consultative meetings aimed at discussing how to implement the major tasks advanced by Kim Jong Un in his report.





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Enlarged Meeting of the Seventh Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK

February 26-March 1, Juche 112 (2023)





The agenda items, such as *On the first year's struggle for the implementation of the programme for the rural revolution in the new era and some important tasks* and *On thoroughly establishing a discipline of implementing the national economic plan*, were brought up at the meeting and passed with unanimous approval.





For the first agenda item Kim Jong Un made an important concluding speech *On the Immediate Tasks Arising in This Year's Farming and the Long-term Objectives for Agricultural Development*.

In the speech, he said that the WPK attached importance to the rural question as a strategic one, which should be settled without fail in accomplishing the cause of building socialism and communism, and consistently paid deep attention to its correct solution, and advanced a plan to usher in a new era of rural rejuvenation as required by the stage of the overall development of socialist construction.



Enlarged Meeting of the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK

June 16-18, Juche 112 (2023)





The plenary meeting made an interim review of the year's work for implementing the major policies to defend the interests and security environment of the country and bring about a fresh upswing in the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism in line with the goals for progress and strategic and tactical principles set forth at the sixth and seventh plenary meetings of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK. And it discussed and decided on the important policy-oriented tasks to be addressed and prioritized in the advance in the second half of the year.





16th Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee
of the WPK held on September 20, Juche 112 (2023)



The meeting heard a report on the results of Kim Jong Un's official goodwill visit to the Russian Federation and warmly congratulated him on his successful visit.

He made arrangements for implementing the constructive measures for improving the traditional good-neighbourly and cooperative ties between the DPRK and the Russian Federation and furthering the bilateral relations in all fields and developing them onto a new high, stressing the need to strengthen close contacts and cooperation among relevant fields of the two countries to expand and develop cooperation in every field in an all-round way and thus make a substantial contribution to the promotion of the wellbeing of their peoples.

17th Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee
of the WPK held on December 1, Juche 112 (2023)



The meeting discussed the item of convening the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

It noted that the year recorded brilliant successes in attaining the key policy-oriented goals of the WPK and the state, set forth at the Eighth Congress of the WPK and plenary meetings of the Central Committee of the WPK, thanks to Kim Jong Un's wise leadership and great enthusiasm of all the Party members and other people, and discussed the major agenda items to be discussed at the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

An aerial night view of a city, likely Pyongyang, featuring a wide, brightly lit highway running through the center. On the left side of the highway, there are several tall, modern buildings with distinctive arched, illuminated tops. The surrounding urban area is filled with numerous other lit-up buildings. The sky is dark, punctuated by several large, vibrant red fireworks exploding in the upper portion of the frame. The overall scene conveys a sense of modern development and celebration.

On the Journey of Devotion for the Good of the People

In 2023 the Korean people achieved one miraculous success after another under Kim Jong Un's energetic leadership.

He attended the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Kangdong Greenhouse Farm and a new street in the Sopho area with a view to providing Pyongyang citizens with a bountiful and cultured life, and shovelled the first spadeful of earth signalling the start of the projects, and even entered a flooded field during his inspection of the Ansok reclaimed tideland.

Seeing how devotedly he was working for their good, all the people in the country made redoubled efforts for a leap forward and innovations.

They carried out the tasks advanced at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, which defined 2023 as a year of making a big stride in the development of the national economy, a year of attaining the key goals in increasing production, implementing the strategy of readjustment and reinforcement and improving the people's living standards, and carrying out in the main the plan for readjustment and reinforcement while stepping up production in the overall sectors and units.

The achievements they made in 2023, such as attaining the 12 major targets for the development of the national economy, provided a sure guarantee for greater victory in 2024.

Kim Jong Un attends the groundbreaking ceremony for building 10 000 flats at the second stage
in the Hwasong area on February 15, Juche 112 (2023)





Kim Jong Un attends the groundbreaking ceremony for the Kangdong Greenhouse Farm, and shovels the first spadeful of earth signalling the start of the project on February 15, Juche 112 (2023)





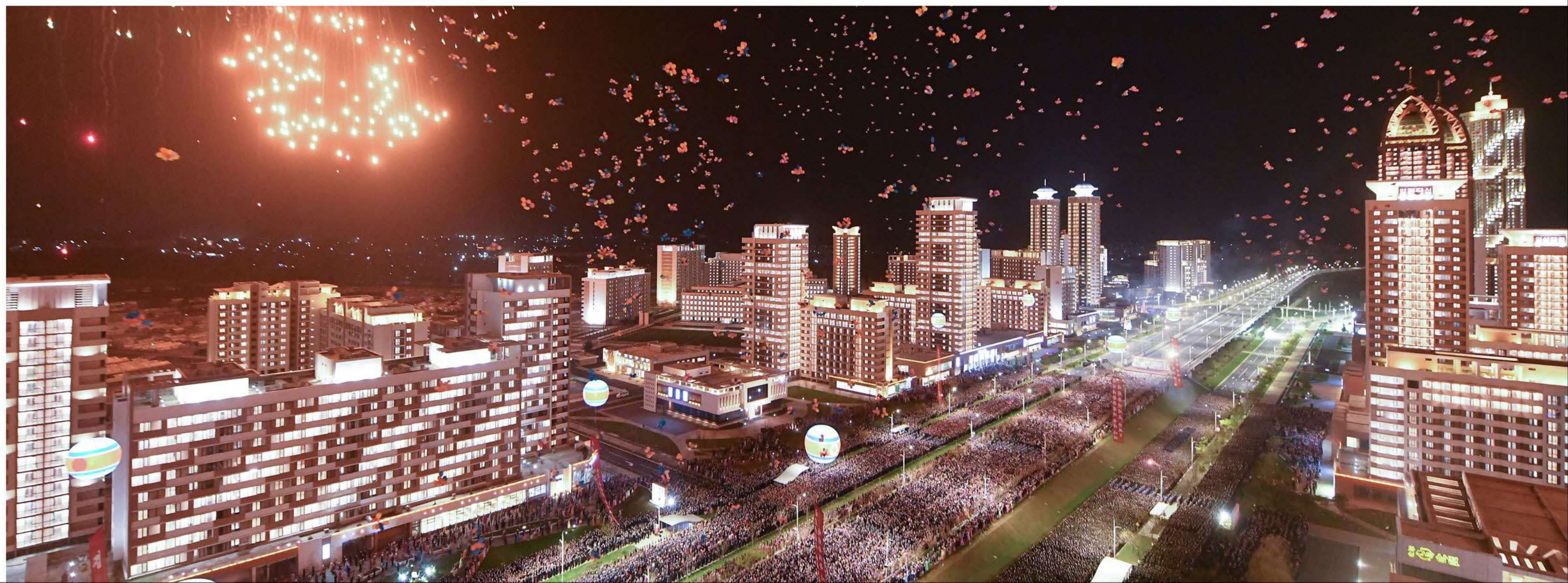
Kim Jong Un attends the groundbreaking ceremony for a new street in the Sopho area, Pyongyang, on February 25, Juche 112 (2023), delivers a speech to encourage the young vanguard and shovels the first spadeful of earth signalling the start of the project





Kim Jong Un attends the inauguration ceremony of the 10 000 flats built at the first stage in the Hwasong area and cuts the ribbon with leading Party and government officials on April 16, Juche 112 (2023).







Kim Jong Un visits the typhoon-hit area in Ogye-ri, Anbyon County, Kangwon Province, in August Juche 112 (2023).



Kim Jong Un looks round
the Ogye and Wollang farms
in Anbyon County, Kangwon Province,
in August Juche 112 (2023)





Kim Jong Un looks around the rehabilitation site of the disaster-stricken Ansok tideland reclaimed by the South Phyongan Provincial General Tideland Reclamation Enterprise on August 21, Juche 112 (2023)





Kim Jong Un gives field guidance at the Kumsong Tractor Factory on August 23, Juche 112 (2023)







Kim Jong Un participates in the elections of deputies to the provincial, city and county People's Assemblies at the polling station of Sub-constituency No. 26 of Constituency No. 55 in South Hamgyong Province on November 26, Juche 112 (2023)



Kim Jong Un gives field guidance at the Ryongsong Machine Complex on November 26, Juche 112 (2023)



Remarkable Successes were Achieved in Several Fields of the Economy and Culture

The sector of agriculture overfulfilled its cereals production goal.





