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WPK's 75th anniv celebrated

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un delivers speech at military parade on WPK's 75th birthday

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the DPRK, delivered a speech at the military parade held in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the WPK. The following is the full text of the speech:

All the people of the country including the service personnel of the People's Army, who are greeting the auspicious October holiday,

Officers and men of the Public Security Forces and members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and Young Red Guards,

Delegates to the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea and Pyongyang citizens,

Officers and men of the units participating in the military parade held in celebration of the glorious October holiday,

Dear comrades,

The founding anniversary of our glorious Party has come.

The night of great glory has come.

At last on this glorious night we are greeting the Party's founding anniversary of this year, which was beset with unprecedented difficulties; I don't know why, but this fact alone moves me too much.

Greeting the 75th founding anniversary of our great Party, I, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, extend heartfelt congratulations to all those who have glorified this October holiday with great honour and pride.

I extend warm thanks and congratulations to all our people.

Comrades,

On this night of the great holiday, the streets in the capital city and this square are so splendid and seethe with pleasure and pride, but we must not forget that this glorious moment of today is being defended by the many Party members, workers and service personnel of our revolutionary armed forces who are performing unassuming efforts and devotion across the country.

How many people have made devoted efforts overcoming harsh circumstances this year so as to bring about and defend this glorious moment of today!



How many challenges have we overcome to come as far as here!

In particular, our service personnel performed devotion on the anti-epidemic front and the front of removing the aftereffects of natural disasters which we had to face this year unexpectedly. No one would approach their patriotic and heroic devotion without shedding tears of gratitude.

They would say that defending their country, people and revolution is a task inherent to the People's Army, but the pains they have taken are too great.

They have undertaken to perform too many tasks and have taken too great pains.

This is why I feel deep regret for them, and I feel pain in my heart as they are not all here at this glorious night with us.

At this very moment, many of our service personnel are courageously striving on the anti-epidemic front and at the rehabilitation project sites far away from this glorious Kim Il Sung Square in defence of the security of the state and safety of

the people.

Our army is performing its mission as a motive force of national defence with such credit in the face of unforeseen challenges posed by the epidemic and the forces of nature, as well as the military threats by the hostile forces.

I extend the highest tribute to their ardent loyal and filial devotion to our state and people and warm thanks to all the service personnel.

I also offer my militant encouragement and thanks to my most dependable combatants of the divisions of the WPK members from the capital city, our hardcore force. They are patriots who deserve to be present here, but they volunteered, after completing their tasks in rehabilitation projects, to other disaster areas instead of returning to Pyongyang where there are their dear homes.

My militant greetings and thanks go also to other working people across the country.

I hope that only happiness and joy will come to the families that have settled down in new villages and homes after getting rid of the aftereffects of the natural calamities, and to other families across the country.

I hope that our children's happy dreams will come true all the time.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I offer my heartfelt consolation to all

those around the world who are still combating the disease caused by the malignant virus, and do pray from the bottom of my heart that health, happiness and laughter of all people would be guaranteed.

I also send this warm wish of mine to our dear fellow countrymen in the south, and hope that this health crisis would come to an end as early as possible and the day would come when the north and south take each other's hand again.

Comrades,

We all have gathered on this October celebration square with valuable successes and fruits of labour, which we have achieved with all our effort.

It was not so easy for us to come as far as here.

We had to fight one arduous struggle after another and overcome countless ordeals.

Although the 75-year history of our Party was fraught with difficulties, every day and every step was truly arduous and trying from the outset of this

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year in particular as unexpected grave challenges and obstacles cropped up.

We have come to this meaningful place with the pride and honour of having braved them all.

This gathering, which the world people would admire, demonstrates that we have overcome all the calamities that troubled us and blocked our way and that we have attained with success our justifiable fighting goals.

Dear comrades,

Today we are greeting the 75th founding anniversary of our Party on a grand scale.

No other country in the world would celebrate a party's founding anniversary as a happy holiday and grand auspicious event of all its people as our country does.

As I stand here tonight, which is emotive and delightful and brims over with the great joy of all our people, I am afraid that I don't know what to say first to them.

