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Kim Jong Un elected General Secretary of Workers' Party of Korea

A resolution of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea "On Election of General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea" was issued on January 10.

The resolution is as follows:

The general secretary of the WPK is the head of the Party who represents and leads the whole Party.

For the revolutionary Party, the head of the Party is the top brain of the revolution embodying the organizational intention of the whole Party and the centre of the leadership and unity.

To correctly elect the head of the Party comes to be a more important and vital requirement in the period of carrying forward the revolutionary cause and in the period of its fresh development.

The head of the Party vested with the most responsible and important mission by the times and the revolution should possess prominent qualities and capabilities for wisely leading the whole Party.

The current Congress fully supported and approved the courteous proposal for holding Comrade Kim Jong Un in high esteem as the general secretary of the WPK.

Comrade Kim Jong Un is the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution and the great symbol and representative of our dignified state and people, who has performed the greatest achievements for the Party and the revolution, the country and the people with his gifted ideological and theoretical wisdom, extraordinary leadership and noble traits.

Comrade Kim Jong Un readjusted the leadership abilities and fighting efficiency of the Party in a detailed and all-round way, as required by the idea of building the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and the developing revolution, and successfully enforced the people-first politics, and thus developed our Party into the powerful political General Staff of the revolution, steel-strong elite vanguard ranks and genuine motherly party both in name and reality.

Comrade Kim Jong Un has put the overall national power and position of our Republic on the highest level with his outstanding and experienced leadership in a short period of history, the greatest exploit to be most specially recorded in the history of the nation.

Under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un, the great action programmes and strategic and tactical guidelines for the revolution and construction in our era have been fully provided, the single-minded unity—the greatest national power of Juche Korea—consolidated in every way, the ranks of successors to the revolution firmly prepared and the popular nature of our state and social system made stronger.

Comrade Kim Jong Un tremendously strengthened the armed forces of the Republic into the invincible revolutionary army of the Party and powerful elite army with his Juche-oriented military idea and superb leadership over the army and turned the country into a world military power by successfully accomplishing the great historic cause of building the national nuclear forces.

Comrade Kim Jong Un firmly guaranteed the security and future of the



country and the people by strengthening the powerful physical means for self-defence so that no aggression forces can ever provoke our national defence capability. It is the peerlessly patriotic feat to be lauded by the nation generation after generation.

Comrade Kim Jong Un wisely led the struggle for readjusting and reinforcing the overall economy of the country and putting the national economy on a self-supporting and modern basis, ensured that a lot of monumental edifices were built in the country, which are products of the spirit of self-reliance and self-development, and opened up the era of great leap and innovation in all fields of the revolution and construction.

Thanks to the devoted efforts made by Comrade Kim Jong Un who made ceaseless journey of selfless dedication to the people, while regarding the hardships and creation for the people as the greatest pleasure and the worth of making the revolution, the most advantageous policies for the promotion of the people's wellbeing and their life and security have been restored and wonderlands for the people to

be proud of in the world mushroomed across the country.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, shouldering upon himself the heavy burden of the revolution, accomplished the undying feats for the country and nation. Yet, he credited the people with all the successes and put them forward as the great people and obliging people. He is the benevolent father of the people and great sage of the revolution followed by all our people with sincerity.

Comrade Kim Jong Un is defending independence, justice and peace with his outstanding diplomatic strategy and proficient external activities and steering the trend of the world politics to be favourable for our revolution.

It is the solemn demand of the times and history, the general will of all the Party members and the unanimous desire of our people to invariably hold in high esteem Comrade Kim Jong Un, the one and only heir to and leader of the Juche revolution and symbol of the mightiness of our state and banner of all victories and glory, as head of the WPK.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK decides to elect Comrade Kim Jong Un as general secretary of the WPK in reflection of the unanimous will and wish of all the delegates, all the Party members, other people across the country and service personnel of the People's Army for the sake of the development of the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and the fresh victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

All the Party organizations and members, other people and service personnel of the People's Army have to make a vigorous advance towards the implementation of the decisions adopted at the 8th Party Congress and the new victory in the building of a powerful socialist country under the leadership of the General Secretary, keeping deep in mind the great pride in and honour of holding in high esteem Comrade Kim Jong Un, the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, as the general secretary of our Party.

Eighth WPK Congress enters sixth day of meeting to deal with election agenda



Amid the high political awareness and great enthusiasm of the delegates, the sixth-day meeting of the Eighth Congress of the WPK was held on January 10.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, symbol of all victories and glory of the Korean people and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, came out to the venue of the congress together with platform holders.

The congress discussed its fourth agenda item "Election of the Central Leadership Body of the WPK".

According to the rules of the WPK, the leadership body of the Seventh Party Central Committee finished its term and the congress elected that of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

As the congress entered a discussion of the important issue of electing the new central leadership body which will take responsibility for and organize and direct Party building and overall revolutionary affairs in the new stage of struggle, a solemn atmosphere pervaded the venue of the congress.

Relevant articles of the "Regulations of election of the central leadership body of the WPK" were read out and the procedures of electing members and alternate members of the Party Central Committee began.

The nomination and election

took place after rational methods of recommending the candidates for members and alternate members were decided.

Delegate Jo Yong Won, upon authorization by the presidium of the congress, read the list of candidates for members of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

When he suggested the Supreme Leader as a candidate for member of the Party Central Committee, all the delegates broke into stormy cheers of hurrah with loud applause.

All the suggested candidates were recommended as candidates for members of the WPK Central Committee with the unanimous approval of all the delegates.

Delegates unanimously acknowledged that recommended candidates are the comrades who have firmly armed themselves with the revolutionary idea of the Party, who are determined to dedicate themselves to the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche with strong faith and who have devotedly struggled for the good of the country and people.

The congress carried out an election of the recommended candidates.

When the chair courteously proposed electing Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un as a member of

the Party Central Committee in reflection of the unanimous will and desire of all the members of the Party including the delegates attending the congress, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!" and applause in token of their full support.

By raising their delegate certificates, they expressed their approval for the election of 138 recommended candidates as members of the Party Central Committee and gave an enthusiastic applause to their election with unanimous approval.

The congress elected alternate members of the Party Central Committee.

The delegates approved the number of the alternate members and deliberated on the qualifications of 111 recommended candidates for alternate members.

All the recommended candidates were elected as alternate members of the Party Central Committee with the unanimous approval of the delegates at the congress.

Then the congress discussed the most important and responsible issue of crucial significance in the development of the glorious WPK and the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

All the delegates were greatly

excited to enter the discussion of the most important issue of the election of the general secretary of the WPK, the head representing and leading the great Party.

Delegate Ri Il Hwan proposed holding the election concerning the general secretary of the WPK.

He referred to the great political significance of successfully electing the top leader of the Party who takes position as the leader, top-intellect of the revolution and centre of leadership and unity, and plays a decisive role in accomplishing the revolutionary cause of the masses of the people and the cause of socialism.

The philosophy that the greatness of the leader is just the one of the Party, the mightiness of the country and nation and the invincibility of the revolutionary cause was proved in the sacred history of the Korean revolution and the long world history of building revolutionary parties, he said, referring to the greatness and the peerless exploits of the Supreme Leader who wisely led the WPK and the Juche revolution by successfully carrying forward the revolutionary cause of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

All the delegates unanimously

First plenum of Eighth WPK Central Committee held under General Secretary Kim Jong Un

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the conference hall of the office building of the Central Committee of the Party on January 10.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the plenary meeting.

Attending the meeting were members and alternate members of the Party Central Committee who were elected at the Eighth Congress of the Party.

Present there as observers were leading officials of the departments of the Party Central Committee, provincial, city and county Party committees, ministries and national agencies.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party elected the Political Bureau and the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee headed by the General Secretary of the WPK.

The meeting elected secretaries of the Party Central Committee and organized its Secretariat.

It also elected the Central Military Commission of the Party and held an election of the Central Auditing Commission of the Party according to the revised Party rules.