The Hwangju Kindung waterway project was completed, paving the way for increased production of cereals.

The Kumsong Tractor Factory produced new models of tractors and various other high-performance farm machines, opening a prospect for increasing the proportion of mechanization in farm work.





Modern houses mushroomed in the countryside.





Modern flats of new apartment blocks in the Taephyong area in Pyongyang were provided to the ordinary people free of charge.



An energy-saving oxygen-blast furnace and a 15 000m³/h oxygen plant were commissioned at the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex.



Nutritive liquid fertilizer factory newly built at the Sunchon Chemical Complex



Newly-built Pedagogical Institute



Renovated Science Library at Kim Il Sung University



Renovated Pyongyang Leather Tanning Factory



Newly-built Pyongyang Pharmaceutical Factory

Sportspersons of the DPRK took part in international games nearly four years after the onset of the global health crisis, winning medals and breaking world records at the 19th Asian Games, 22nd Taekwon-Do World Championships and IWF Grand Prix 2023.



Ushering in a Golden Age in Strengthening the Country's Defence Capability

In 2023 the DPRK made remarkable progress in increasing its defence capability.

Under the sagacious leadership of Kim Jong Un, it built a tactical nuclear attack submarine, taking the first step towards achieving the great cause of building an advanced marine power, and succeeded in putting a reconnaissance satellite into orbit, setting up a new milestone in its armed forces' activities. These were a demonstration of the country's might as a world-class military power.

Its various military activities, including the test-firing and firing drills of ICBM *Hwasongpho-18*, the core means of strike of the DPRK's strategic forces, showed that the country is fully ready to respond to the hostile forces' open policy of nuclear blackmail with an overwhelming counterattack and by means of physical force.





Fourth Enlarged Meeting of the Eighth Central Military Commission of the WPK held on February 6, Juche 112 (2023)



The meeting made an in-depth discussion of the major military and political tasks to be dealt with in 2023 and the prospective direction of army building.

Kim Jong Un expressed his expectations and conviction that the armed forces of the DPRK, fully aware of the ennobling mission and important duty they have assumed for the Party and the revolution,

the country and the people, would perform brilliant feats in upholding and guaranteeing, by means of matchless military strength, the implementation of the Party's enormous tasks for consolidating the historic victories won by the Korean people in the grand course of accomplishing the socialist cause and for opening up a new chapter of development in the history of Juche-oriented socialism.

Kim Jong Un visits the lodging quarters of Korean People's Army generals on February 7, Juche 112 (2023), attends a banquet and delivers a speech in celebration of the founding anniversary of the KPA







On March 9, Juche 112 (2023), Kim Jong Un sees a firing assault drill during his inspection of a KPA unit charged with an important operational task





Fifth Enlarged Meeting of the Eighth Central Military Commission of the WPK held in March Juche 112 (2023)



The meeting discussed the direction for the KPA's key military and political activities and necessary measures to this end, including the dispatching of KPA units to the major sites for the innovative development of socialist construction with a view to giving a strong impetus to the nationwide struggle.

Kim Jong Un said that on the sacred theatres of socialist rural construction and economic development, geared towards realizing the people's hopes and ideals, the KPA should naturally become the driving force and serve as a model, defying death to attain the goals for each stage and create year after year entities of prosperity welcomed by all the people.

Kim Jong Un guides a launching drill of ICBM
Hwasongpho-17 on March 16, Juche 112 (2023)



Demonstration of the harder-line approach
adopted by the DPRK's strategic forces





Under the grave situation, in which the most unstable security environment was created on the Korean peninsula due to the frantic, provocative and aggressive large-scale war drills conducted by the United States and its ROK puppets against the DPRK, the Central Military Commission of the WPK ordered a launching drill of ICBM *Hwasongpho-17* on March 16.

Hwasongpho-17, launched at Pyongyang International Airport, travelled up to a peak height of 6 045km and flew a distance of 1 000.2km for 4 151 seconds, before accurately landing on the preset area in the open waters of the East Sea of Korea.

The drill confirmed the war readiness of the ICBM unit and the exceptional militancy of the DPRK's strategic forces and verified their reliability.



Kim Jong Un guides combined tactical drills for a simulated nuclear counterattack
on March 18 and 19, Juche 112 (2023)



Kim Jong Un guides the test of important weapons and firing drills for strategic purposes on March 21-23, Juche 112 (2023)





Kim Jong Un guides the nuclear weaponization project
on March 27, Juche 112 (2023)



Firing drill of a strategic cruise missile
on February 23, Juche 112 (2023)



Firing drill of missiles by a KPA unit on March 14,
Juche 112 (2023), charged with an important
operational mission at the western front



Underwater launching drill of
a strategic cruise missile on March 12,
Juche 112 (2023)



ICBM firing drill on February 18,
Juche 112 (2023)



Tests of underwater strategic weapon system

Test of nuclear unmanned underwater attack boat *Haeil-1* in March Juche 112 (2023)

The nuclear unmanned underwater attack boat *Haeil-1*, deployed for testing in Wonsan Bay on the afternoon of March 25, reached the preset target point in the waters off Hwadae County, North Hamgyong Province, on the morning of March 27 after cruising along a jagged and oval course simulating the distance of 600km in the East Sea of Korea for 41 hours and 27 minutes, and correctly set off its test warhead underwater.



Test of nuclear unmanned underwater attack boat *Haeil-2* in April Juche 112 (2023)

The nuclear unmanned underwater attack boat *Haeil-2*, deployed for testing in Kajin Port, Kumya County, South Hamgyong Province, on the afternoon of April 4, reached the target point in the waters off Ryongdae Port in the city of Tanchon, South Hamgyong Province, on the afternoon of April 7 after cruising along an oval- and 8-shaped course simulating the distance of 1 000km in the East Sea of Korea for 71 hours and 6 minutes, and correctly set off its test warhead underwater.

Firing drill of missiles by a KPA unit on March 27, Juche 112 (2023), charged with an important operational mission at the central front





Sixth Enlarged Meeting of the Eighth Central Military Commission of the WPK
held on April 10, Juche 112 (2023)





With a clear recognition of the present serious security situation on the Korean peninsula, where the aggressive military policy and actions of the US imperialists and the ROK puppets are emerging as a threatening entity, the enlarged meeting discussed important military issues arising in making the country's defence capability and war preparations more perfect to cope with the grave situation.

Kim Jong Un stressed the need to expand the country's war deterrent, which is being strengthened with increasing speed, in a more practical and proactive manner and to make effective use of it as a

measure for stricter control and management of the ever-worsening security situation on the Korean peninsula.

Acquainting himself with the operational plans for attack on the front and other combat documents, he put forward principled tasks for steadily studying and applying military measures aimed at further improving and perfecting the KPA's capability for fighting a war.

Kim Jong Un guides on the spot the first test-firing of new-type ICBM *Hwasongpho-18* on April 13, Juche 112 (2023)



Another ICBM makes its appearance, demonstrating the level of ever-developing strategic forces of the country.

On April 13 test-firing was conducted of new-type ICBM *Hwasongpho-18*, which will discharge its mission as a prospective core, major means of the strategic forces of the DPRK, as an important war deterrent.

The test-firing was conducted with an aim to confirm the performance of high-thrust, multistage solid-fuel motors, stage separation technology and reliability of the functional control systems and to assess the usefulness of the new-type strategic weapon system for military purposes.