I thought over what I would say first at this moment, when we will be looking back upon every page of our Party's 75-year history filled with glory, but my heartfelt, sincere word for our people is only one, *thanks*.

First of all, I thank them for being healthy free from disease.

I wanted to say this without fail.

I thank them for their good health without any one of them having fallen victim to the malignant virus.

The fact that we have defended all our people from the harmful epidemic disease sweeping the whole world can be said to be a natural duty and success of our Party. However, I am moved by this success, and as I see their healthy appearance, I can find no word other than thanks.

Today's victory that is striking the world with admiration is a great victory achieved by our people themselves.

For our Party, the life of every one of our people is more precious than anything else, and their good health means the very existence of our Party, state and everything on this land.

In this world, however, there are too many unstable elements threatening and attempting to harm the priceless life of our people.

So, as a matter of fact, at the beginning of this year, I had big worries and fear owing to the onset of the world health crisis and unfavourable situations around us.

However, our people got rise to their feet with great perseverance in absolute support of and trust in the measures taken by the Party and the state, and not only safeguarded their destiny resolutely but also bravely overcame severe hardships and trials with animation.

But for such excellent people who worry and care for and protect one another and but for the socialist society, in which these people live in cooperation with a high sense of patriotism and a high level of self-consciousness, we would not have prevented the horrible catastrophe.

As all our people turned out as one in the struggle for defending their state, themselves and their children, becoming the motive force of the anti-epidemic work of their own accord, the country's anti-epidemic sector which was backward and lacking in everything could be revitalized, and anti-epidemic stability which is inconceivable to others could be maintained.

It is very grateful and encouraging for me that everybody lives in a large harmonious family although life is not affluent yet and that they are healthy without even one of them having fallen victim to the evil virus.

There are no grateful people in the world other than ours who truly understand the difficult situations facing the state and cope with them, regarding them as their household affairs.

On this planet at present, our country is the only one that is faced with huge challenges and difficulties, like dealing with the anti-epidemic emergency and recovering from the catastrophic natural disasters, when everything is in short supply owing to the harsh and prolonged sanctions.

All of these hardships are undoubtedly a heavy burden and pain for every family and every citizen in our country.

However, our people are grateful patriots who place national affairs before their family ones, share every difficulty experienced by the state with it, and firmly support their country with their sincere sweats and efforts.

That is why our Party braves all sorts of national hardships by believing in and relying on them, who always turn out as one if it unburdens itself of the situations of the country.

Our people have always been grateful to our Party, but it is none other than themselves who surely deserve a bow of gratitude.

Over the past 75 years our people have supported the Party single-heartedly and defended our sacred revolutionary cause by shedding sweat and even their blood unsparingly and unhesitatingly.

The secret of how our Party, which has followed the revolutionary road, most arduous and beset with trials, has adorned this bloody road with victory and glory is that our people have sincerely trusted and supported it and defended its cause.

No one can think about even a moment of our Party's glorious 75-year history without our great people, an omnipotent creator of history. They have always provided it with wisdom and resourcefulness as a wise mentor, infused it with inexhaustible strength and courage, defended it at the cost of their lives, supported it sincerely and turned its plans and lines into reality.

When it called on them to bring about a great upsurge, the great people responded to it with the mettle of Chollima; when it mapped out an operation for grand construction, they responded to it with the speed campaign; they thus translated the Party's decisions without fail going through fire and water. As these great people have always been with our Party, it has always been firm and able to record miracles in the annals of this land whatever the adversity.

Seeing the images of our people who have won victory for the great October holiday overcoming all manner of hardships with boundless loyal and filial devotion, indomitable fighting spirit and sincere efforts, I feel with great pride the almighty strength with which they would follow and defend the Party for another 75 years, nay, 750 years and even 7 500 years.

Comrades,

Our people have placed trust, as high as sky and as deep as sea, on me, but I have failed to always live up to it satisfactorily. I am really sorry for that.

Although I am entrusted with the important responsibility to lead this country upholding the cause of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il thanks to the trust of all the people, my efforts and sincerity have not been sufficient enough to rid our people of the difficulties in their life.

