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At a time when the long-standing relations of friendship between the DPRK and Russia are continuously developing onto a higher stage, we mark the 20th anniversary of the historic visit by the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** to the far eastern region of the Russian Federation.

In August 2001, the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** paid the first official visit to the Russian Federation and in August 2002, he visited the far eastern region of the Russian Federation and opened broad prospect for radically developing the traditional DPRK-Russia relations of friendship in line with the requirements of the new century.

During the visit, he looked around Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Khabarovsk and Vladivostok, the major cities of the far eastern region, and had a significant meeting with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin in Vladivostok.

On his trip that took as long as 2 800km, he visited several places such as the Gagarin Komsomolsk-on-Amur Aircraft Complex, Amur Shipyard, chemo-pharmaceutical factory, the Russian Orthodox Church, Vlad Khleb Bakery, a warship of the Pacific Sea Fleet Admiral Panzeleev. Through this visit, he acquainted himself with the socio-economic development in the far eastern region as well as the ideological sentiments and custom of the Russian people. He also conducted energetic external activities to develop and expand the bilateral cooperation with the far eastern region.

The historic visit to the far eastern region by the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** unfolded a new chapter in the DPRK-Russia relations and realized great economic cooperation plans including the modernization of Rajin-Khasan railway and Rajin Port.

Thereafter, the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** paid great attention to the DPRK-Russia relations and in 2011, the last year of his life, visited the Russian Federation again and reinforced the bond of friendship between the DPRK and Russia.

Exploits performed by the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** in developing the DPRK-Russia friendship are brilliantly recorded on the chronicle of the DPRK-Russia friendship.

Today, the DPRK-Russia relations have entered a new stage of development thanks to Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, President of the State Affairs of the DPRK who is carrying on the will of the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il**.

In April 2019, respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** visited Vladivostok, where the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** left his sacred traces. There, he had the first meeting with President Putin, and reached a precious agreement to open up a new heyday in developing the DPRK-Russia relations and to strengthen strategic and tactical cooperation between the two countries.

According to the agreement reached at the historic Vladivostok summit meeting, our two countries are now enhancing the strategic and tactical cooperation and support and solidarity on the road to safeguard the country's sovereignty and security, and global peace and to establish the international justice.

It is the consistent position of the government of our Republic to comprehensively develop the traditional relations of friendship between the DPRK and Russia. The history of the DPRK-Russia friendship will go down forever century after century.

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Demonstration of United Strength

The Cuban Party and government are exerting active efforts to minimize the damage caused by conflagration accident and restore the economic stability.

As it was reported, at the beginning of August, an oil tank located in Matanzas, Cuba had a conflagration caused by lightning strike. With this unprecedented accident, several people have lost their lives and many were wounded.

Immediately after the accident, President Miguel Diaz-Canel, Prime Minister and other leading officials of the Party and government kept their presence at the scene around the clock and guided the extinguishing work during the day and night, consoling the injured people and the families of victims, and evacuating people to safety places. In the meantime, they took all possible measures in time to stabilize the people's living. These include rational setting of the time for supply and stoppage of electric power on the principle of keeping balance between urban and rural power consumption.

And Cuba has achieved successes in confining the spread of fire and stopping the leakage of oil in the shortest period of time as they mobilized all manpower, equipment and technical forces of ministries, national organs, armed force and special units and sought humanitarian assistance from friendly countries that have advanced technology, modern equipment and rich experience.

These successes, the testimony to the unity of Cuba, are the great fruits of the correct guidance of the Party and the government of Cuba, the indomitable struggle of the Cuban people and the international support to and solidarity with Cuba.

The conflagration accident in Cuba served as an occasion of laying bare the true nature of the hostile forces who create the socio-political instability in Cuba by spreading at every possible opportunity the dishonest public opinions and rumors that viciously slander this country.

The impure forces at home and abroad defamed Cuba as a "failed state" and a "country in crisis", ascribing this natural calamity to the "wrong policy" of the Cuban government. On the other hand, they attempted in every way

possible to stir up people's dissatisfaction against the government by posting false data on SNS including the one that Cuban government refused the proposal of the U.S. administration to dispatch the fireboat.