It appointed department directors of the Party Central Committee and editor-in-chief of Rodong Sinmun, the organ of the WPK Central Committee.

The other important agenda item studied and discussed at the plenum was on establishing a new discipline and supervision system within the Party.



The boosted power of the Central Auditing Commission of the Party at the Eighth Congress of the Party is mainly aimed at further developing the WPK into the one which makes revolution, struggles and advances by setting up strict discipline and revolutionary discipline throughout the Party, he noted.

The General Secretary said the mission of the Party Central Auditing Commission has newly been regulated so as to make it further tighten the centralistic discipline in the Party, supervise and investigate all the violations of the Party's discipline, abuse of power, bureaucratic practices, irregularities and corruption and high-handed and arbitrary practices which impede the unified leadership of the Party Central Committee, examine the problem of Party discipline, deal with complaints and petitions and check the Party's financial management.

The plenary meeting, given that the authority of the Party Central

Auditing Commission has been raised so that it can specialize in supervision and investigation for tightening the discipline within the Party, decided to create an executive department as an organizational measure to guarantee its realization.

The meeting analysed that when the department in charge of the Party's discipline issue is established from the Party Central Committee to provincial, city and county Party committees and begins its work, practices of violating and challenging the Party's organizational discipline and breaking the rules and functions and all sorts of practices of tarnishing the revolutionary traits of the Party will be constrained a lot.

Clarifying the principle and methods of work to be maintained and the main tasks to be carried out by the department in charge of supervising Party discipline, the General Secretary referred to the need to strengthen Party guidance for bringing about

an improvement in the enforcement of state discipline and law so as to push ahead with the work of establishing the discipline of the Party and state in a unified and simultaneous way.

He put an important emphasis on always organizing and conducting work in the interests of the Party and the revolution and for the purpose of defending and firmly consolidating the single-minded unity of the Party and the masses when dealing with the breaking of rules and complaints and petitions.

The establishment of a new machinery and work system

for practically supervising and controlling the work of enforcing discipline within the Party with the Eighth Party Congress as an occasion provided a significant starting point and turning point for the Eighth Party Central Committee to powerfully conduct the work for tightening the discipline in the whole Party.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee held under the guidance of General Secretary Kim Jong Un served as an epochal occasion in providing a firm guarantee for effectively organizing and leading the work of implementing the crucial lines of struggle and strategic and tactical policies facing the Party and the revolution and in strengthening the leadership ability and militant function of the WPK in every way by thoroughly establishing iron discipline and revolutionary traits over the whole Party.

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Press release of First Plenary Meeting of Eighth WPK Central Committee

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Kim Jong Un

Choe Ryong Hae Ri Pyong Chol Kim Tok Hun Jo Yong Won

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Kim Jong Un

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Ri Pyong Chol	Ri Il Hwan	O Su Yong
Kim Tok Hun	Kim Tu Il	Kwon Yong Jin
Jo Yong Won	Choe Sang Gon	Kim Jong Gwan
Pak Thae Song	Kim Jae Ryong,	Jong Kyong Thack
Pak Jong Chon	O Il Jong	Ri Yong Gil

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General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea

Kim Jong Un

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Pak Thae Song	Ri Il Hwan	
Ri Pyong Chol	Kim Tu Il	

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Pak Myong Sun	Thae Hyong Chol	Jon Hyon Chol
Ho Chol Man	Kim Yong Hwan	Ri Son Gwon
Ri Chol Man	Pak Jong Gun	

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Vice-chairman Ri Pyong Chol

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Kim Jo Guk	Kwon Yong Jin	Rim Kwang Il
Kang Sun Nam	Kim Jong Gwan	

Department directors of the Party Central Committee

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Pak Thae Dok	Ri Chol Man	Pak Jong Nam
Kim Song Nam	Ri Tu Song	Choe Hwi
Ho Chol Man	Kang Sun Nam	Kim Yong Su

Party Central Auditing Commission

Chairman Jong Sang Hak

Vice-chairmen Pak Thae Dok, Ri Hi Yong

Members

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Pak Kwang Ung	Jang Ki Ho	Kim Kwang Chol
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Press release of Eighth WPK Congress

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Kim Jong Un

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Jon Hyon Chol	Jang Ryong Sik	O Tong Il	Kim Chung Gol	Kim Kwang Chol	Han Yong Il	Pak Yong Il	Han Sun Chol
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		O Su Yong	Kim Jong Nam	Kang Yun Sok	Ri Kwang Chol	Kim Kwang Hyok	

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Ji Myong Jun	Kim Ki Ryong	Kim Yong Sik	Pak Man Ho	Han Man Hung	Jang Kyong Chol	Thae Jin Hyok	Kim Jong Chol
Ri Kye Bong	So Ho Won	Sim Sung Gon	Ri Song Guk	Yang Myong Chol	Han Myong Su	Ri Kyong Il	Ri Min Chol
Ri Ryong Nam	Yun Jong Ho	Kang Kwon Il	Sin Chang Il	Kim Kwang Bok	Kim Son Uk	Kim Myong Hyok	Min Hui Bok
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Wang Chang Uk	Pak Hyok Chol	Jang Chun Sil	Pak Myong Son	Ham Se Jin	Jong Yon Hak	Kim Su Nam	Kim Hak Chol
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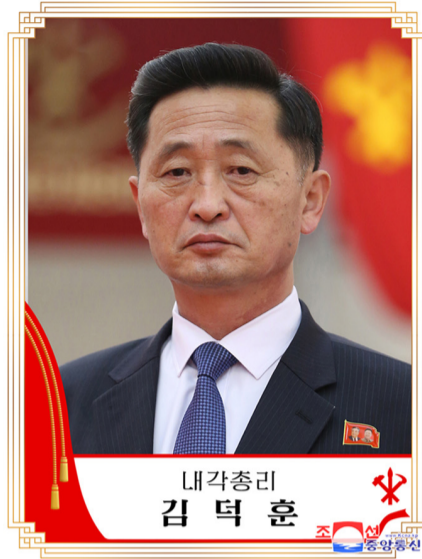
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Choe Ryong Hae, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly



Ri Pyong Chol, secretary of the Party Central Committee



Kim Tok Hun, premier of the Cabinet



Jo Yong Won, secretary of the Party Central Committee

Politburo members of the Party Central Committee



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Pak Jong Chon, chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army



Jong Sang Hak, secretary of the Party Central Committee



Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Party Central Committee and director of its Department of Working People's Organizations



Kim Tu Il, secretary of the Party Central Committee and director of its Department of Economic Affairs



Choe Sang Gon, secretary of the Party Central Committee and director of its Department of Science and Education



Kim Jae Ryong, director of the Organizational Leadership Department of the Party Central Committee



O Il Jong, director of the Department of Political Leadership over Military Affairs of the Party Central Committee



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Kwon Yong Jin, director of the KPA General Political Bureau



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Jong Kyong Thae, minister of State Security



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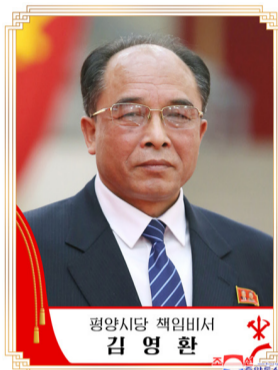
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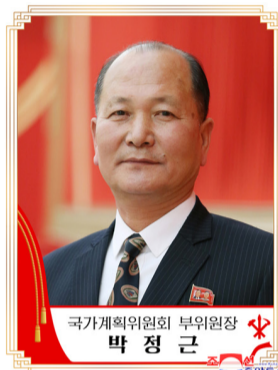
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Thae Hyong Chol, vice-president of the SPA Presidium



Kim Yong Hwan, chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Party Committee



Pak Jong Gun, vice-chairman of the State Planning Commission



Yang Sung Ho, vice premier of the Cabinet



Jon Hyon Chol, chief of the Economic Policy Office of the Party Central Committee



Ri Son Gwon, minister of Foreign Affairs

Senior Party officials make a call on special guests to Party congress

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea invited officials and persons of distinguished services, who had worked in the Party, the government and the military for a long time, as special guests at the celebrations of the Eighth Party Congress.