Our people, however, have always believed and absolutely trusted me, and supported my choice and determination, whatever it is.

Even if it may mean suffering more, our people's trust in me and our Party is always absolute and steadfast.

Such ardent and sincere trust and encouragement is the most valuable wealth for me, which cannot be bartered for any fame and millions of tons of gold, and the inexhaustible strength which encourages me to have no fear and know no impossibility.

As I enjoy this greatest trust which no one in this world can ever expect, I have been able to confront without hesitation all manner of challenges remembering the mission and will to make selfless,

devoted efforts for the good of the people, jump into do-or-die battles, which would lead even to a war, and uncompromisingly cope with the disasters unprecedented in history.

I will cherish it as the highest honour to have, serve and struggle for such excellent people.

I solemnly swear once again in this place that I will live up to the people's trust without fail even if my body is torn and crushed to pieces on the way of defending their great trust and that I will remain faithful to that trust.

Dear guests and other people across the country, Thank you, indeed.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to you with humble reverence along with the hearts of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

Comrades,

It is our Party's and my first and foremost mission and steadfast will to firmly defend our people, hold them in greater respect and make them lead a happy life envying nothing.

Our Party has already built up the strongest military capability of safeguarding peace, with which to firmly defend socialism, the dignity and lifeline of our people, and to make our people enjoy the benefits of prosperity generation after generation on this land, eternally free from war.

Today's ranks of military parade lined up in gallant array will clearly show how the Workers' Party of Korea has trained its revolutionary army and how powerful the army's strength is.

As everyone will clearly see today, comparing it with the military parade held in this place in celebration of the 70th founding anniversary of the WPK only five years ago, the modernity of our military forces has remarkably improved and anyone can easily guess the speed of its development.

We have a powerful large contingent of faithful and competent personnel in the sector of defence science and technology and workers in the munitions industry, who are firmly equipped with their Party's revolutionary ideology and truly serve the interests of their revolution.

Our military capability has developed and changed to such an extent that no one can make little of and keep parallel with it.

We have built a deterrent with which we can satisfactorily control and manage any military threats that we are facing or may face.

Our military capability is changing in the rate of its growth and in its quality and quantity in our own style and in accordance with our demands and our timetable.

Our Party defined the military capability with which to overpower in advance the forces that may dare to threaten or infringe on the rights to independence and existence of our state and people as the most assured and strong national defence capability. And it has made every effort to possess military forces that can achieve the purpose and is now attaining the upgraded targets steadily.

We will continue to strengthen the war deterrent, the righteous self-defence means, so as to contain and control all the dangerous attempts and intimidatory acts by the hostile forces, including their constantly growing nuclear threat.

Our war deterrent, which is intended to defend the rights to independence and existence of our state and safeguard peace in the region, will never be abused or used as a means for preemptive strike. But, if, and if, any forces infringe upon the security of our state and attempt to have recourse to military force against us, I will enlist all our most powerful offensive strength in advance to punish them.

I never want that our military strength would aim at someone else.

We clarify that our war deterrent is being developed not for aiming at others.

We are developing it in order to defend ourselves.

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Military parade marks wonderful start of WPK anniversary celebrations

A military parade began at Kim Il Sung Square at 00:00 of October 10, the 75th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The band of the State Affairs Commission and the band of the Korean People's Army entered the square and took the bandstand to play parade music.

Parade columns proudly entered the brightly-lit square, demonstrating the might of the DPRK and the regularized appearance of its armed forces.

Columns of mechanized units were on standby on the avenues leading to the square.

Air squadrons for the parade were waiting for their sorties.

A combined military band entered the square and began playing military music while changing its formation to portray the WPK emblem and such numbers and letters as "10.10.", "1945", "2020" and "Invincibility".



Kim Jong Un, chairman of the WPK, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the DPRK, arrived at the square and a solemn ceremony of receiving him was held by the honour guard of the services of the Korean People's Army.

After receiving a salute from the chief of the honour guard, the Supreme Leader reviewed it.

The outstanding Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces of the DPRK was greeted by generals of the KPA three services.