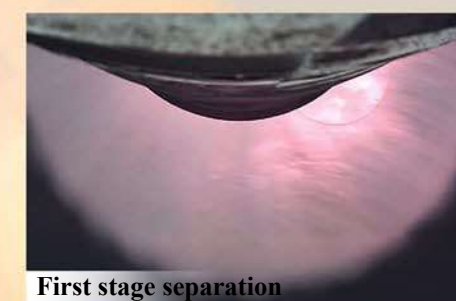




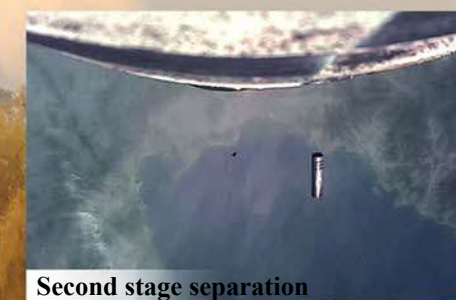
The test-firing of the new-type ICBM was conducted without inflicting a negative impact on the security of the neighbouring countries. The separated first stage safely landed in the waters 10km off the Hodo Peninsula in Kumya County, South Hamgyong Province, and the second stage in the waters 335km east of Orang County, North Hamgyong Province.



First stage separation



First stage separation



Second stage separation



Third stage separation

Kim Jong Un visits the then National Aerospace Development Administration on April 18, Juche 112 (2023)



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance over the work of the Preparatory Committee for Launching Reconnaissance Satellite on May 16, Juche 112 (2023)



Kim Jong Un guides the test-firing of new-type ICBM
Hwasongpho-18 on July 12, Juche 112 (2023)



*Another event of great significance
recorded in developing the
strategic forces of the DPRK*



With the unprecedented increase in the frequency of military provocations by the United States and its followers against the DPRK, the military security situation on the Korean peninsula and the surrounding area was nearing a nuclear crisis graver than that during the Cold War. At this juncture the test-firing of new-type ICBM *Hwasongpho-18*, core weapon system of the strategic forces of the DPRK, was conducted according to the strategic judgment and crucial determination of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

The ICBM travelled up to a peak height of 6 648.4km and flew a distance of 1 001.2km for 4 491 seconds before landing on the target area in the open waters of the East Sea of Korea.



Kim Jong Un visits major munitions factories
on August 3-5, Juche 112 (2023)









Seventh Enlarged Meeting of the Eighth Central Military Commission of the WPK
held on August 9, Juche 112 (2023)





The enlarged meeting analyzed the military moves of the chief culprits of deteriorated situation that disturb peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and its vicinity, and decided on the plans for offensive military countermeasures to thoroughly deter them. It also discussed as its major agenda item the tasks for making full war preparations to neutralize at a blow the enemy attack with overwhelming strategic deterrent and launch simultaneous and multiple offensive military actions in contingency.

Kim Jong Un signed an order about the crucial military measures discussed and decided upon by the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

At the meeting Kim Jong Un reviewed and analyzed the present situation on and around the Korean peninsula and delivered a concluding speech on furthering war readiness of the army in an aggressive manner.

Kim Jong Un visits major munitions factories
on August 11 and 12, Juche 112 (2023)





Kim Jong Un inspects the Guards 2nd Surface Ship Flotilla of the East Sea Fleet of the KPA Navy, honoured with the title of O Jung Hup-led 7th Regiment, in August Juche 112 (2023)



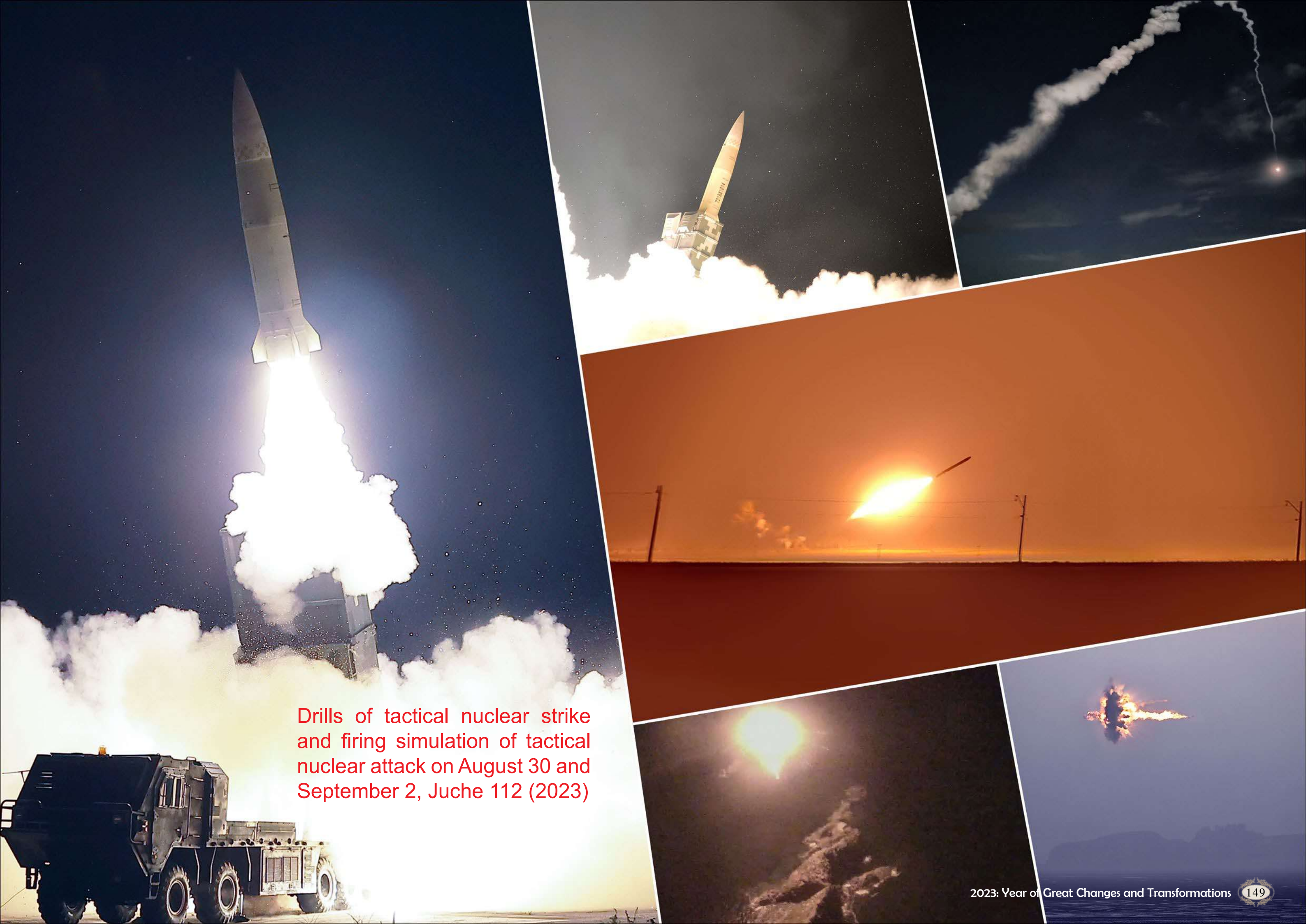
Kim Jong Un pays a congratulatory visit to the KPA
Navy Command on the occasion of the Navy Day
on August 27, Juche 112 (2023)





Kim Jong Un visits the training command post of the General Staff of the KPA on August 29, Juche 112 (2023), to learn about the state of the command drill, involving the whole army





Drills of tactical nuclear strike
and firing simulation of tactical
nuclear attack on August 30 and
September 2, Juche 112 (2023)



Kim Jong Un gives on-site guidance at the Pukjung Machine Complex and a major munitions factory in September Juche 112 (2023)





Kim Jong Un attends a ceremony
for launching a newly-built submarine
on September 6, Juche 112 (2023)



An event that heralded the arrival of a new era,
a turning point, in strengthening the Juche-oriented naval forces





Ninth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK
held on September 26-27, Juche 112 (2023)



The policy of strengthening the national
nuclear forces was enshrined in the
Socialist Constitution of the DPRK

The Ninth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK was held in the Mansudae Assembly Hall in the capital city of Pyongyang from September 26 to 27, Juche 112 (2023).