The forces against Cuba resort to dirty plots and moves. They talk loudly about "humanitarian aid" and "assistance" in front, but they tarnish the image of Cuba behind the scene. But such crafty maneuvers have come to no effect before the scientific and logical ideological campaign of the Cuban government as well as by its information campaign and strict countermeasures, and could not stop, even for a moment, the struggle of the Cuban people who are united firmly behind the Communist Party and revolution without any slightest vacillation before the great natural disaster unprecedented in the history of Cuba and serious economic difficulties.

We resolutely oppose and reject the plots of the hostile forces who fabricate the reality of Cuba and obstruct its socialist construction. And we will constantly support and encourage the Cuban people in their struggle to clear the aftereffects of the damage and consolidate the foundations of their wonderful life.

Song Se Il

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Failed Trip of American Politicians to Africa

Recently, the U.S. State Secretary, Administrator of the U.S. Agency of International Development and the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations took a trip to Africa one after another.

Coinciding with this, the U.S. has announced its new policy towards Africa, the core of which is to get other powers out of Africa and drag the countries in the region into realization of its hegemonic and dominant global strategy.

This time, the U.S. clamored to readjust its relations with African countries to “partnership on an equal footing”. For this, it has employed both the means of enticement and pressure to restore its waning clout in the region. But all this has ended in failure.

At the meeting with the U.S. State Secretary, President of South Africa made it clear that he would not blame Russia for the Ukrainian situation and would remain neutral.

When the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. asked the Ugandan President to stand against Russia, the President refuted to his face saying that Uganda has been a friend of Russia for nearly a century and that the U.S. should not drag African countries into sanctions against Russia in the wake of the war which Africa does not get involved in.

Presidents of Egypt and Congo also expressed their stands on continuous development of relations with Russia.

It is a manifestation of independent and sovereign external policy of African countries. And the U.S. deserves this treatment as it indulges in undisguised interference in others’ internal affairs, being obsessed with sense of hegemony to the bone.

The outcome of the recent trips of the U.S. senior politicians to Africa clearly proved that African countries are maintaining independence in their external policy as they are well aware of the true nature of the U.S. dominationism and hegemonism.

The U.S. policy towards Africa, predominantly self-centered and arrogant, would be doomed to failure.

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Incurable Ills of Human Rights Violation

The Home Office of the United Kingdom has recently announced that, during the second quarter of this year, the number of the victims of contemporary forms of slavery such as human trafficking and forced labor reached 4 171 in the country, breaking the all-time record.

It is said to be an enormous number as it is more than 1.5 times high against the last year's record of 2 727, the highest in history at that time.

Human rights organizations express serious concern over the rapid increase in the number of the victims of contemporary forms of slavery and strongly demand that the government take immediate measures.

This is not all.

The British Court of Appeal, after hearing a drug trafficking case of two Vietnamese boys in the U.K., gave a unilateral sentence without taking into account the possibility that the boys might have been victims of child trafficking. With regard to this, the European Court of Human Rights issued in February last year a written order to the British Court of Appeal to pay £22 000 per person in compensation for human rights violation.

Meanwhile, the British newspaper "The Guardian" exposed the fact that Ukrainians are forced into "contemporary slave labor" in British farms as they work their fingers to the bone under threats and humiliation without receiving any medical services.

It is none other than the U.K. that shamelessly launched a killing competition tempting soldiers from the special unit of "paratroops" to kill not only the prisoners of war but also innocent citizens in a merciless way during their stationing in Afghanistan.

At this very moment, hundreds of young people are subjected to body-search in the nude by policemen; criminals are cruelly tortured in solitary confinement; London's public transportation is turned into a "hotbed of harassing" women; and all other kinds of human rights violations are taking place one after another in the U.K. causing anxiety among people.

It is extremely hypocritical of the U.K. to pretend to be a "country of advanced human rights" and find fault with the human rights situation in

other countries, far from dealing with the dismal human rights violation crimes rampant in its own country in a proper way.

The U.K. would be well-advised to examine the dismal record of human rights violation piling up in its own country before blaming and admonishing the others without any reason.

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