Amid the playing of the welcome music, the Supreme Leader took the

platform in the square.

He waved back to the enthusiastically cheering paraders and the audience.

Members of the Korean Children's Union presented flowers to him and leading Party, government and military officials.

The platform was taken by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the

DPRK, Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Tok

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If we don't have our own strength, the only thing we have to do is to wipe the streaming tears and blood though our fists are clenched.

Our Party, with powerful military strength, will guarantee the sovereignty of the country and reliable security of its territory and safeguard the eternal safety, peace and future of the state and people.

Comrades,

Thanks to our revolutionary armed forces equipped with the revolutionary ideology of the WPK, unbounded loyalty and filial piety to the country and people and powerful up-to-date weapons embodying the strength and soul of our people, any aggressive force will never be able to make little of our sacred country nor dare to check the advance of the Korean people.

What is left now is to ensure that our people enjoy a sufficient and civilized life to the full without suffering hardship any longer.

Our Party will invariably administer and continuously expand the advantageous policies and measures, which are aimed at improving the people's wellbeing and providing more benefits to them, and bring as earlier as possible the ideal

society of prosperity that our people are dreaming of.

Sharing destiny with the people in the face of severe trials and experiencing the united strength of our people till now, our Party has come to know well what it should do in the future.

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea will advance plans and detailed targets for doing it, and our Party's struggle for providing the people with happiness will develop onto a new stage.

The further we develop, the more rampant the reactionary forces of all hues may become, and more unexpected trials may face us. However, they will be nothing compared with what we have experienced until now and we have the strength and confidence with which to overcome them all.

The single-hearted unity of the Party and the masses of the people consolidated in the long course of the struggle and the talent force and asset for self-sustenance provided by our socialism—these will surely become a powerful force that propels and accelerates our advance.

Our Party and people, who have achieved everything that others would not have dared to attempt by surmounting all manner of immeasurable trials and hardships that others had

never experienced, will start their advance towards new development and prosperity with greater courage and confidence, unusual passion and preparedness.

I will ensure that all Party organizations, the government and power and military organs make more and more strict demands on themselves, direct strenuous efforts and work with sincerity for our people and for bringing a better tomorrow to them.

The ideal of our people is great, and the day when it is realized will surely come.

I will direct all my efforts to realizing the great ideal so as to ensure that innovations, development and substantial changes which everyone can feel are made in the struggle for attaining higher targets in socialist construction.

Comrades, we have become strong and are becoming stronger in the midst of trials.

Time is by our side.

Let us all advance vigorously towards a bright future of socialism, towards a fresh victory!

Last, I once again extend thanks to all the people for being in good health free from any disease.

And I also extend my heartfelt thanks to them for invariably trusting in our Party.

Long live our great people!

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Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, and Pak Pong Ju, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee.

Also seen there were members of the Party's central leadership body and commanding officers of the military.

Present at the special seats for invited guests were veteran officials who had worked for a long time in the Party, the government and the military.

Delegates to the celebrations of the 75th founding anniversary of the WPK were also seen there.

Amid the playing of song *The Glorious Motherland*, a salute of 21 guns was fired to mark the 75th founding anniversary of the WPK.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un delivered a speech.

In the speech, he extended heartfelt thanks and warmest congratulations to all the people in the country and the service personnel of the People's Army.

Expressing his will to defend the eternal security and future of the country and great people with strong military muscle and start the advance toward new development and prosperity with greater courage, confidence, enthusiasm and preparedness, he ardently called for dynamically advancing toward a bright future of socialism and a new victory.

Then, there was a ceremony of hoisting the national flag.

KPA Marshal Pak Jong Chon, chief of the KPA General Staff, made a report to KPA Marshal Ri Pyong Chol, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, that parade units were ready to undergo preliminary inspection for the parade.

Ri Pyong Chol inspected the parade units.

He reported to the Chairman of the WPK that the military parade was ready to start.

The columns of the armed forces of the DPRK began marching on the order of Marshal Pak Jong Chon.

Then the column of the honour cavalrymen ran past the square led by Major General Kwak Jae Yong.

