

Staple Food in Public Favour



The staple foods from the Taedonggang Kumok Instant Rice Factory under the Korea Chongryu Economy and Technology Company are popular with the customers for their unique and savoury taste.

The factory uses not only rice and corn which were the main raw materials in the past but also mung beans, adzuki, millet and other cereals to make staple foods.

A resident in Taedonggang District, Pyongyang, said that when the rice processed at the factory is boiled, it has a very special taste and that she often buys it as she cannot forget its savoury flavour.

These staple foods enjoy popularity as they are functional foods made with cereals produced by organic farming methods and natural materials.

The factory mixes strictly selected flours and natural materials without using any additive or pigment, and then processes the mixtures through extrusion moulding and microwave drying and sterilizing. This makes sure that the foods are quite

digestible without losing their original taste, aroma, colour and nutritive substances.

The foods also produce high pharmacological effects as they contain plenty of various vitamins and essential nutrient elements.

According to the dieticians, eating these processed products as staple foods can help prevent beriberi, pellagra, nephritis and goiter, and is especially effective in treating diabetes, senile arteriosclerosis, obesity and fatty liver.

Kang Chol Su, director of the company, said, “We are going to introduce both traditional methods and modern science and technology in the production of foods so that people can enjoy natural pleasant tastes while eating them.”





Chongjin Economic Development Zone

Location: Chongjin City, North Hamgyong Province

Area: 5. 4km²

Types of Business: Manufacturing of processed metal products, machinery, building materials and electronics, transit transport and foreign trade

The Chongjin Economic Development Zone covers an area of 5.4 square kilometres, namely parts of Wolpho-ri, Namsok-ri and Susong-dong of Songphyong District, Chongjin.

The zone specializes in the manufacturing of processed metal products, machinery, building materials, electronics, light industry goods and exports processing, and it is planned to build an economic development zone by combining international freight transit transport through the port of Chongjin.

Secondary and tertiary metal processing bases are planned to be built to use the metal products of the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex in the Namsok-ri area. And those for manufacturing machinery, electronic equipment, building materials and light industry goods and export processing are to be built in the EDZ. They will focus on the production and bonded processing of hydraulic machines, precision machines, robots, vehicles and rolling stock.

The EDZ is scheduled to develop freight transit transport, bonded processing and trade with China and other neighbouring countries by renovating and expanding the port of Chongjin, and raise the proportion of technology-intensive processing industry by relying on the rich labour, scientific and technical resources in and around the zone.

And in the future, it is planned to expand and develop into a comprehensive EDZ combined with a high-tech development district and a modern commercial service district.