Associated with this meaningful special invitation are particular trust and loving care shown by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un who always remembers officials and persons of distinguished services who had worked hard for the development of the WPK

and prosperity of the socialist country, true to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, and has repeatedly given them high honour and brought them happiness.

Jong Sang Hak, Kim Tu Il and Choe Sang Gon, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, visited the lodging quarters of special guests on Monday, warmly congratulated them and conveyed invitation cards in the name of the Party Central Committee.

The special guests extended their deep gratitude to Supreme

Leader Kim Jong Un, benefactor of revolutionary soldiers and supreme incarnation of revolutionary comradeship, after receiving the cards associated with the warm and profound love of the great leader.

The secretaries of the WPK Central Committee asked the revolutionaries of the elder generation to be healthy to further glorify their life as loyalists and have a pleasant time during the celebration period.

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acknowledged the undeniable truth of history that Kim Jong Un is the only one who will lead the WPK and the people.

Saying that it is the solemn demand of the times and firm faith of millions of Party members and other people to hold Kim Jong Un in high esteem as head of the WPK, he courteously proposed electing Kim Jong Un as general secretary of the WPK in reflection of the unanimous will of the whole Party and all the people at the congress.

All the delegates expressed full support with enthusiastic applause in great excitement.

The Eighth WPK Congress unanimously adopted a decision on electing Kim Jong Un as general secretary of the WPK in reflection of the unanimous will and desire of all the delegates and other Party members, all the people and service personnel of the People's Army to achieve the development of the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and a fresh victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

The election of Kim Jong Un, the most prominent political leader in the present era, as general secretary of the WPK is the biggest fortune and the

greatest happiness of the Party and people and it also marks an epoch-making political event providing a decisive guarantee for victory of Korean-style socialism and promising its rosy future.

Fervent cheers of the delegates resounded through the venue of the congress for a long time, reflecting their intense loyalty.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK was held after the election of the Party central leadership body.

Upon authorization of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, delegate Kim Jae Ryong reported the decision made at the First Plenary Meeting to the congress.

The congress elected the committee for drafting the resolution of the Party congress with members of the leadership body of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

The resolution drafting committee will guide the sectoral consultative meetings of delegates studying and discussing the issues of thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report given by the Supreme Leader to the congress, and will give general consideration to the issues raised at the consultative meetings, make a draft resolution and refer it to the congress.

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Delegates hold consultative meetings to explore tasks for next five years



The sectoral consultative meetings of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea took place on Monday.

The meetings began studying the draft resolution for thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the Party Central Committee.

They were guided by Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Ri Pyong Chol and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other members of the Party central leadership body.

The meetings deeply studied and discussed the practical matters for carrying out the goals and tasks of the struggle to be carried out in all fields of socialist construction for the new advance and development of the Korean revolution in the coming five years.

The delegates unanimously acknowledged that scientific, realistic and dynamic development direction and detailed ways are urgently needed in their sectors and units in order to certainly orient overall Party and state work towards facilitating fresh innovation, bold creation and constant progress.

Discussions focused on the urgent issues for the Cabinet to properly manage the Cabinet-responsibility system and the Cabinet-centred system as the economic headquarters of the country on the economic front,

the major front for opening up a new avenue of socialist construction, strongly propel the work of strengthening the main arteries and integrity of the national economy and improve economic management.

At the consultative meeting of the industrial sector, delegates analysed on the basis of scientific calculation and numerical data the ways of focusing investment on metallurgical and chemical industries, regarding them as key links in the whole chain of the national economy, normalizing production in key industrial sectors including electric power, coal, machine-building and mining industries and putting the national economy on a more self-supporting, planned and serve-the-people basis in the period of the new five-year plan.

The consultative meeting in the agricultural sector discussed in depth the ways to attain the goal of grain production set by the Party without fail by directing efforts to making a radical turn in seed selection, doing farming on a scientific basis, increasing grain production on low-yield fields, cultivating new land and reclaiming tideland, and to complete the irrigation system and mechanization of the rural economy and intensify state assistance to rural communities.

The consultative meeting in the sector of light industry discussed the practical measures

to step up modernization, regarding it as the lifeline and main direction to promote the domestic production of raw materials and recycling, and to increase the output of consumer goods by improving their quality and putting efforts into developing new products.

The consultative meeting in the sectors of education, public health and culture studied the development strategies for their fields and units based on the innovative orientation and relevant tasks for socialist cultural construction advanced in the report of the Party congress.

The participants fully calculated the feasibility of the sci-tech development goals to be attained in every field in the period of the new five-year plan by accelerating sci-tech development, as intended by the Party which defined sci-tech development as the most important task and the optimum policy in socialist construction, and the ways for carrying them out.

Suggested were innovative opinions conducive to steadily updating teaching contents and methods and teaching management system in keeping with the current world trend of educational development and as required by pedagogy in the education field, developing socialist public health and cementing the anti-epidemic base to be strong enough to tackle any global health crisis

by consolidating the material and technical foundations of the public health sector and ushering in a new heyday of socialist culture by making a radical turn in the fields of art and literature, media and sports.

The consultative meetings in the fields of military affairs and munitions industry discussed issues arising in implementing the important strategic tasks for strengthening national defence capabilities, the cornerstone of the existence of the state and the sure guarantee for safeguarding the dignity and security of the country and people and preserving peace.

Delegates suggested significant and urgent measures for carrying out the grandiose plan of the Party Central Committee for fully preparing the Korean People's Army to be the revolutionary army modelled on the WPK, ultra-modern army and reliable defender of the state and people, and remarkably developing the defence industry.

The delegates participating in the consultative meeting of officials of Party and working people's organizations had in-depth discussions of issues with a high Party sense of responsibility, guided by the Party's leadership idea which calls for bringing about a fundamental turn in Party work and for strengthening working people's organizations in line with the requirements of the times and the developing

reality.

The participants had discussions on practical issues arising in pushing forward with the work of establishing and steadily intensifying the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee as a main line, in strengthening the leadership and fighting efficiency of the Party in every way by thoroughly establishing an iron discipline within the Party and making a revolutionary climate prevail throughout the Party, and in improving Party work.

In the consultative meeting of working people's organization, officials heard opinions on equipping all the members of working people's organizations, the transmission belts and outer organizations of the Party, with the revolutionary idea of the Party by directing priority efforts to the internal work of the organizations and ideological education. Particularly, there was an expression of opinions on training the youth league to be a reliable relay to and reserve for the Party.

Scientific and innovative opinions which can guarantee the implementation of the decisions of the Party congress were collected in the consultative meetings that proceeded in sincere and technical atmosphere through energetic in-depth study and brainstorming.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un delivers a concluding speech at Eighth WPK Congress



General Secretary Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech on the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea on January 12. The following is the full text:

Dear delegates,

This congress, the eighth of its kind in the history of our Party, presented as its agenda items the immediate fighting plans for opening an era of new upsurge, an era of drastic change, in the revolution and construction and the important tasks in developing the Party, and made an in-depth discussion of them.

The congress first reviewed and analyzed the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Party in a comprehensive, three-dimensional and detailed way, and made an in-depth discussion of the line and strategic and tactical problems for a new struggle.

The report, speeches and consultative meetings by sector reviewed and criticized in a detailed and severe manner the deviations and mistakes latent in all sectors, ranging from the Party, state and military affairs to the social life, and expressed a solemn determination and will to overcome them.

And an active study and discussion was made for finding the ways of hitting the goals and tasks in the new five-year plan period, and the constructive opinions raised in this course were brought to the committee for drafting the decisions of the Party congress.

Through the discussion of the first agenda item, what and how our Party, state and people must do

in the future have become clearer, and our fighting strategies for a fresh victory in our revolution have become more definite.

