

Report on enlarged meeting of Sixth Plenary Meeting of Eighth WPK Central Committee



General Secretary Kim Jong Un set it as the general direction of new year's work to provide a decisive guarantee for the fulfilment of the five-year plan

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The vigorous development of the sacred Korean revolution pioneered and advancing with the most just mission and far-reaching ideal is firmly guaranteed by the wise guidance of the Workers' Party of Korea which sets forth scientific path and clear practical strategy at each period and at every stage and leads to thorough and perfect implementation.

Our Party members, working people and service personnel have honourably defended the year 2022 full of all unprecedented challenges and threats with the indomitable spirit and perseverance peculiar to the great Korean people under the militant banner of the ever-victorious WPK. They are recollecting with great pride and self-confidence the days when they overcame the most difficult hardships with stubborn wisdom in the gigantic course for a comprehensive development of socialist construction.

In 2022 filled with manifold trials, our Party members, working people and officers and men of the People's Army have waged a heroic struggle to defend the validity of their cause and their dignity and honour, thus powerfully demonstrating the potentiality of the DPRK, its spirit and the staunch character of the Korean revolution. And through the process of making remarkable





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and meaningful progress, they came to believe their own strength more firmly, find out the main links of changes more clearly and map out the road of overall development more vividly.

Under the present situation of aspiring after a new advance after successfully overcoming the dangerous and urgent difficulties decisive of the existence of the state, the Korean revolution has persistently faced unavoidable obstacles which can be overcome only by the correct and seasoned leadership of the WPK and the united, powerful and courageous struggle of the Korean people.

The enlarged meeting of the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK was held at the headquarters of the Party Central Committee, the supreme General Staff of the revolution, from December 26 to 31, Juche 111(2022) to clarify the positive and scientific policy orientation for dynamically leading Korean-style socialism to a fresh change and development by thoroughly applying the idea of independence, self-sustenance and self-reliance, the invariable guidelines of the Korean revolution.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, was present at the plenary meeting.

When he appeared on the platform, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" broke out in the meeting hall.

All the participants extended the highest glory to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the great leader of our Party and revolution and the banner of all glories and victories of our state and people, who has confidently led the socialist cause to radical overall development while ushering in a heyday of strengthening the whole Party with his transparent idea of independence and distinguished leadership activities, holding fast to the helm of the Juche revolution.

Present there were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of the WPK Central Committee. Officials of the departments of the

Party Central Committee and leading officials of ministries, national agencies, provincial-level leadership bodies and cities and counties and major industrial establishments were present as observers.

The presidium of the meeting was elected with members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK authorized Kim Jong Un to preside over the meeting.

Kim Jong Un appreciated that the WPK has pushed ahead with socialist construction more dynamically and extensively by further increasing the enthusiasm of the whole Party and all the people for struggle, while overcoming the difficulties and hardship equivalent to the ten-year struggle since the Eighth Congress of the WPK. He said it is the most precious experience that the WPK correctly grasped the peculiarities of the internal and external environment of the Korean revolution during this course and confirmed our revolutionary principle, methodology and orientation of advance.

He said that the plenary meeting should serve as an occasion for opening a wide avenue for the development of the state and giving the people greater confidence and optimism by clarifying the path of new leap forward and mapping out the most correct and effective strategy on the basis of the experience, lessons and substantial advance accumulated through the stubborn struggle in 2022.

Stressing the need for the members of the Party central leadership body to display a high sense of responsibility and activeness to this end, he declared the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee open.

The plenary meeting put the following matters on its agenda items:

1. On review of the implementation of major Party and state policies in 2022 and the work plan for 2023
2. Organizational matter
3. On the fulfilment of the state budget for 2022 and the draft state budget for 2023
4. On strengthening the Party guidance over the revolutionary schools
5. On the five-point line of party building in the new era

The plenary meeting unanimously approved the agenda items. The plenary meeting discussed the

first agenda item "On review of the implementation of major Party and state policies in 2022 and the work plan for 2023".

Kim Jong Un made a report on the first agenda item.

In his report he appreciated the successes made in 2022 in which our Party and people have made steady and powerful progress while waging an arduous struggle in firm unity.

Remarkable successes and progress have been made in the activities of our Party and its self-strengthening.

