

# On the World Maritime Day 2019

On September 26 Juche 108 (2019), the National Maritime Presentations under the theme of *Empowering Women in the Maritime Community* were held in Pyongyang sponsored by the Maritime Administration of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (MA).

Present were maritime officials from several agencies. The Presentations were commenced by the opening speech of Kim Yong Gil, Director of the External Affairs Division of MA. Extending warm congratulations to the maritime women on their considerable contributions to the implementation of the national maritime policy, he spoke highly of the notable successes in the recent efforts to achieve and improve the women occupation in the maritime sector. He hoped that all the maritime women will also keep going in the next year's campaign to fulfil the *National 5-year Maritime Strategy*.

Preceded were presentations given by female officials from MA and women researchers from the Korea Classification Society and the Korea Marine Environmental Protection Centre. They briefed the audience on the meetings of the *Women in Maritime Asia* held in 2015, 2017 and 2019 where they had attended. In particular, the presentation about the Malaysia Meeting which was held in April this year attracted the greatest attention of the audience. The presenter stated that she had shared with the Malaysia Meeting participants the valuable experiences and achievements of the developing States in their projects to improve maritime women's role with their right respected. Further she gave detailed introductions about the global trend of maritime technical training and cooperation as well as the developing States' common concerns thereof.

The Presentations, noting that the women empowerment constitutes one of the hot topics in the global maritime forums, witnessed the heated discussions about the appropriate actions to be taken to make the maritime successes of the DPR Korea widely known across the world while acquiring other countries' valuable experiences so as to promote the *Women in Maritime Korea*.