The session adopted with unanimous approval an ordinance of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK *On Amending and Supplementing Some Contents of the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK*, enshrining in the Socialist Constitution the principle of state activities in building up the modern nuclear forces and in having the armed forces of the Republic perform the duties they have assumed before the times.

The unanimous adoption of the crucial agenda item for enshrining the DPRK's policy on the nuclear forces in the basic law of the state, in the wake of codifying the policy at the Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly, is a historic event as it provided a powerful political weapon for markedly strengthening the national defence capability including the nuclear forces, consolidating the institutional and legal foundation for security guarantee and protection of national interests based on them and accelerating the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism.

Kim Jong Un made a speech at the Ninth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK

In the speech Kim Jong Un said that it is not merely based on the analysis and study of the current ever-aggravating situation that the government of the Republic has brought up for discussion at the Supreme People's Assembly such an important agenda item as enshrining the policy of strengthening the nuclear forces in the Constitution.

He continued: As long as the Republic exists as a socialist state and as long as the tyrannical nuclear weapons of the imperialists trying to stamp out independence and socialism exist on the earth, we must neither change nor concede the present position of our country as a nuclear weapons state, but, on the contrary, continue to further strengthen the nuclear forces; this is the serious strategic judgment made by our Party and government.



Kim Jong Un sees the launch of a reconnaissance satellite on November 21, Juche 112 (2023)

The National Aerospace Technology Administration of the DPRK successfully launched the reconnaissance satellite *Malligyong-1* carried by a new-type launch vehicle *Chollima-1* at the Sohae Satellite Launching Ground, Cholsan County, North Phyongan Province, at 22:42:28 on November 21, Juche 112 (2023).

The new-type launch vehicle *Chollima-1* flew along the preset trajectory and succeeded in putting the reconnaissance satellite *Malligyong-1* into orbit at 22:54:13, 705 seconds after blast-off.

Successful launch of the
reconnaissance satellite
Malligyong-1









Kim Jong Un visits the Pyongyang General Control Centre under the National Aerospace Technology Administration on November 22, Juche 112 (2023)



Kim Jong Un visits the Pyongyang General Control Centre under the National Aerospace Technology Administration on November 24, Juche 112 (2023), to learn about the preparations for the operation of the reconnaissance satellite



Kim Jong Un visits the Air Force Command of the KPA and
a flight group of the First Wing of the KPA Air Force on the occasion
of the Day of Airmen on November 30, Juche 112 (2023)







Kim Jong Un sees the launching drill of ICBM *Hwasongpho-18* in December Juche 112 (2023)

Due to the confrontational manoeuvres of the United States and its puppet ROK military gangsters, the territory of the DPRK and its boundary areas were exposed to a grave danger and its security interests were extremely violated. This situation urgently required that the DPRK switch over to a changed action, a more offensive counteraction.

According to a resolution of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, the launching drill of ICBM *Hwasongpho-18* was conducted as an important military action to show the enemy the DPRK strategic nuclear forces' will for an overwhelming counteraction and their matchless strength.

Demonstration of the DPRK strategic forces' harder-line approach for retaliation and their absolute strength







The ICBM travelled up to a peak height of 6 518.2km and flew a distance of 1 002.3km for 4 415 seconds, before accurately landing on the preset area in the open waters of the East Sea of Korea.



Large-scale Political and Military Festivals Demonstrating the Country's Strength and Prestige

In 2023 celebrations took place one after another in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, demonstrating the country's rapidly-increasing strength.

The military parades and other events held in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the KPA, the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and the 75th anniversary of the DPRK, were grand political and military festivals that demonstrated to the world the Korean people's single-hearted unity, the national strength unique to the country.

The military parades, held to mark the 75th anniversary of the KPA and the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, vividly showed how the DPRK's armed forces developed under Kim Jong Un's wise leadership.

The parade columns and the new, latest military hardware of various kinds showcased the rapid development and modernity of the DPRK's armed forces.



Kim Jong Un has a photo session with the delegates
to the Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union
on January 1, Juche 112 (2023)





Military parade

held on February 8, Juche 112 (2023),
to mark the 75th anniversary
of the KPA













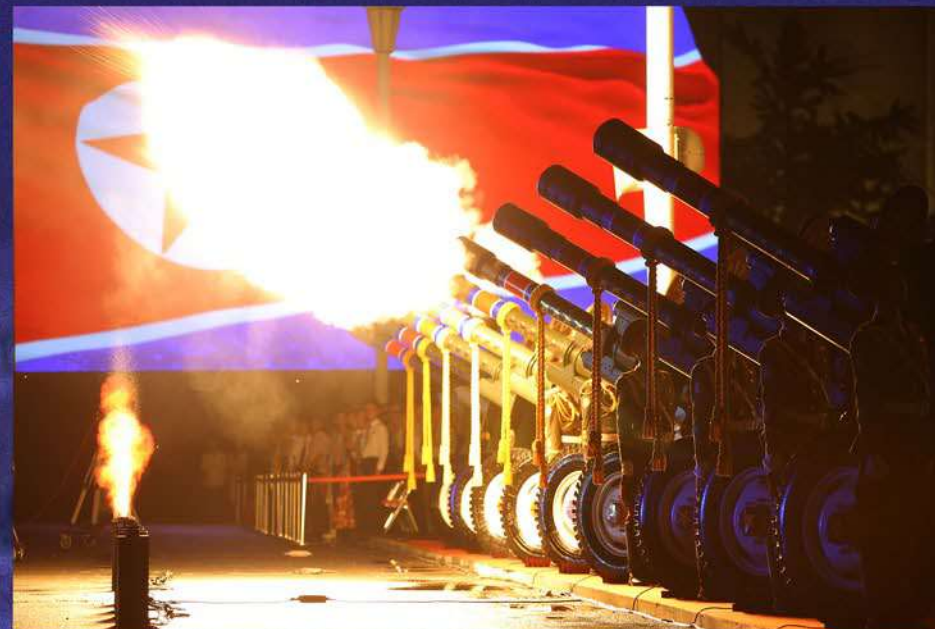






**Military parade held on July 27, Juche 112 (2023),
to mark the 70th anniversary of the great victory
in the Fatherland Liberation War**





























Kim Jong Un visits the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on July 25, Juche 112 (2023), on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War



Kim Jong Un visits the cemetery
of martyrs of the Chinese People's
Volunteers in July Juche 112 (2023)
on the occasion of the 70th anniversary
of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War



Kim Jong Un attends the national meeting held on July 27, Juche 112 (2023), to mark the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War

A national meeting was held in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, on July 27, Juche 112 (2023) to mark the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.

Following a speech by a Korean official, Sergei Shoigu, defence minister of the Russian Federation, read a congratulatory message sent by Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, to the participants in the meeting for celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Korean people's victory in the Fatherland Liberation War on the occasion of V-day.

And then conveyed was a congratulatory message from the Central Committee of the WPK to the officers and men of the KPA and all other Korean people, who had made an imperishable contribution to glorifying the tradition of victory of heroic Korea.







Kim Jong Un, together with Pyongyang-visiting envoys of friendship, enjoys the gala performance on July 27, Juche 112 (2023), held in celebration of the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War



The gala performance celebrating the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War began at 00:00 on July 27, Juche 112 (2023).

The party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China and the military delegation of the Russian Federation were invited to the performance.

Prior to enjoying the performance, Kim Jong Un had a warm and friendly talk with Li Hongzhong, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the PRC who was on a visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the great war victory.

Li Hongzhong conveyed a personal letter sent by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and president of the PRC, to Kim Jong Un, on the occasion of V-day.

Kim Jong Un expressed his gratitude for this and asked Li Hongzhong to convey his sincere thanks to Xi Jinping.