That our Party at this congress, unlike the previous congresses, reviewed and analyzed its work from a critical viewpoint, not seeing only its merits, is of no less significance than the successes it achieved during the period under review.

The congress also reviewed the work of the Auditing Commission of the Seventh Party Central Committee in a critical and strict way, and adopted decisive measures for putting to rights in our own way and in line with the principles of its building the outdated ones of the past, the ones that did not suit the present reality, which were revealed in Party work and activities.

The Rules of the Workers' Party of Korea were revised by correctly reflecting the principles of Party building and work and the demands of the developing reality, and thus an important framework has been built for strengthening the Party's leadership abilities and fighting efficiency and achieving its sound development.

The congress has built the Eighth Central Committee of the Party with the comrades who are faithful to the Party and the revolution and highly qualified, and established a new discipline inspection system within the Party. This constitutes a drastic turning point for our Party to discharge its mission and role as capable General Staff of the revolution.

Dear delegates,

At this congress, thanks to the great trust of all of

you and other members of the entire Party, I have again been honoured with the supreme leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

I feel greatly honoured that you elected me to the important position of the General Secretary of the dignified Workers' Party of Korea, but I cannot but feel overwhelmed with gratitude and feel my heart heavy.

Fully aware of the sacred mission that I am representing and in charge of the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist party, I solemnly pledge that I will make every effort to implement the fighting programmes put forth by the Party congress and, regarding our great people as the god of my life, work at the risk of my life as a faithful servant of the people on the road of devoted service for them.

The Eighth Central Committee of the Party, elected by the unanimous approval and support of all of you, dear delegates, will demonstrate its correct and seasoned leadership abilities to achieve a fresh victory in the building of our style of socialism and faithfully perform the duty the times have entrusted upon it, true to the high expectations and trust of all the organizations of the Party and its members.

Dear delegates,

The current external environment of our revolution is still grim and acute, and our revolutionary work will not be all plain sailing in the future as well.

But now there cannot be hardships insurmountable

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for our Party and people who have achieved great victories, which others would not dare achieve, in the worst conditions and difficulties.

With fresh confidence and courage, we must quickly take the road of sustainable advance and development by vigorously waging the struggle for consolidating the strength of our Party, revolutionary ranks and state in every way possible.

Achieving a great fresh victory on all fronts by remarkably increasing our own strength, our internal force, in socialist construction—this is the main idea and main spirit of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

In other words, it is the revolutionary will of the Workers' Party of Korea reaffirmed at this congress that our internal force must be readjusted and rearranged in a comprehensive way and, on the basis of this, we must make a frontal attack against all hardships to open up a road of new advance.

The historic heavy tasks facing our revolution require the entire Party to cherish the ideals of "The people are God," single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again and adhere more strictly to them.

Whereas the ideal of "The people are God" reflects our Party's consistent demand that the entire Party must hold fast to the revolutionary Party trait of regarding it as the starting point and absolute and invariable principle of its building and activities to serve the people, the ideals of single-hearted unity and self-reliance embody in a concentrated way the ideological and theoretical viewpoint and political requirements concerning the lifeline and motive force of our revolution.

The ideals of "The people are God," single-hearted unity and self-reliance—herein lie the fundamental key to enhancing the leadership abilities of our Party, the fundamental method for it to strike its roots deeper among the masses and the fundamental and sole guarantee for us to survive and open up our way ahead.

I would like to suggest substituting cherishing our Party's ennobling three ideals of "The people are God," single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again as the slogan of the Eighth Party Congress for putting up a high-sounding slogan.

The entire Party must make a historic, courageous advance in the direction indicated by the Party congress with unexcelled preparedness, self-confidence and enthusiasm for setting out on a new journey.

Above all, we should launch a do-or-die struggle to implement without fail the new five-year plan for the development of the national economy.

The socialist economic construction is the most important revolutionary task on which we should focus our all-out effort at present.

In order to break through the current difficulties facing us, stabilize and improve the people's living standards as early as possible and provide a firm guarantee for self-prosperity, we must resolve the economic problems, the knottiest problems, as soon as possible.

First of all, we should fix the right direction for major thrust on the economic front and concentrate our efforts on it.

The central task of the new five-year plan for the development of the national economy is to substantially promote economic revitalization by holding fast to the metal and chemical industries as the main link in the whole chain of the economic development and consolidating the organic ties among the key industries, and improve the people's living standards onto a new, higher level by enhancing the material and technical foundations of agriculture and increasing the proportion of domestically-available materials in light industry.

We must follow the road of focusing our efforts on definitely putting the metal and chemical industries first back onto their normal track, the

track of revitalization, and, based on it, shoring up other sectors all together.

We must efficiently organize nationwide economic work on the principle of giving priority to the development of the metal and chemical industries.

It is important to intensify economic operations and guidance in such a way as to make the most rational use of the national economic capabilities for radically increasing the capacity of steel and chemicals production, instead of dispersing them here and there without any calculation.

We must orient all economic work towards achieving balanced stability and improvement of the people's living standards.

What is important here is to continue to direct effort to agricultural production and thus solve the food problem of the people in the main.

During the new five-year plan period, the agricultural sector must rise up with redoubled effort and the state must increase its investment in it, so as to attain the target of grain production without fail.

In particular, in the coming two to three years, the plan for compulsory procurement by the state must be set on the level similar to that in 2019 and implemented without fail and the amount to be procured must be increased in a prospective way, so as to make it possible to put the grain supply to the people on a regular basis.

During the new five-year plan period, the light-industry sector must increase the output of consumer goods by regarding it as the main link to obtain available raw and other materials domestically and recycle wastes, and thereby bring about a fresh advance in the effort for improving the people's living standards.

The state should take strong economic and technical measures so that all the sectors supplying the light-industry sector with raw and other materials can normalize their production.

Next, all sectors and units must identify their concrete tasks and ways for executing the new five-year plan for the development of the national economy, and implement them without fail.

By drawing on the lessons we learned during the period under review, this Party congress made an objective and strict examination of this plan and set new feasible fighting tasks by bringing them to the reality as close as possible.

It is very important that all sectors and units first set out well-worked-out plans by stage and by year while foreseeing the conditions and environments that can be created in the future.

Once their plans are set out, the relevant units must execute them without fail by conducting scientific and concrete operations and command, and the state must establish rigid discipline of strictly grasping, propelling and reviewing the implementation of the national economic plan in all indices.

The success or failure of the new five-year plan for the national economic development depends on how economic management is improved.

The economic departments of the Party Central Committee, the Cabinet, the State Planning Commission, factories, enterprises and all other sectors must work in concert to take decisive measures for improving economic management.

We must push forward energetically with the research and perfection of the economic management methods, which are both suited to our specific situation and geared to optimization and best effectiveness, for example, by combining the methods, which have been developed and introduced on a trial basis, and the experiences of the units, which are effective in their business and enterprise management.

During the new five-year plan period, the Party and state must direct their effort to restoring and strengthening the system and order by which the economy runs under the unified guidance and management of the state.

Strict sanctions must be imposed on whatever the units concerned if they hamper the unified guidance of the state, claiming special importance even after this Party congress.

The Cabinet and the State Planning Commission must intensify organization and guidance of economic work so that sectors, factories and enterprises achieve full ties and cooperation in production with a view to strengthening the independence of the national economy and increasing production.

Science and technology must fully guarantee economic construction and improvement of the people's standard of living with its practical development.

Science and technology is the engine of socialist construction and major driving force for the development of the national economy.

The sector of science and technology must set as their targets the high-priority tasks and other research projects aimed at accomplishing the new five-year plan for the development of the national economy, and concentrate its efforts on implementing them.

During the new five-year plan period, we must raise the level of the country's science and technology to a higher level and strengthen the creative cooperation among scientists, technicians and producers so as to solve one by one the sci-tech problems arising in economic construction and improving the people's standard of living.

We must lay the foundations for developing the local economy and improving the local people's living standards by promoting the independent and diversified development of the cities and counties.

Now the living standards of the people in the local cities and counties including the rural communities are very low and backward.