Entering the square following it



were the columns of paraders led by Col. General Han Sun Chol, Col. General Kim Chol Gyu, Lieut. General Kim Yong Ho and Col. General Kwak Chang Sik full of pride and honour of being the closest lifeguard and the first death-defying corps in devotedly safeguarding the Party Central Committee.

The columns of the first and second corps marched past with dignity, led by Col. General Pak Su Il and Col. General Choe Tu Yong.

They were followed by the columns of the fourth and fifth corps led by Col. General Pak Kwang Ju and Col. General Ri Thae Sop.

Resounding far and wide through and beyond the square were the footsteps of columns of the snipers and light infantrymen and of the corps standing guard over the outpost lines and foremost bases for defending the country and the revolution.

The Supreme Leader acknowledged the marchers.

The columns of tanks and armoured vehicle divisions and those of mechanized infantry divisions, men with special duties and armed mobile units for public security marched past in fine array to the tune of revolutionary army songs.

Following them were the columns of Kim Jong Il Military and Political

University, Kim Il Sung Military University, Kim Il Sung University of Politics and Kim Jong Un University of National Defence and columns of military schools at all levels of the Korean People's Army and the Public Security Forces.

The column of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and that of the Young Red Guards marched past the square.

The Supreme Leader warmly acknowledged the paraders.

Then there was a flight in the sky above the square.

Following the formation of guard planes, the red hawks flew past the sky above the square in the formations representing the Party emblem and number of "75", while letting off the fireworks to brighten the sky.

Amid the playing of solemn music by the combined band, the columns of mechanized units began their procession led by the column of armoured vehicles, demonstrating the great might of the elite revolutionary army.

The column of mainstay tanks, a symbol and the iron fist of the combat power of the People's Army, roared past the square led by Lieut. General Kim Ju Sam.

It was followed by the procession of the reliable artillery pieces.

Latest weapons that were created

thanks to the noble loyalty and heroic struggle waged by the scientists and technicians in the field of national defence and the working people in the munitions industry were driven past the square, showing off the military potential of the country.

The columns of rockets, a symbol of the self-defensive nuclear deterrent of the WPK and a guarantee for the eternal future of the country and the nation, were driven past then.

They were followed by the column of the Red Flag First Company of the Intercontinental Ballistic Rocket led by Col. General Jang Chang Ha, filled with the pride of having demonstrated the dignity and might of Korea even up at outer space on the historic day of November 29 2017, striking terror and horror into the enemies.

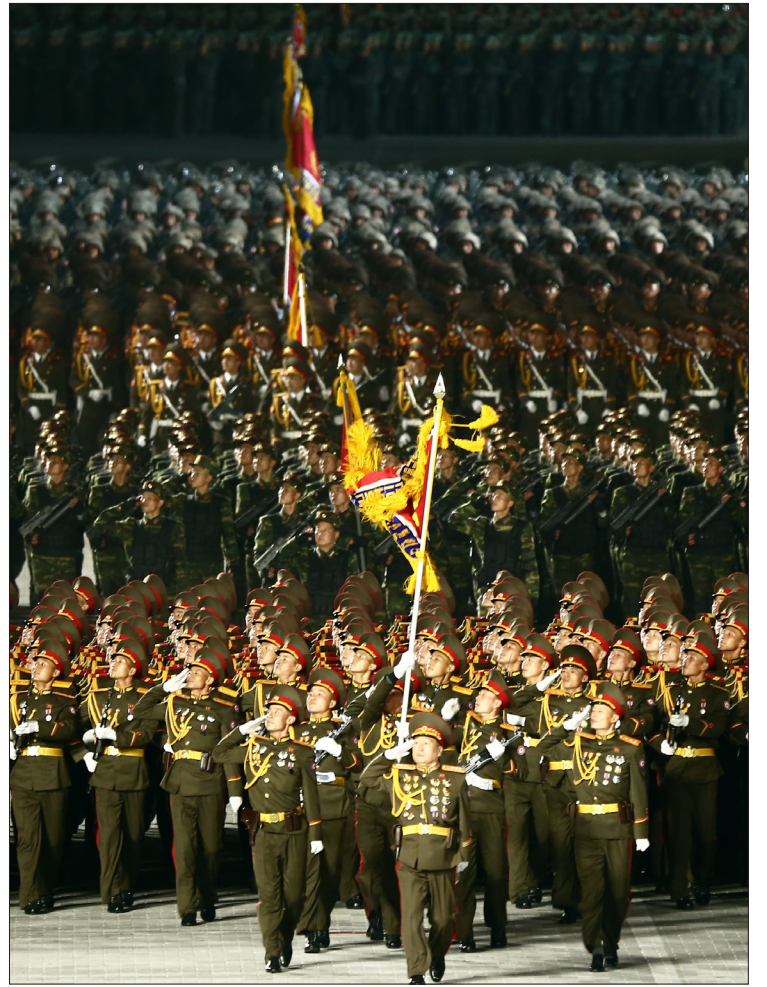
The huge nuclear strategic force on which hinge the authority and security of the state and people entered the square led by Col. General Kim Jong Sik, filling the whole square with excitement and enthusiasm.