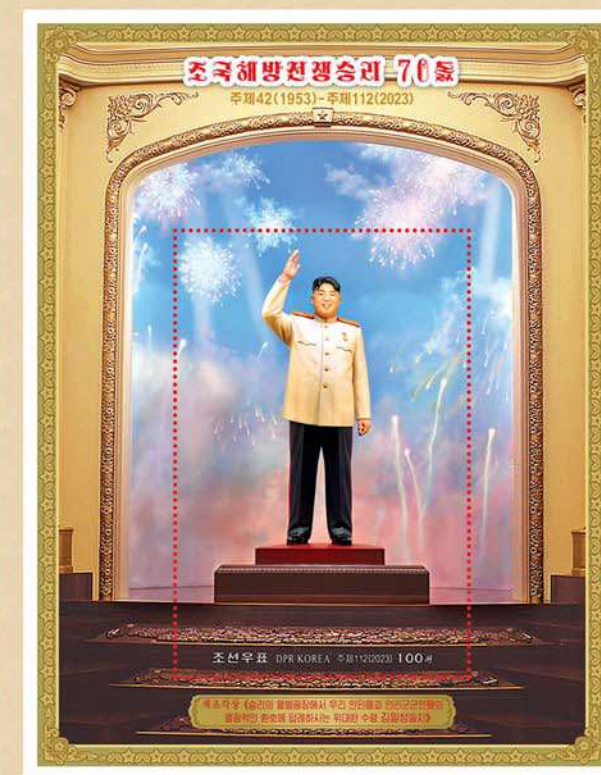
In Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Great Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War



70th Anniversary of Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War Medal was struck.

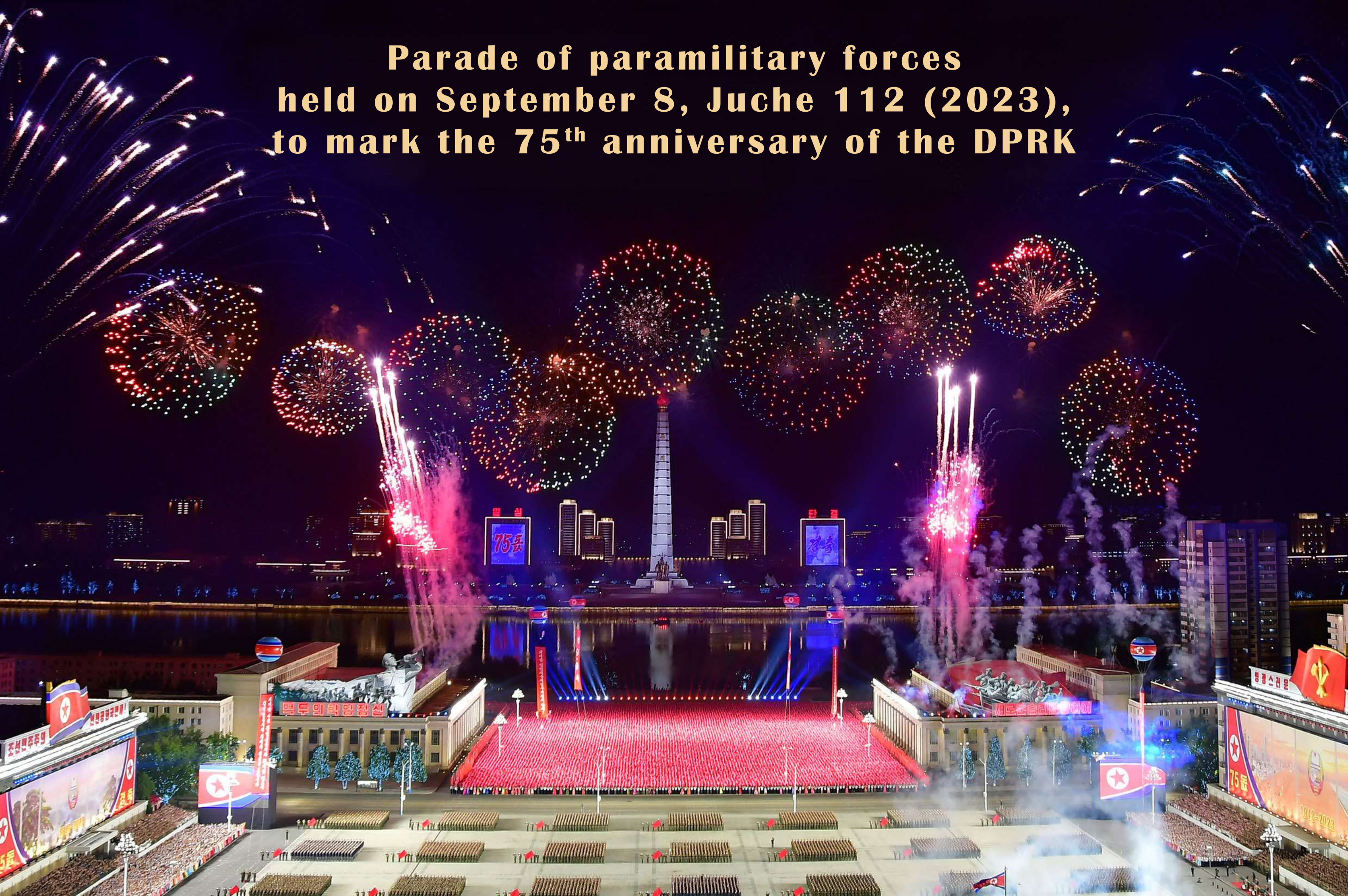


Gold and silver coins 70th Anniversary of Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War were minted.



Stamps and postcards were issued.

**Parade of paramilitary forces
held on September 8, Juche 112 (2023),
to mark the 75th anniversary of the DPRK**













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Kim Jong Un attends the national meeting held on September 8, Juche 112 (2023),
to mark the 75th anniversary of the DPRK





Torchlit procession of young vanguard held on September 8, Juche 112 (2023), to mark the 75th anniversary of the DPRK



Gala performance staged on September 9,
Juche 112 (2023) to mark the 75th anniversary
of the DPRK



Kim Jong Un attends the Fifth National Conference of Mothers on December 3-4, Juche 112 (2023)









For Anti-imperialist Independence and the Development of Friendly Relations

In 2023 Kim Jong Un energetically conducted external activities including a visit to the Russian Federation.

In September 2023 Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, paid an official goodwill visit to the Russian Federation. In the talks with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, he expressed his will to, together with Putin, work out a far-reaching plan for the DPRK-Russia relations in the new era, stable and future-oriented, dynamically promote the powerful nation-building cause in the two countries and realize genuine international justice according to the plan.

He met goodwill missions—a military delegation of the Russian Federation led by its defence minister, Chinese party and government delegations and

the foreign minister of the Russian Federation—on their visits to the DPRK, and expressed his stand to cope with the complicated international situation on his own initiative and steadily develop friendship and comradely cooperation onto a new high through close strategic and tactical collaboration with these countries.

His external activities constituted important events for further developing the DPRK's relations with the anti-imperialist, independent countries opposed to the strategy of hegemony by the United States and the West in the ever-changing international situation and for waging a dynamic anti-imperialist joint action and struggle on an international scale.





Kim Jong Un visited the Russian Federation on September 12-17, Juche 112 (2023)

His Russia visit marked an epochal occasion that set up a new milestone for strengthening and developing the DPRK-Russia relationship.