We intend to pay attention from now on to developing the local economy and improving the local people's standard of living.

The state must press ahead with the work of providing 10 000 tons of cement to every local city and county on an annual basis.

While taking preferential measures for ensuring that the local cities and counties have reliable economic foundations of their own and develop in conformity with their own characteristics, state economic guidance organs must provide them with accurate guidance and assistance.

We must vigorously step up the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—in the rural communities and increase state support so as to decisively strengthen our rural position, consolidate the material and technical foundations of agricultural production and transform the socialist countryside into a civilized and rich one.

During the new five-year plan period, nationwide efforts must be directed to developing education and public health, so that all the people, whether they live in the capital city or local areas, can enjoy tangible benefits of the socialist educational and public health systems.

We must give precedence to vigorous education and strict discipline in the entire Party and the whole country and amongst all the people, so as to staunchly suppress and control all forms of anti-socialist, non-socialist practices revealed in all fields of social life and all sorts of criminal acts such as the abuse of power, bureaucratism, corruption and imposition of extra economic burdens on the people.

We must regard it as an important task to further strengthen the national defence capability both in quality and quantity.

We must further strengthen the nuclear war deterrent while doing our best to build up the most powerful military strength.

We must continue to give fresh spur to making the People's Army elite and powerful armed forces, so that it is thoroughly prepared to fulfil its mission

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General Secretary Kim Jong Un declares Eighth WPK Congress closed



General Secretary Kim Jong Un delivered a closing address at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea on Tuesday. The following is the full text:

Dear delegates,

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea that has been held in a very crucial period in the course of the strengthening and development of our Party and the building of socialism of our style has made a full discussion of and decision on all items on the agenda thanks to the high enthusiasm of all the delegates and is to wrap up its work.

In the whole period of the congress all the delegates have taken part in all sincerity in the discussion of issues with the highest degree of Party consciousness and the highest sense of responsibility, positively offered their constructive opinions and reached a consensus in their opinions, thereby giving full play to the militant features of our Party that works, fights and advances.

There have been many important Party-wide political meetings including congress so far and the participants have shown immense enthusiasm every time as they received the policies and ideas of the Party Central Committee, but I see for the first time such an extraordinary zeal for participation as in the Eighth Party Congress, in which all the participants are so interested and immersed in the discussion of issues.

Every delegate made a positive and serious study of all issues discussed as they racked their brains and felt anxious over the issues by combining them with the success and failure of our revolutionary work and the destiny of themselves and their children and enthusiastically participated in the strenuous work of the congress.

Always conscious of the expectations and hopeful gaze of millions of our Party members and tens of millions of other people who watched the congress and assuming heavy responsibility together for the progress and development of the revolutionary work, all the delegates have devoted all their mind to deciding on the most correct and powerful orientation

of our struggle and the strategy and tactics. I feel deeply impressed and greatly encouraged by this, and I feel very grateful for this.

The revolutionary line and immediate fighting plans set by the Eighth Party Congress will instil a great hope in all the Party members and other people for our future, inspire the masses of the people to a new struggle and exploits and bring about a decisive turn in further strengthening our Party organizationally and ideologically and improving its capability of leadership in overall revolution and construction.

Dear delegates,

The current Eighth Party Congress has powerfully demonstrated once again the might of unity and revolutionary passion peculiar to our Party and people, who firmly unite with a single ideology and purpose and make an uninterrupted advance

and leap forward towards a new target of struggle even in the face of manifold challenges and ordeals.

All the Party members, service personnel and other people have strived hard at their workplaces and posts so as to defend the Eighth Party Congress and expressed their enthusiastic support and expectations for the Party congress by dint of their unprecedented successful work results.

In the name of the congress, I extend warm thanks to all the Party members and other people and service personnel for displaying boundless devotion and the revolutionary spirit as they maintained high alert to ensure the success of the Eighth Party Congress.

Dear delegates,

The Eighth Congress of the WPK served as a congress of struggle and progress, which demonstrated the steadfast will of the revolutionaries to achieve the prosperity and development of our style of socialism without fail, with self-confidence in victory and courage and by invariably holding aloft the banner of great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

The congress made a close analysis of the subtle changes in the situations at home and abroad and the subjective and objective environment they influence our revolution, and correctly reviewed the work of the last five years. Accordingly, based on the new environment and revolutionary situation, it put forward scientific and correct strategic and tactical policies for readjusting and developing the foundations of the national economy and consolidating the state and social system, thereby clearly indicating the direction of advance of the overall work of the Party and the state.

I am convinced that this has provided a fresh motive force for our advance and set up a clear milestone and, therefore, this congress marked a turning point in powerfully propelling our sacred cause.

The Eighth Congress of our Party is of great significance also in the strengthening and development of the Party.

Having gone through another great process in the

course of strengthening and developing our Party, we are now filled with self-confidence and pride in our struggle more than ever before, and deeply feel once again the importance of the responsibility we have shouldered for ourselves.

The decisions of a Party congress are our Party's strategy and tactics for achieving a fresh victory in the building of our style of socialism, a pledge the Workers' Party of Korea makes for the revolution and people and, at the same time, a supreme order our great people give to the Party Central Committee.

Our Party members and delegates to this congress should approach the decisions of the Party congress from such a noble standpoint and accept it seriously and with honour.

The future of the socialist cause hinges on how the tasks set by this Party congress, including the five-year plan for national economic development, are fulfilled.

We should thoroughly carry out the highly important tasks set by the Party congress without condition so as to bring about another upsurge in our revolution and provide our people with better and more stable living conditions and environment as early as possible.

We should arrange the study involving the whole Party for implementing the decisions of the Party congress so as to thoroughly accept the tasks and duties of struggle fixed by the Party congress, and wage a determined struggle so as to develop socialist construction onto a new stage.

Therefore, Party organizations at all levels should organize intensive studies for firmly arming the people with the documents and decisions of the Party congress, effectively hold discussions and conduct organizational and political work for implementing them, and work out elaborate tactics and wage a powerful struggle to implement the decisions of the Party congress.

They should first galvanize Party members into action so as to make them lead others to new miraculous feats through their pacesetter role and make all the units and the whole country seethe with the efforts for implementing the decisions of the Party congress.

It is needed to organize the Party-wide study on the newly-revised Party Rules, and Party organizations and members should thoroughly establish a climate of observing the norms stipulated in Party Rules in every process and on every occasion of Party work and life.

Dear delegates,

Innumerable trials and difficulties are still challenging us, but our determination is definite and our future is promising.

As in the past, so in the future, our Party will remain infinitely faithful to the people-first principle and do its best to continue to achieve fresh victory in socialist construction.

As the WPK holding aloft the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as its ever-victorious banner is correctly leading the revolution and construction and there is the invincible might of the single-hearted unity of the Party and the masses, our revolution will make steady progress, overcoming every manner of difficulties.

Let us all advance dynamically towards a fresh victory of the revolution with strong confidence in the victory of the socialist cause, the revolutionary cause of Juche, and rallying rock-solid around the Party Central Committee.

Fully convinced that, thanks to the great fighting efficiency, power of unity, extraordinary patriotic enthusiasm and indomitable perseverance of the organizations and members of the entire Party, all other people and service personnel, the strategy and policies of struggle put forward by this congress will successfully be carried out and epoch-making progress will be achieved in the building of our own style of socialism, I declare the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea closed.

Eighth WPK Congress draws to a close



The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea closed on Tuesday after successfully finishing the discussion on its agenda items amid full support and expectations of all the Party members, other people and service personnel of the People's Army.

The eighth-day meeting of the congress was held amid the full display of the delegates' revolutionary will to remain boundlessly loyal to the idea and leadership of the Party Central Committee and dedicate themselves to implementation of the decision made at the congress and unconditionally serve the people.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, took the platform of the congress venue.

All the delegates raised stormy cheers of "hurrah!" in reverence for the general secretary who put up a signpost for a new great victory of the Party and revolution and glorified the Party congress as a revolutionary one for progress and innovation with his extraordinary ideological and theoretical wisdom and seasoned leadership.