The Party Central Committee directed the general orientation of the Party activities to the thorough implementation of the decisions of the fourth and fifth plenary meetings of the Eighth Party Central Committee, and powerfully led the whole Party and all the people to continuous advance and development with its proactive and superb leadership practice in the face of the sudden and severe changes in internal and external situation. It also further refined

its leadership ability by thoroughly maintaining its leadership traits of responding courageously and promptly, and developed the united might of the revolutionary ranks onto a remarkably high level.

Substantial measures were taken to reinforce the key links in strengthening the Party work throughout the Party and a theory of party building in the new era guaranteeing the eternal future of the Party was established, providing a powerful weapon for the rosy development of the Party.

The settlement of the historic task of making the world clearly recognize the strategic position of the DPRK to provide an eternal security through the official legalization of the DPRK's policy on its nuclear force at the most appropriate and crucial time—this is a demonstration of the transparent stand of independence and the idea of self-defence of the WPK, which has greater significance than any

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other political events in view of steering the change of the world political structure and putting the track of the development of the state on a new high level.

The report analyzed and evaluated the dramatic changes made in developing the defence capabilities and in the struggle against the enemy.

It is the great pride of the Party, the DPRK government and the people that they have made the DPRK's great power more certain and built up powerful and matchless military muscle by making a strenuous struggle for bolstering up the defence capabilities.

Our Party's basic principle of defending the national interests and raising the national prestige was successfully implemented despite the trend of the eventful and changeful international political situation, thus dealing a severe blow to the US imperialists' high-handed and arbitrary practices and policy toward the DPRK in line with the Party's

strategic plan and resolution.

The report referred to the remarkable progress made in economic and cultural construction in the year 2022.

Splendid successes symbolizing the struggle of the year 2022 were made in the construction of the Hwasong and Ryonpho areas, which were the most important tasks in the field of construction, and projects of great significance in economic growth and improvement of the people's living standard were inaugurated.

The drive for implementing the new programme for rural revolution was started dynamically, model houses representing the new era of rural development were built in cities and counties across the country and a positive drive was launched to improve economic management and raise the country's ability to cope with crisis and the country's level of civilization.

2022 was a time which was by no means meaningless and we have made clear advance, the General Secretary

said, adding that definite successes made in all the work of the Party and state are a praiseworthy victory that could be won only by our great people who have displayed the spirit of self-reliance and fortitude and creativity while stoutly enduring the grave national crises, and the immortal feats that would shine forever in the history of the country.

He extended warm thanks to all the Party members and other people across the country on behalf of the Party Central Committee for having firmly defended and implemented the Party policies with the most powerful and courageous struggle unprecedented in history, thus demonstrating the honour, dignity and prestige of the state before the whole world and glorifying the year 2022 as a year of important milestone in opening a new surging phase of our revolution.

Saying that 2023, when the tasks of the third year of key significance in implementing the five-year plan set forth at the Eighth Congress of the Party would be carried out and when

the 70th anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and the 75th anniversary of the DPRK would be commemorated, is an important year in the process of our socialist development and the history of the DPRK, he set it as the general direction of new year's work to further expand and develop the all-people struggle to open a new phase in socialist construction so as to provide a decisive guarantee for the fulfilment of the five-year plan.

He stressed the need to make the year 2023 a year of great turn and change to be remarkably recorded in the course of development of the DPRK by redoubling the fighting spirit displayed in 2022 and making all efforts to attain this year's goal and fulfil the new long-term tasks.

The General Secretary indicated all the tasks for ensuring stable development of the national economy and bringing about a substantial change in the improvement of the people's living standard.

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The report defined the year 2023, which faces the higher goals and huge tasks for accomplishing the five-year plan for national economic development, as a year of making a big stride in the development of the national economy, a year of attaining key goals in increasing production, carrying out the strategy of readjustment and reinforcement and improving the people's living standard, and set it as the main task of economic work to mainly complete the plan for readjustment and reinforcement decided by the Party Congress while pepping up production in all sectors and units.

The General Secretary said that the WPK has made strenuous efforts to thoroughly embody the idea of self-sufficiency laid down by President Kim Il Sung and eliminate defeatism and mysticism in technology in the whole course of socialist construction since the foundation of the state. However, the tendency of such old idea still remains among some economic officials as incurable and endemic diseases with clever disguise, he reprimanded.

The plenary meeting dealt a resolute and heavy blow to the outdated idea of trying to bargain the principle of self-reliance, not abandoning dependence on the technology of others, and recognized that it is necessary to continue the struggle to wipe out all the remnants of wrong ideas which are obstructing our work under the pretense of objective circumstances.