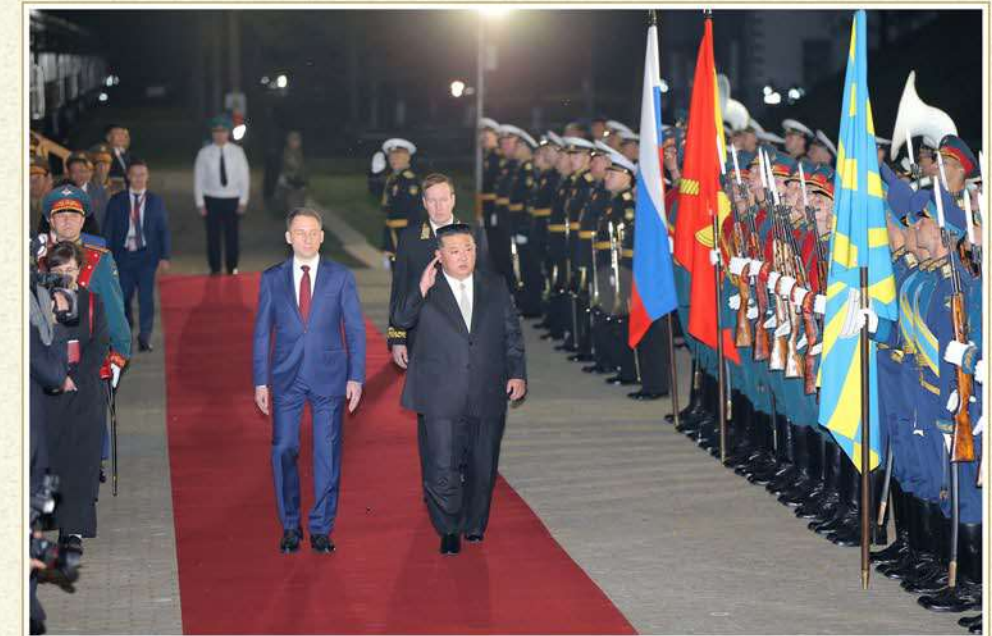
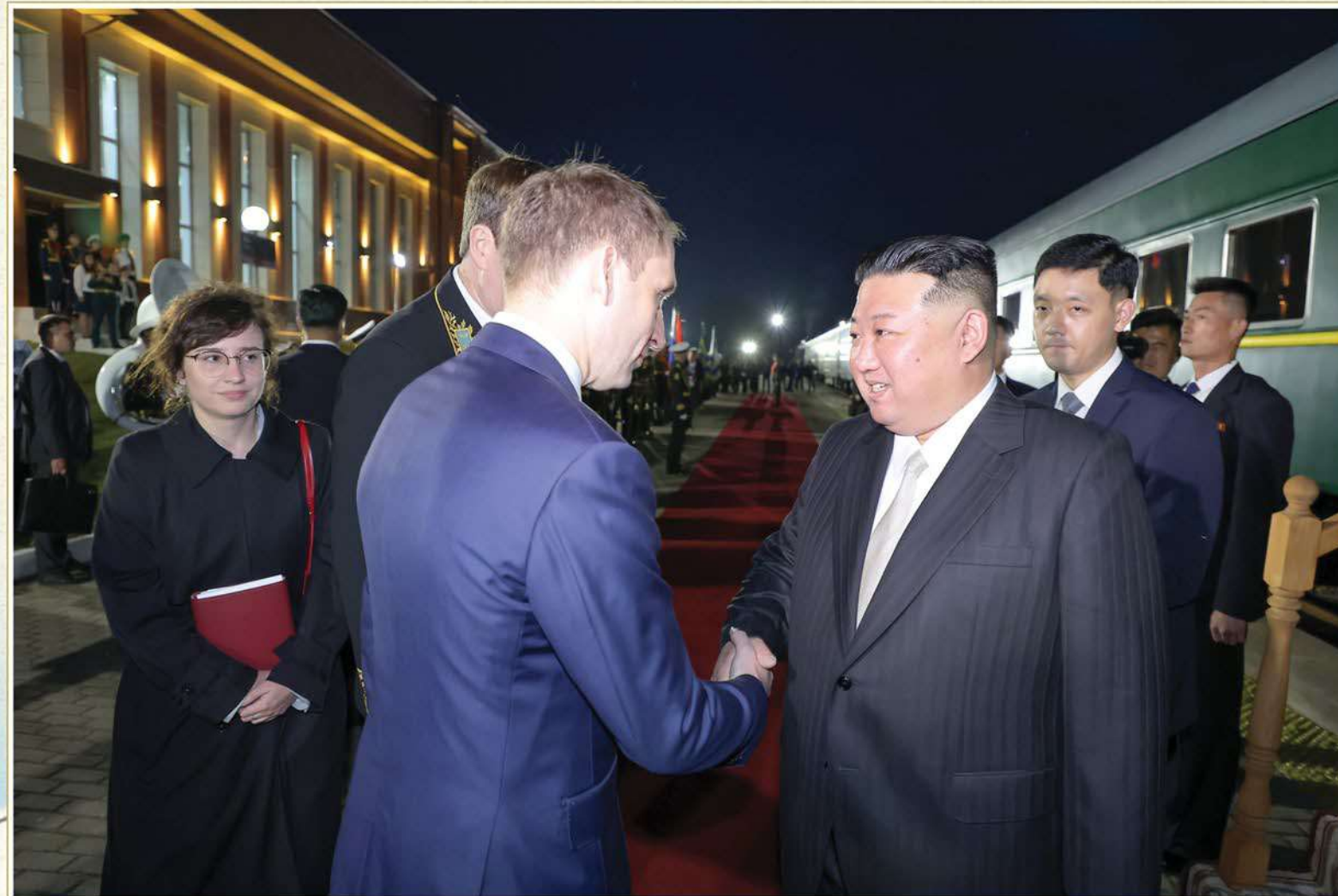
Kim Jong Un met Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, at the Vostochny Spaceport in Amur Province in the Russian Far East. The top leaders of the two countries exchanged in-depth views on the remarkable successes and experience of constructive cooperation gained in all the political, economic, military and cultural fields for attaining their strategic goal of building powerful states and the orientation of future development for national prosperity and well-being of the peoples of the two countries.

They had a candid discussion on the important issues and immediate matters for cooperation arising in jointly defending the sovereignty and development interests of the two countries, the regional and global peace and security and international justice, while ensuring closer strategic and tactical collaboration between the two countries and extending strong support to and solidarity with each other on the common front for frustrating the imperialists' military threats, provocations and high-handed and arbitrary practices designed to plunder independence, progress and peaceful life of mankind, and reached a satisfactory agreement and consensus of views.

Kim Jong Un leaves Pyongyang on September 10,
Juche 112 (2023), to visit the Russian Federation



Kim Jong Un arrives at the border railway station in Khasan in the Russian Federation on September 12, Juche 112 (2023)



Kim Jong Un has a historic meeting with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin
at the Vostochny Spaceport on September 13, Juche 112 (2023)





Kim Jong Un looks round the Vostochny Spaceport.



Kim Jong Un talks with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.





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Kim Jong Un attends a banquet arranged by Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin.







Kim Jong Un visits the Komsomolsk-on-Amur Yuri Gagarin Aviation Plant on September 15, Juche 112 (2023)













Kim Jong Un visits Vladivostok of the Russian Federation on September 16-17, Juche 112 (2023)





Kim Jong Un visits the Knevichi Airbase.

