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HEADLINE: Hydroelectric power station launched in North Korea

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A hydroelectric power station was launched in a festive ceremony on Thursday in the Hangyong-Namdo province in North Korea's northeast.

The commissioning of the hydroelectric power station has made it possible to normalize energy supply to local plants and residential areas, supply them with drinking water as well as supply enough water for irrigation, the Korean Central News Agency of DPRK reported on Thursday.

A message by North Korean leader Kim Jong Il to the constructors of the power station was read out at the ceremony. The president thanked them for work done in just a few years. He also gave high marks to efforts of young people participating in the construction, stressing that they had proved "there is nothing impossible in the world".

The commissioning of the hydroelectric power plant comes within the framework of the ruling Workers' Party course aimed at solving a long-standing energy crisis. As the country is rich in rivers and mountains, it was decided to build small and medium-size hydroelectric power stations, which can supply local settlements with electricity. However, major hydroelectric power stations are also built in the republic.

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