At the end of the military parade, fireworks for celebration were shot off.

The Supreme Leader warmly acknowledged the enthusiastically cheering crowds.

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Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un has photo session with military paraders

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the DPRK, had a photo taken with the

participants in the military parade in celebration of the 75th founding anniversary of the WPK on October 11.

Present there was Marshal of the Korean People's Army Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of

the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee.

Also seen were KPA

Marshal Pak Jong Chon, Army General Kim Su Gil and Army General Kim Jong Gwan, commanding officers of the military.

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Grand gala performance held as part of celebration events

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the DPRK, saw the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance "Great Guidance" at May Day Stadium on October 11.

The moment the Supreme Leader appeared on the grandstand, all performers and audience burst into enthusiastic cheers of hurrah.

The performance consisted of prelude "Eternal March towards Paektu", acts "The Party Is Our Guide", "We Travel the Road to Socialism Only", "The Stirring Times" and "Glory of the Nation" and finale "We Have the Great Party".

Among the audience were senior Party, government and military officials, the delegates to the celebrations of the WPK's 75th anniversary, military paraders, members of the visiting group and Pyongyang citizens.



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Chairman Kim Jong Un poses with delegates to WPK birthday celebrations

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the DPRK, had a photo session with the delegates to the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the WPK on October 11.

Attending it were Choe Ryong Hae, Ri Pyong Chol, Kim Tok Hun and Pak

Pong Ju, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Kim Jae Ryong, Ri Il Hwan, Choe Hwi, Pak Thae Dok, Kim Yong Chol, Pak Jong Chon, Choe Pu Il, Kim Su Gil, Thae Hyong Chol and O Su Yong, members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

As the Supreme Leader arrived at

the venue of the photo session, all the participants raised stormy cheers of hurrah in reverence for him.

He highly appreciated the delegates to the celebrations for greatly contributing to fully demonstrating the tremendous might of the Party and people and advancing confidently towards the victory of socialism.

Expressing his expectation and

belief that they would reliably guarantee the victorious advance of the cause of the Party of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, the revolutionary cause of Juche, as pillars and cornerstones supporting the Party in the future, too, he posed for a photo with them.

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Huge gatherings celebrate founding anniversary of WPK

A meeting took place at Kim Il Sung Square in the capital city of Pyongyang on October 10 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The platform was taken by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, and Pak Pong Ju, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee.

It was also occupied by Kim Jae Ryong, Ri Il Hwan, Choe Hwi,



Pak Thae Dok, Kim Yong Chol, Choe Pu Il, Thae Hyong Chol, O Su Yong, Kim Hyong Jun, Ho Chol Man, Pak Myong Sun, Jong Kyong Thack, Kim Il Chol, Im Chol Ung, Ri Ryong Nam, Kim Yong Hwan, Pak Jong Nam and other members of the Party central leadership body.

Pak Jong Chon, Kim Su Gil, Kim Jong Gwan and other commanding officers of military organs came out to the platform.