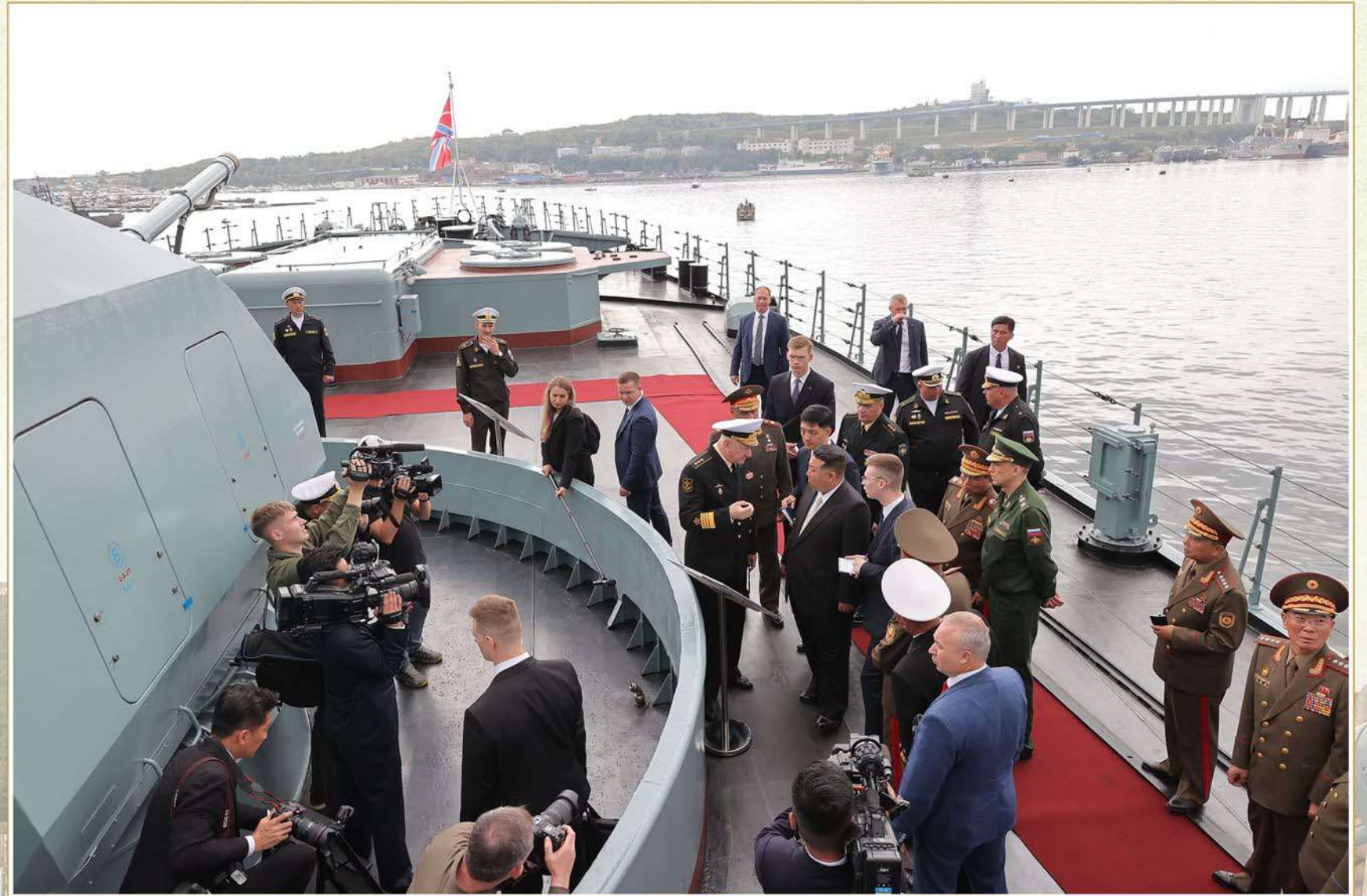




Kim Jong Un visits the base of the Pacific Fleet.









**Kim Jong Un enjoys ballet *Sleeping Beauty*
at the Maritime Territory Branch of the Mariinsky Theatre.**



Kim Jong Un looks round Far Eastern Federal University.





Kim Jong Un visits the Maritime Territorial Aquarium.





Alexandr Kozlov, minister of natural resources and ecology of Russia, and Oleg Kozhemyako, governor of the Maritime Territory Administration, host a reception in welcome of Kim Jong Un's visit to Vladivostok.



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Kim Jong Un visits the Arnika Bio-Feed Mill.





Kim Jong Un concludes his visit to the Russian Federation and returns home.





Kim Jong Un meets the Russian defence minister
on July 26, Juche 112 (2023)



Kim Jong Un looks round with Sergei Shoigu, defence minister of the Russian Federation, the weaponry exhibition on July 26, Juche 112 (2023), held in celebration of the 70th anniversary of victory in the Fatherland Liberation War.





Kim Jong Un meets Sergei Shoigu at the headquarters building of the WPK Central Committee on July 27, Juche 112 (2023), after inviting the guest there and has a luncheon with him







Kim Jong Un hosts a reception
for the military delegation of
the Russian Federation led by
Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu
on July 27, Juche 112 (2023)