Kim Jong Un made an important conclusion related to the Eighth Party Congress.

He said the congress which held as the eighth one in the history of the Party brought up the immediate plan of struggle for opening up a period of fresh upsurge, a period of great changes in the revolution and construction and important issues arising in developing the Party, and sincerely discussed them.

Saying that he found it hard to repress his grateful and heavy feelings while receiving the greatest honour of being entrusted with the duty of the supreme leader of the

dignified WPK again by all the delegates and other Party members, he solemnly swore that he would do his best to implement the fighting programme set forth at the congress with the sacred mission that he represents the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and is responsible for it, and devote himself to serving the people as befitting their true servant, believing in the great people as in Heaven.

He clarified the main idea and the main spirit of the congress and specially stressed the need for the whole Party to deeply cherish again and uphold the three ideas—"The people are God", "single-minded unity" and "self-reliance."

Saying that we should be ready for more difficult offensive for making a breakthrough head-on to win a fresh victory and make a brilliant progress in accomplishing the cause of socialism, he ardently appealed to everyone to make a more dynamic struggle for successful fulfilment of the struggle programme advanced at the Eighth Congress of the Party, for the development of the glorious WPK and victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche and for the great people.

As soon as he finished his conclusion, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers and applause, expressing their absolute support for his important conclusion.

The congress entered into procedures for adopting a resolution on the first agenda item "The review of the work of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea".

It examined the creative and constructive opinions summed up by the resolution drafting committee at the sectoral consultative meetings

and decided to reflect them in the resolution of the Eighth Party Congress.

The delegates unanimously admitted that the scientific, realistic and dynamic goals and tasks in line with the demand of the developing revolution were reflected in the resolution.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK solemnly adopted with unanimous approval of the participants the resolution on the first agenda item "On thoroughly carrying out the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea".

General Secretary of the WPK Kim Jong Un made a closing address at the Eighth Congress of the WPK. Highly appreciating that the unity and revolutionary enthusiasm peculiar to the Party and people making steady advance and leaping forward towards the goal of fresh struggle, united close in the one idea and purpose despite manifold challenges and trials were erupted once again with the Eighth Congress of the Party as a momentum, he sent warm thanks to all the members of the Party, other people and service personnel of the People's Army who have kept highly strained attitude and displayed great devotion and revolutionary spirit to ensure the successful congress.

Saying that the decision of the Party congress is the strategy and tactics of the Party to win a fresh victory in Korean-style socialist construction, its pledge before the revolution and people and a supreme order given by our great people to the Central Committee of the Party, he said earnestly that the Party members and delegates should receive the decision made at the congress heavily and

honorably from such noble viewpoint.

Expressing the belief that the strategy and policies for struggle advanced at the congress would be successfully carried out and signal progress made in the construction of the Korean-style socialism thanks to high fighting efficiency, might of unity, extraordinary patriotic enthusiasm and indomitable efforts of all the organizations and members of the Party, other people and service personnel of the People's Army, he declared the Eighth Congress of the WPK closed.

The song "The Internationale" was solemnly played.

At the end of the congress, all the participants raised long enthusiastic cheers in reverence for Kim Jong Un, the great head of the WPK, the dignified Party, and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, in token of their overflowing pledge of loyalty and iron will.

Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the delegates who joined him for taking the heavy responsibility facing the Party and devoted themselves for the sake of success in the congress, always aware of the expectation and eyes of millions of Party members and other tens of millions of people during the whole period of the congress.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK, which took place at a crucial and important time in the development of the revolution, fully demonstrated the revolutionary appearance and militant spirit of the WPK in which the whole Party forms a solid integral whole and makes ceaseless creations and innovations, as it set forth the correct orientation to be followed by the Party and people at the present stage and



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scientific strategic and tactical policies and secured the strong traction power for their materialization.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK will be brilliantly recorded in the history of the Party and country as a political event that made a great watershed in the militant course

for strengthening of the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and overall development of the cause of Korean socialism, and as the congress for struggle and advance

that vigorously propelled the historic march for ushering in a period of fresh upsurge.

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and role as the driving force of national defence in the face of any form of threat and emergency.

We must raise the defence science and technology to a higher level and carry out the goals and tasks of munitions production without fail, so as to guarantee the historic onward march of our Party with the strongest military strength during the new five-year plan period.

In order to successfully carry out our responsible and important revolutionary tasks facing us today, we must, first of all, strengthen the Party and enhance its leadership role.

A great heyday of the development of the Party and the revolution will be ushered in when the organizations of the whole Party are built up into loyal vanguard ranks, work in a revolutionary and enterprising manner and satisfactorily perform their role as the political general staff of the relevant units.

By directing their main efforts to their internal work, all Party organizations must put the ranks of their cadres and members on a streamlined basis and develop them into an elite force and intensify the guidance over Party life more than ever before, thereby steadily building up the organizational and ideological foundations of the Party.

We must establish a well-knit system and fresh method of Party work throughout the Party so as to make it a working party, a fighting party, a militant party.

Party organizations must brace themselves to launch organizational and political work in a brave, high-spirited manner to carry out the new line of struggle and strategic and tactical policies, and properly play the role of helmsman in their relevant units' work.

They must eliminate such tendencies as taking administrative affairs upon themselves as they are engrossed only in economic work, and regard it as an iron rule to resolve all problems arising in the revolution and construction strictly in a Party-oriented, political way of giving full play to the spiritual strength of Party members and other working people.

In particular, the Organizational Leadership Department, Information and Publicity Department and other departments of the Party Central

Committee should intensify Party-oriented, political leadership meticulously and offensively to implement the decisions of the Party congress.

Officials, the commanding personnel of the revolution, must fully discharge their responsibilities and duties in the vanguard of the advancing ranks.

Their abilities and role decide the destiny of their units and sectors.

The manifold difficulties and trials facing our revolution at present and the great cause of building a powerful socialist country assigned to our generation demand that officials shoulder all the burdens and display extraordinary working ability, enthusiasm and devotion.

This is the very time which badly needs those officials who make painstaking efforts to reduce, even a bit, the concerns and worries of the Party and state, know nothing but the revolution and work and strive to do something for the good of the people, and expedite any tasks.

All officials, with a determination to prove their fidelity to the Party, revolution and people with working ability and results in practice, must make completely new arrangements from the start of the grand journey after the Party congress.

Always remembering the expectations of the people, they must make redoubled efforts so that they can review their everyday result with pride and conscience.

They must learn with open mind what they do not know, improve their insufficient ability even burning the midnight oil and make increasingly exacting demand on themselves without allowing complacency and inertia, and thus bring about revolutionary improvement in their fighting spirit and working style.

All the Party members must play the core, pacesetter role in the effort for implementing the tasks set forth by the Party congress.

If they turn out with redoubled efforts to brave today's hardship in the vanguard, there is no difficulty we cannot surmount nor fortress we cannot seize.

All Party members must play their part in the most difficult and labour-consuming work sites by carrying forward the soul and spirit of the preceding generations who won a great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War with indomitable spiritual strength and heroic struggle and

successfully carried out postwar rehabilitation in a short span of time, even tightening their belts.

The heaviest are the duties entrusted to the newly elected members of the central leadership body of the Party and all the delegates here in carrying out with credit the sacred fighting goals and tasks set forth by the Eighth Party Congress.

The newly elected members of the Eighth Party Central Committee must remember the precious trust and expectations of Party members and other people at all times and at all places, and produce substantial results of their work by displaying a high sense of responsibility and devotion in the struggle for implementing the tasks set forth by the Party congress.

All the delegates must throw themselves heart and soul into and stubbornly struggle for making sure that the tasks set by the Party congress, which they personally discussed and decided on, are carried out without fail at their posts and workplaces.

The delegates, who know better than anyone else about the urgent requirements of the Party and the revolution, must deeply implant the idea and spirit of the Party congress in the hearts of the masses and arouse them by setting personal examples, so as to bring about a remarkable development in the work of their sectors and units.