The reserved seats for guests were taken by Kim Yong Nam, Choe Yong Rim, Yang Hyong Sop, Kim Ki Nam, Choe Thae Bok and other veteran officials

who had worked for a long time in Party, government and military organs.

Seen at the reserved seats were delegates to the celebrations of the 75th founding anniversary of the WPK and working people in Pyongyang.

After it was declared open, the meeting adopted a congratulatory message to Kim Jong Un, supreme leader of the Party, state and armed forces of the DPRK, on the 75th founding anniversary of the WPK.

Ri Il Hwan, vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee,

read the congratulatory message in the joint name of the WPK Central Committee, the WPK Central Military Commission and the State Affairs Commission, the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The congratulatory message extended the highest glory and warmest congratulations to Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, the glorious and invincible revolutionary party, the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution and the great symbol and representative of

the dignified state and people of the DPRK in reflection of the profound reverence and ardent loyalty of all the people to mark the holiday of October.

It highly praised the undying feats of the Supreme Leader who developed and strengthened the Party into the powerful political staff and great motherly Party and built a great flower garden of the people-first principle on this land and an eternal powerful country with the greatest might.

The joint congratulatory message was adopted there by

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mirroring the unshakable faith and will of the Korean people to single-mindedly trust and follow the Supreme Leader.

Choe Ryong Hae said in his keynote speech that the founding anniversary of the WPK which all the people are celebrating with immense joy, excitement and feelings of solemnity and reverence is the revolutionary holiday of pleasure and fortune, which makes them cherish once again the happiness and pride that they have the dearest and greatest Party, and called for devotedly safeguarding the party-building ideas and exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and advancing vigorously for the state and

people and for the victory of the sacred cause of the Juche revolution.

A public procession took place at Kim Il Sung Square on October 10 in celebration of the 75th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Attending the procession were labour innovators and persons of merit from every province.

The platform was taken by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the WPK

Central Military Commission and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, and Pak Pong Ju, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee.

Standing at the platform were members of the Party central leadership body including Kim Jae Ryong, Ri Il Hwan, Choe Hwi, Pak Thae Dok, Kim Yong Chol, Choe Pu Il, Thae Hyong Chol, O Su Yong, Kim Hyong Jun, Ho Chol Man, Pak Myong Sun, Jong Kyong Thae, Kim Il Chol, Im Chol Ung, Ri Ryong

Nam, Kim Yong Hwan and Pak Jong Nam.

Pak Jong Chon, Kim Su Gil, Kim Jong Gwan and other commanding officers of the military were seen at the platform.

The reserved seats for guests were occupied by Kim Yong Nam, Choe Yong Rim, Yang Hyong Sop, Kim Ki Nam, Choe Thae Bok and others who had worked at Party, government and military organs for a long period.

They were also taken by delegates to the celebrations for the 75th founding anniversary of the WPK and working people in Pyongyang.

After the declaration of the start of the public procession, columns began procession amid the playing of song *Glory to Our Great Party*.

At the time when a column carrying the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il appeared in the square, fireworks went off, many balloons floated up and a sea of flowers was unfolded.

Columns portraying the large flags of the DPRK and the WPK entered the square.

Columns of cheering people from each province with a float bearing the letters "The guide of our destiny, the banner of invincibility" marched past the square.

With the playing of revolutionary hymn *Ode to General Kim Jong Un*, the square again turned into a sea of flowers.

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WPK anniversary highlighted with torchlight procession of young vanguard

The torchlight procession of the young vanguard for celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at Kim Il Sung Square on the evening of October 10.

The platform was taken by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and premier of the DPRK Cabinet, and Pak Pong Ju, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and vice-chairman of the WPK Central Committee.

Also present at the platform were Kim Jae Ryong, Ri Il Hwan, Choe Hwi, Pak Thae Dok, Kim Yong Chol, Choe Pu Il, Thae Hyong Chol, O Su

Yong, Kim Hyong Jun, Ho Chol Man, Pak Myong Sun, Jong Kyong Thack, Kim Il Chol, Im Chol Ung, Ri Ryong Nam, Kim Yong Hwan, Pak Jong Nam and other members of the Party central leadership body.