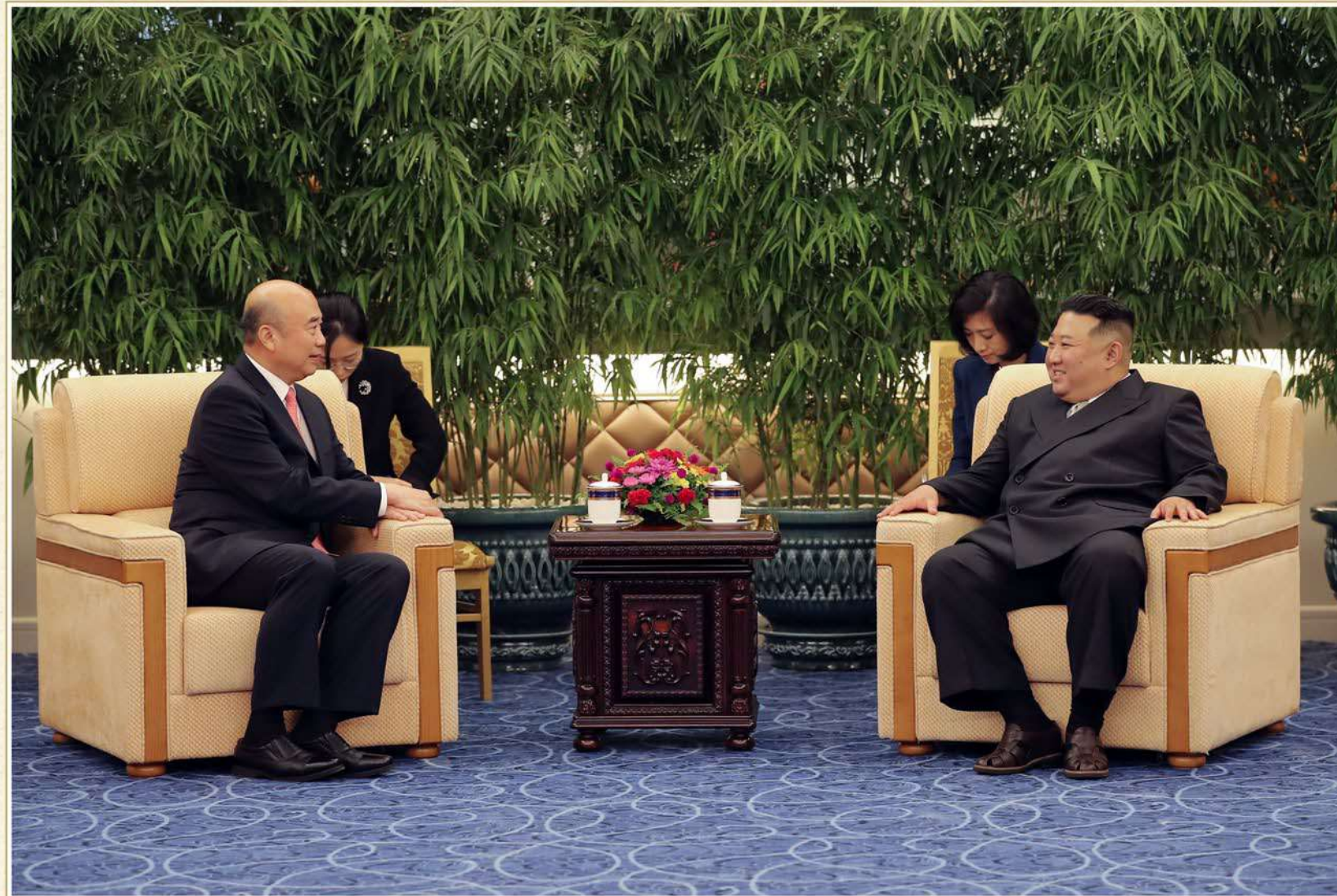


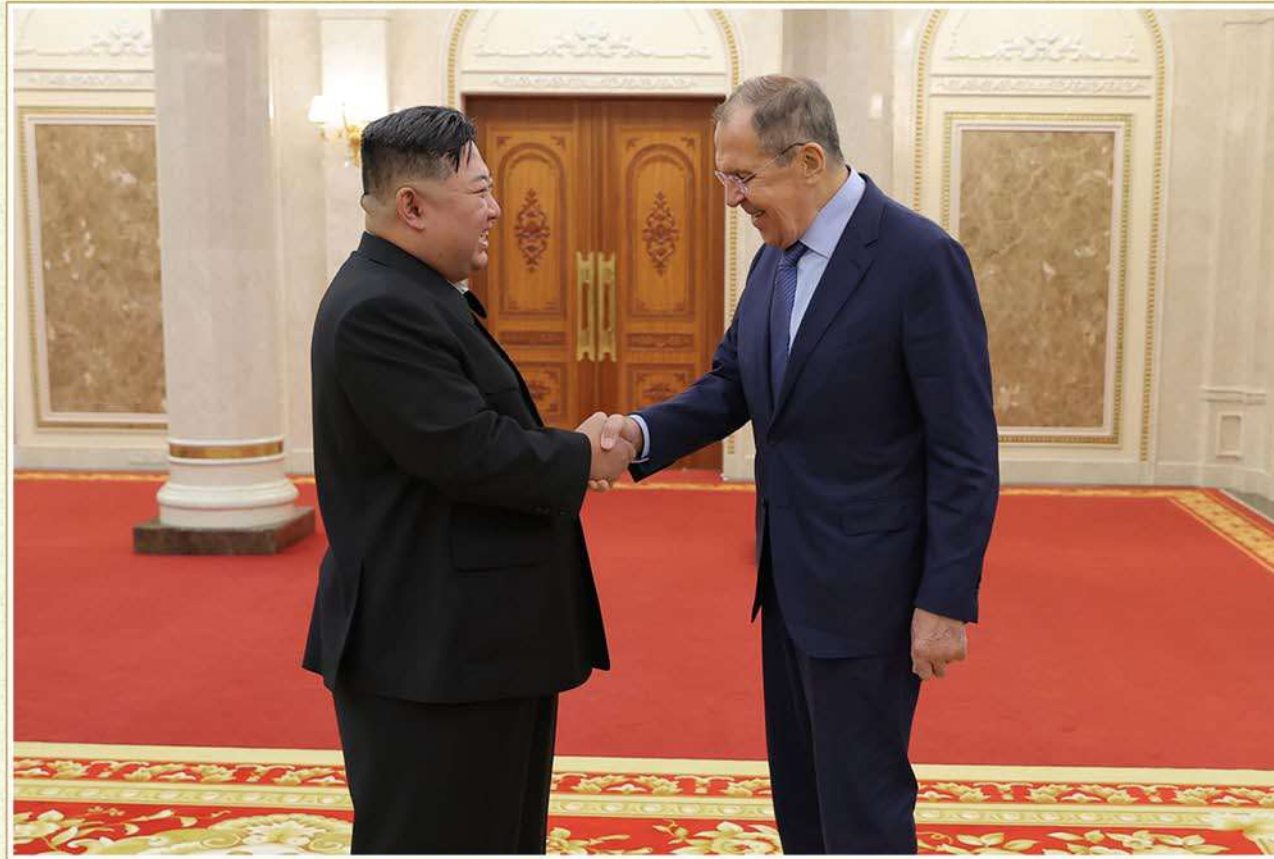
Kim Jong Un meets members of the Chinese party and government delegation
and hosts a reception for them on July 28, Juche 112 (2023)





Kim Jong Un meets members of the Chinese party and government delegation on September 8, Juche 112 (2023)





Kim Jong Un meets the foreign minister of the Russian Federation on October 19, Juche 112 (2023).





Advancing Towards a Fresh Victory on the Strength of Unity Based on Patriotism

Enlarged meeting of the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee
of the WPK held on December 26-30, Juche 112 (2023)

The enlarged meeting took place in the headquarters building of the Central Committee of the WPK from December 26 to 30, Juche 112 (2023) to proudly review the victory the Party and the people had achieved in 2023 through their united struggle and to map out the orientation and policies for the development of the Party and state work for the new year.

The meeting pointed out that epochal successes were achieved in Juche 112 (2023) in providing favourable conditions and a solid springboard for further accelerating the future advance in all aspects of socialist construction and the strengthening of the national power.

It also indicated tasks for Juche 113 (2024) in the effort to attain the struggle targets set by the Eighth Congress of the WPK by further promoting the offensive spirit on all fronts of socialist construction.

Noting the need to launch a more dynamic struggle to attain the goals set by the Eighth Party Congress in unity based on patriotism, Kim Jong Un said:

We should carry forward to 2024 the glory we won in 2023 by achieving unprecedented, valuable victory and successes with redoubled courage and vigour, full of confidence in our strength and our cause, together with the great people.





The meeting put on the agenda such items as *On the review of execution of the Party and state policies for 2023 and the orientation of struggle for 2024* and *On increasing the sense of responsibility in implementing the socialist policy for schoolchildren*, and unanimously approved them.

In his report on the first agenda item, titled, *On the Review of Execution of the Party and State Policies for 2023*, Kim Jong Un reviewed the proud successes achieved in the struggle in 2023, and said that, in total, 2023 was a year of great changes and transformations both in name and reality, when the DPRK left a great footprint in the glorious course of its development in the efforts to improve its national power and enhance its prestige.





In his concluding speech on the first agenda item, titled, *On the Orientation of Struggle for 2024*, Kim Jong Un indicated the orientation of the future struggle.

In his report on the second agenda item, he stressed that the work for schoolchildren is a political undertaking to guarantee the rosy future of the country before it is an economic and practical undertaking, and that the children's bright laugh is just a symbol of the socialist system and the image of Korean-style socialism. He then earnestly requested all officials to further enhance their sense of responsibility and role in the important revolutionary work, to which the Party devotes everything while sparing nothing, by remaining true to the essential character and the sacred duty appropriate to a genuine revolutionary.





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Kim Jong Un arranges a dinner for members of the central leadership body of the WPK
on December 31, Juche 112 (2023), in appreciation of their hard work



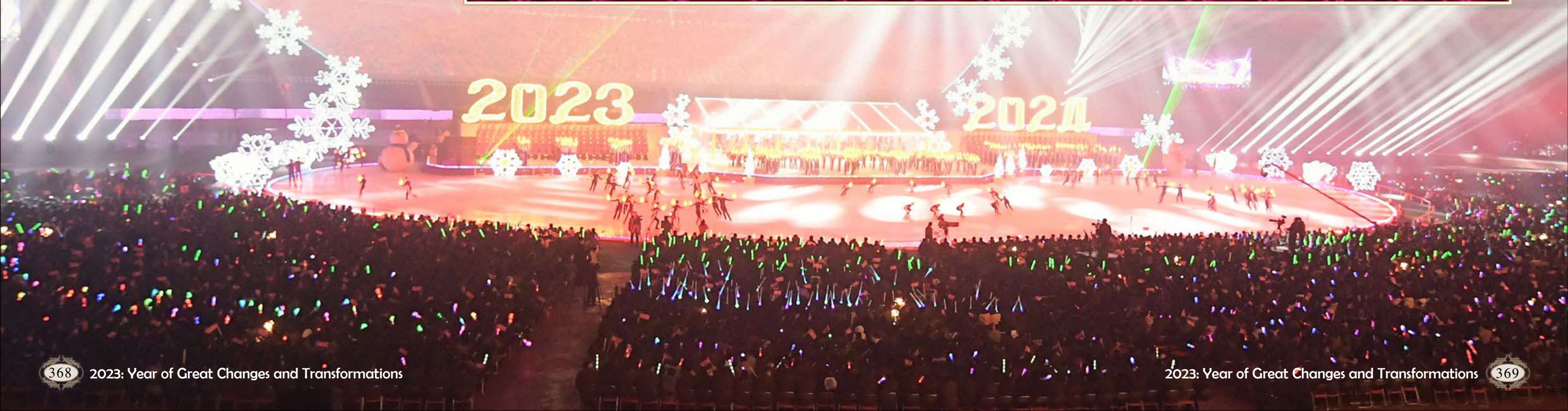
Kim Jong Un has a photograph taken with members
of the central leadership body of the WPK



Kim Jong Un gives a pep talk to major commanding officers of the Korean People's Army on December 31, Juche 112 (2023)



Kim Jong Un sees a gala performance on December 31, Juche 112 (2023), staged greeting the New Year 2024











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