Dear delegates,

We must be prepared to wage a more arduous frontal attack in order to achieve a fresh victory and brilliant advance of our socialist cause.

The hostile forces will try to check our advance more frantically, and the world will watch how the political declaration and fighting programme of our Party are realized.

As long as there are the burning loyalty and invincible might of the single-hearted unity of all Party members and other people and service personnel who support the ideas and decisions of our Party with their consistent actions and practices, we are sure to emerge victorious.

Let us all fight on more vigorously for the brilliant fulfillment of the fighting programme put forward by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, for the development of the glorious WPK, for the victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche, and for our great people.

Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun with new Party central leadership members

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on Tuesday, together with the newly-elected members of the Eighth Party central leadership body.

Accompanying him were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, first vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and secretary of the Party Central Committee, Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-chairman of the Party Central Military Commission and secretary



of the Party Central Committee, and Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The visitors were filled with solemn emotion as they visited the supreme temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance as the sun after being entrusted with heavy

responsibilities as members of the Party central leadership body at the Eighth Congress of the WPK, an important political event in the development of the Party and the revolution.

A basket of flowers in the name of the WPK Central Committee was laid at the statues of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un, together with the members of the Party central leadership body, paid

high tribute to the great leaders at their statues.

At the halls of immortality where the great leaders lie in state, he made deep bows to them with deepest reverence for them, the eternal leaders of the WPK and the Korean people and peerlessly great sages who always live in the hearts of the people, providing them with inexhaustible power for victory and strong will for struggle and strengthening the pillar of their faith.

The members of the Party central leadership body

made a firm resolve to cherish the decision of the historic Eighth WPK Congress as a solemn pledge made before the people and a supreme order given by them and achieve a new victory in the revolution by fulfilling their important responsibilities entrusted by the Party, the country and the people, true to the leadership of the General Secretary of the WPK.

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Resolution of Eighth WPK Congress adopted

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, on the basis of an in-depth discussion of the important matters facing the WPK and revolution, adopted with the unanimous approval of all its participants the resolution "On thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the Seventh WPK Central Committee".

The resolution appreciated that the "Report on the Work of the Seventh WPK Central Committee" given by General Secretary Kim Jong Un of the WPK at the congress correctly reviewed the brilliant victories and successes achieved by the Party and people in the period under review and scientifically specified the orientation and ways of the struggle for making an epochal advance of the cause of Korean socialism in the coming five years.

Reflected in the resolution are new goals of struggle to be attained in all fields, including the economy,

national defence, culture and management of state and society, to lead socialist construction to the next stage of victory on the basis of the valuable successes, experience and lessons of the revolution under the prevailing internal and external situations, and innovative ways for implementing them.

The resolution, which was deeply studied and discussed through sectoral consultative meetings of delegates, comes to be the most important practical programme which comprehends the organizational intention and determination of the entire Party with its scientific accuracy, feasibility and dynamism fully guaranteed.

The resolution noted that the congress made a comprehensive, all-round, anatomical analysis and review of the mistakes manifested in the implementation of the decision made at the Seventh Congress of the Party for the past five years and their reasons, and discussed in

depth the practical ways for setting them right, true to its nature as the congress for work, struggle and advance.

It expressed the unshakable intention of the Eighth Congress of the WPK to correct and overcome the mistakes by raising the intensity of struggle throughout the Party and bring about an epochal advance in the development of the Party and socialist construction.

It also specified the goals for socialist construction to be attained in the coming five years, which reflect the revolutionary aspiration and determination of all delegates and the entire Party members to thoroughly implement the militant tasks set forth by the respected General Secretary in his report on the work of the Seventh Party Central Committee.

The adoption of the resolution, which made clear the correct signpost for the state and people to the eminence of great power and prosperity at the crucial time of

linking the glorious 75-year-long history of the WPK to the one of 80 years, is a manifestation of the revolutionary will of millions of Party members to achieve a new victory of socialism by deeply cherishing once again the idea of "The people are God" and the ideas of single-minded unity and self-reliance.

The resolution adopted by the Eighth Congress of the Party at a time when all Party members and other people across the country started their advance in the first year of the 2020s, full of confidence and optimism, will serve as an inspiring militant banner which will lead the new-stage historic struggle for comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism to great creation and changes.

The resolution will be distributed to the Party organizations at all levels as a text for internal use.

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Grand art performance celebrates Eighth WPK Congress

Grand art performance “We Sing of the Party” was staged in splendour in celebration of the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on Wednesday.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, saw the performance.

Among the audience were Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Ri Pyong Chol and Kim Tok Hun,

members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other delegates to the Eighth Party Congress.

The moment the General Secretary appeared in the venue amid the welcome music, stormy cheers of “Hurrah!” burst forth.

The performance which was performed by creators and artistes of army and civil art troupes including prestigious major art troupes and art educational institutions, athletes and youth and students was divided into two parts.

It started with the overture consisting of instrumental music and song *We Sing of the Party*. Put on the stage of Part One “The Party is Our Guide” were the famous music pieces sung heartily by the people and service personnel in reverence for the great Party which has vigorously led the cause of Juche along the one road to victory and honour glorifying each historic Party congress as the starting point



for a new leap in the revolution and a watershed in the building of a prosperous country.

When the immortal hymn *Cantata to Marshal Kim Il Sung*, which had stirred the era in the stern year 60-odd years ago when the Third Congress of the Party took place, was played as an orchestral music and song, the audience was full of profound feeling of respect for President Kim Il Sung who pioneered the new era of independence and created the epoch-making example of building a revolutionary party, state and armed forces.

Part One which ended with mass gymnastics “Happy Tomorrow” and “Let’s Defend Socialism” impressively represented the immortal feats of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who created the new history of building Korean-style socialism, which is dignified with independence, self-sustenance and self-reliance in defence, by

developing the WPK into the strong guiding force of the revolution.

Put first on the stage of Part Two of the performance “Following Our Party Forever” were juvenile chorus *March of Children’s Union* and congratulatory poem *We Sing of Our Motherly Party* which reflect the bold spirit of Children’s Union members growing lively to become masters of prosperous Korea while realizing their beautiful dreams and hopes in the embrace of the Party.

Through the male vocal trio and chorus *Hymn to the Party*, an all-people hymn to the Eighth Congress of the WPK, the performers fully represented absolute trust in the Party which created the grand flower garden of people-first principle and put the dignity and national power of socialist Korea on a remarkably high level by confidently leading the country and the people along the straight road to victory even in the face of unprecedentedly arduous trial.

The performance instilled into the entire audience the iron truth that the fighting goals and tasks set forth at the Eighth Party Congress will surely be achieved and the cause of socialism will win victory after victory as long as there are the wise leadership of the General Secretary, the symbol of mightiness of Juche Korea, and the steel-strong single-hearted unity that has been consolidated in the long course of struggle. It ended with the finale consisting of orchestral music, chorus and dance

Glory to General Kim Jong Un.

The performance, in which the vocal music, instrumental music, dance and mass gymnastics were coordinated with original 3-D multimedia, distinctive lighting and vertical flash-card background to display the aspect of development of Juche art, unfolded the majestic and fascinating world of art to be acclaimed by the audience.

After the performance was over, stormy cheers of “Hurrah!” burst forth again in reverence for the General Secretary.

Warmly waving back to the enthusiastically cheering people, he expressed satisfaction with the successful performance that gave a grand epic portrayal of validity and invincibility of the ideology and cause of the ever-victorious WPK.

The grand performance demonstrated the iron faith and stamina of all the Party members.

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Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un has photo session with delegates to Eighth WPK Congress

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, had a photo session with the delegates to the Eighth Congress of the WPK on Thursday.

Present there were Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Ri Pyong Chol and Kim Tok Hun, members of the

Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK.