The reserved seats for guests were taken by Kim Yong Nam, Choe Yong Rim, Yang Hyong Sop, Kim Ki Nam, Choe Thae Bok and other veteran officials who had worked for a long time in Party, government and military organs.

As the start of the procession was declared, letters of celebration appeared one after another and a formation of fire portraying the emblem of the WPK brightened the sky above the square.

Open-top cars carrying the red flags bearing the portraits of smiling Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il entered the square, escorted by young vanguard.

Seen in the square were the august names of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

Ranks of youths forming letters reading "Peerless Hero" entered the square, chanting slogan "Long live peerless patriot General Kim Jong Un!"

The feeling of great trust and reverence for the WPK



pervaded the square, with torchlight holders representing letters "Great Party", "Strongest Military Power" and "Independence".

The torchlight holders advanced, making formation changes to depict letters reading "Revolutionary Traditions", "Single-minded Unity", "Socialism" and "Self-reliance" to the tune of song *Advancing Socialism*.

Letters reading "Pathfinder" and "Heroic Youth" showed the bravery and valiant courage of youth in the great era of Kim Jong Un.

The pledge of youths resounded throughout the square against the background letters reading "Towards the Eighth Party Congress".

The ranks forming letters "Lifeblood" marched past the platform in high spirits with such

letters as "Devoted Defence" and "Devoted Implementation" to the tune of song of faith *We Know Nobody but You*.

Song *Youths, Go Ahead Following the Party* sung in chorus resounded in the nocturnal sky of celebration as if it was an eruption of the powerful might of a large contingent of the heroic youth.

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Fireworks display rounds off holiday evening

There was a spectacular firework display in Pyongyang on October 10 as part of the celebrations of the 75th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The event started as fantastic firecrackers of various colours were set off in the nocturnal sky between the Okryu Bridge and Taedonggang Bridge in Pyongyang with the Tower of the Juche Idea at the centre.

Crowds of people held a big dance in celebration of the holiday at Kim Il Sung Square under the sky beautifully lit with fascinating fireworks.

Colourful fireworks exploded in succession, decorating the sky beautifully in all their myriad forms and colours.

Song *Mother's Birthday* reverberated far and wide and

fireworks depicting the number of "75" appeared in the sky above the Taedong River.

The enthusiastic dance revved up the atmosphere.

Drifting fireworks fell in torrents to the tune of light music to present a spectacular view.

Fireworks were set off one after another to depict galaxy, flowers and frostwork which portray the happy life of people in the villages of socialist fairyland, and the dance went on full of excitement and joy.

The emblem of the WPK and letters reading "Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea" were depicted with the exploding fireworks amid the playing of song *Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea*.

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Reception given

Banquets were given at the Mokran House, People's Palace of Culture, Okryu Restaurant, Chongnyu Restaurant and Pyongyang Taedonggang Fish Restaurant on October 11 to mark the 75th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present there were Choe Ryong Hac, Ri Pyong Chol,

Kim Tok Hun and Pak Pong Ju, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, leading officials of the Party, government and military and delegates to the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the WPK.

Speeches were made there. Speakers said that all the

people across the country are celebrating the WPK's 75th birthday, being blessed with the great Party generation after generation.

Cheers they burst out at the square of celebration in October were the expression of their firm pledge and strong will to trust, follow and uphold with loyalty the Party single-mindedly, they said, stressing that the celebration of the Party's founding anniversary as the genuine holiday of the people is

a scene peculiar to Juche Korea.

They also referred to the fact that the Party with a proud history of 75 years will greet its Eighth Congress which will be a new watershed in its development.

It is the noble obligation and bounden duty of the revolutionary soldiers to greet with unusual political enthusiasm and shining labour achievements the Eighth Party Congress which will also be a turning point for the destiny

and position of the state and people, they said.

They called on all the people to cherish the single mind of loyalty to the Party and become passionate loyalists, faithful servants of the people and genuine patriots who defy death in implementing the Party's idea of mounting an offensive for frontal breakthrough and its decisions and instructions at their own posts and workplaces.

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