When the General Secretary appeared at the venue of the photo session amid the playing of welcome music, all the delegates broke into stormy cheers of “Hurrah!”, extending the highest

glory to him who glorified the Eighth Congress of the WPK as a congress of struggle and progress for enhancing the leadership ability and fighting efficiency of the great Party in every way and hastening a new victory of the revolution with confidence.

He posed for a picture with the delegates, expressing his belief that they would break through all challenges and obstacles in their

advance with the revolutionary spirit of Paektu, the spirit of self-reliance and fully discharge their revolutionary duty in the struggle for implementing the decision made at the Eighth Congress of the WPK as the core of the Party and the pioneers of the era, under the uplifted red flag of the Juche-type Party.

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Eighth WPK Congress celebrations topped off with military parade

A military parade took place in splendour at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on Thursday evening to commemorate the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The band of the State Affairs Commission and the central military band of the Ministry of Defence took the distinctively-decorated bandstand to play parade music.

Parade columns entered the square majestically with the pride of having reliably defended the Eighth Congress of the WPK by dint of the arms of the revolution.

The columns of mechanized units which would demonstrate the inexhaustible might of the armed forces of the DPRK lined up on the avenues leading to the square.

Air squadrons were also waiting for an order of sorties in high spirits.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, appeared on the platform of the square amid the playing of the welcome music.

Cheers of "Hurrah!" for the Supreme Leader and chants of "Kim Jong Un" and "Devoted defence" rocked heaven and earth



and fireworks brightly decorated the nocturnal sky of January.

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 DPRK State Affairs Commission and president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, 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 secretary of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and premier of the DPRK Cabinet.

Members of the Eighth Party central leadership body appeared on the platform, including Pak Thae Song, Jong Sang Hak, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Tu Il, Choe Sang Gon, Kim Jae Ryong, O Il Jong, Kim Yong Chol, O Su Yong, Jong Kyong Thae, Ri Yong Gil, Pak Thae Dok, Ho Chol Man, Kim Hyong Sik, Pak Myong Sun, Ri Chol Man, Thae Hyong Chol, Kim Yong Hwan, Pak Jong Gun, Yang Sung Ho, Jon Hyon Chol and Ri Son

Gwon.

Also seen on the platform were commanding officials of the military, including Pak Jong Chon, Kwon Yong Jin and Kim Jong Gwan.

Invited to the platform were Kim Yong Nam, Choe Yong Rim, Yang Hyong Sop, Kim Ki Nam, Choe Thae Bok, Kim Kyong Ok, Ri Yong Mu and Pak Pong Ju who had worked for a long time in the Party, the government and the military.

The reserved seats for guests were taken by the participants in the Eighth Congress

of the WPK and special guests.

Amid the playing of song *The Glorious Motherland*, a 21-gun salute was fired.

Kim Jong Gwan, minister of Defence of the DPRK, made an address.

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

Korean People's Army Marshal Pak Jong Chon, chief of the General Staff of the KPA, made a report to KPA Marshal Ri Pyong Chol that the parade units lined up to undergo preliminary inspection for the parade.

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The vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission inspected the parade units and then courteously reported to the General Secretary of the WPK that the military parade for commemorating the Eighth Party Congress was ready to start.

The parade began led by the command car carrying the chief of the KPA General Staff, amid the playing of dynamic march music.

The column of the honour cavalrymen ran past the square, followed by the column of loyal lifeguards.

The columns of the first and second corps marched past in fine array, demonstrating their pride as the eldest corps of the KPA and the unit where "a match for a hundred" was coined.

Then the columns of the fourth corps standing guard over the gate to the southwestern part of the DPRK and the fifth corps, backbone corps of the KPA, strode past gallantly.

They were followed by the columns of the Navy and the Air and Anti-Aircraft Force.

The column of the Strategic Force, the reliable nuclear armed force of the WPK, was greeted with enthusiastic cheers of the audience.

The columns of ground, sea and air snipers and light infantrymen demonstrated the spirit of invincibility of the strong revolutionary army of a-match-for-a-hundred combatants.

Also resounding through the square were the footsteps of the columns of the anti-aircraft artillery corps, 91st corps and 3rd corps standing guard over the capital city of Pyongyang and those of the corps tightly defending the coasts and border gateways of the country.

The columns of tank units and mechanized infantry divisions rolled past the square, demonstrating the might of the revolutionary armed forces.

They were followed by the columns

of mountain warfare infantrymen and reconnoitres and such special arms as electronic jamming unit and then the column of armed mobile unit for public security which marched past demonstrating heroic spirit.

The Supreme Leader warmly acknowledged the marchers.

Following the formation of guard planes, the red hawks of the Party, in the pattern of the Party emblem, flew past the sky above the square letting off the fireworks to brighten the sky.

The columns of mechanized units began their procession led by the column of armoured vehicles.

The columns of mainstay tanks began their procession.

They were followed by the procession of ultra-modern self-propelled artillery pieces to demonstrate strong fire strike capabilities, grandly showing off the might of the artillery force.

The columns of rockets with powerful striking capability of thoroughly annihilating enemies in a

preemptive way outside the territory roared past.

Seeing the mainstay equipment of the latest type, spectators keenly realized the strength of the DPRK, the strength of a powerful country, which stockpiled the entirety of force majeure.

Submarine-launched ballistic missiles entered the square in succession, being greeted with cheers of the audience.

The spectators extended the highest glory and warmest congratulations to Kim Jong Un who ushered in a new era of self-existence and prosperity by raising the DPRK into a worldwide nuclear power.

At the end of the military parade, fireworks were shot off again amid the thunderous cheers.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering crowds.

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DPRK defence minister addresses military parade



Kim Jong Gwan, minister of Defence of the DPRK, made a speech at the military parade which was held at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on Thursday in celebration of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

He said that the military parade would serve as a historic occasion for demonstrating at home and abroad once again the militant spirit and tremendous

power of the country's heroic armed forces that take the lead in defending and carrying on the revolutionary cause of the WPK headed by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and for encouraging the whole Party, all the people and the entire army to wage a struggle in the new era ushered in by the Eighth Congress of the Party.

The majestic elite units and invincible armoured ranks of the DPRK that will proudly march past Kim Il Sung Square is the symbol of its absolute power, he said.

The path the country is following is the most sacred and worthwhile one that leads socialist Korea to a more powerful and prosperous future, and its greatest strength is the single-heartedly united harmonious whole in which the whole Party, all the people and the entire army are closely rallied

as one behind Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, he noted.

He said the armed forces of the DPRK will always remain faithful only to the order and instructions of the Supreme Leader and successfully fulfil their duty and mission at the forefront of the revolution entrusted by the Party.

The armed forces of the DPRK will strictly contain any military threats on the Korean peninsula and if the hostile forces endanger its security even a bit, they will preemptively use the strongest offensive power to thoroughly punish them and firmly defend the security of the country and the people and its socialist system, he said.

"Our army will ensure the new historic advance of the Workers' Party of Korea with the strongest military power."

The DPRK will surely win as it is led by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, he concluded.

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Fireworks display adds festive mood to Party congress

A dazzling fireworks display followed the military parade held in Pyongyang on Thursday evening in celebration of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Fantastic fireworks were set

off around the Tower of the Juche Idea amid the playing of songs *Glory to General Kim Jong Un* and *People's Jubilation*.

Citizens gathered at Kim Il Sung Square and on

the banks of the River Taedong and raised shouts of ecstasy, feasting their eyes on the fireworks.

They also had a huge dancing party at the square.

Fireworks were shot off in

succession to the tune of such songs as *Glory to Our Great Party* and *Our Leader Beloved of People*, representing the profound reverence for the Party Central Committee that exalts the dignity and might of the country and the people on the highest level by dint of the great idea and unity in the face of the stern historical trials.

Colorful fireworks in different shapes were displayed in the nocturnal sky, exciting the

dancing citizens at the square.

Watching the gorgeous explosion of fireworks, the participants in the congress and citizens renewed their will to remain true to the leadership of the great Party Central Committee and bring earlier the prospering tomorrow by advancing along the road of victory indicated by the Party congress.

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