The General Secretary ardently and militantly called upon the workers, scientists and technicians of core sectors for the successful development of the national economy to overcome the difficulties of the revolution by their own efforts, holding high the fighting spirit and banner of the 1960s and 70s once again.

The report set as the main targets the economic indices and 12 major goals to be attained by all sectors of the national economy in the new year and specified the ways for attaining them. It stressed the need to focus the operation and guidance on making the implementation of this year's plan lead to the implementation of the mid- and long-term strategy for economic development.

Setting it as the first major policy task to build more dwelling houses, a revolution that brings about epochal changes and a project greatly favoured by the people, the report stressed the need to build a new street composed of 3 700 flats along with the construction of 10 000 flats of the second stage in the Hwasong area by building up the capital city in a bolder way in the third year of the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang. It also stressed the need to direct greater efforts to the construction of rural dwelling houses on the basis of the experience accumulated in the year 2022.

The report raised it as a policy task to bring about a substantial change in the people's living which the Party attaches most importance to and is pushing forward with much effort, and detailed the important tasks and ways to which the agricultural sector should give priority.

It called for finding a realistic and rational work system and method and unconditionally carrying them out in light industry, regional industry, public service, fishery, urban management and other sectors directly related to the people's living so that the policies of the Party and state can reach the people correctly.

The report stressed the need to thoroughly adhere to the Party's principle of attaching importance to and prioritizing science and technology, clearly understanding the importance of science and technology playing a locomotive role in developing the national economy and improving the people's living standard, and set forth the orientation of innovation to raise the country's scientific and technological level to a new higher level.

It dealt with the principles and ways to amplify the successes and experience gained in education, public health and all other fields for developing socialist culture in the course of the struggle of the year 2022 and to overcome deviations.

The General Secretary stressed the need to actively organize and properly lead the socialist patriotic movement and the revolutionary mass movement, the powerful driving force for the prosperity and development of the state.

Noting that primary attention should be paid to firmly adhering to and inheriting the tradition of loyalty peculiar to the Korean revolution and the tradition of patriotism peculiar to our state, and the revolution should be advanced by dint of loyalty and patriotism, he clarified the principled issues arising in actively organizing and conducting various popular patriotic movements to be undertaken by the Party and working people's organizations.

The report clarified the crucial policy resolution on giving spurs to strengthening the self-defensive capabilities on the basis of the analysis of the present situation of the inter-Korean relations and the external challenges seriously threatening regional peace and security.

The US and other hostile forces have recently been hit hard by the rapid development of the military muscle of the DPRK and the promulgation of the peerless nuclear law in the world. Though seized with fear and uneasiness due to

the DPRK's toughest counteraction, they are now keen on isolating and stifling the DPRK, unprecedented in human history.

In 2022 the US frequently deployed various nuclear strike means in south Korea at the level of constant deployment, increasing the level of military pressure on the DPRK to the maximum. And, at the same time, it is pushing forward the realization of triangular cooperation with Japan and south Korea on a full scale while working hard to establish a new military bloc like Asian version of NATO under the signboard of "tightening alliance".

Under the pretext of coping with any "threat", south Korea is hell-bent on imprudent and dangerous arms buildup while busying itself with hostile military moves to pose a confrontational challenge.

The prevailing situation calls for making redoubled efforts to overwhelmingly guarantee the sovereignty, security and fundamental interests of the DPRK in response to the worrying military moves by the US and other hostile forces precisely targeting the DPRK.

Stressing the importance of bolstering the nuclear force, the report made clear that our nuclear force considers it as the first mission to deter war and safeguard peace and stability and, however, if it fails to deter, it will carry out the second mission, which will not be for defence.

According to the strategy and plan for bolstering up nuclear force of the Party and the DPRK government to firmly safeguard the DPRK's absolute dignity, sovereignty and right to existence, a task was set to develop another ICBM system whose main mission is quick nuclear counterstrike.

Now that the south Korean puppet forces who designated the DPRK as their "principal army" and openly trumpet about "preparations for war" have come out as our undoubted enemy, it highlights the importance and necessity of the mass-

production of tactical nuclear weapons and calls for an exponential increase of the country's nuclear arsenal, the report said, clarifying the epochal strategy of the development of nuclear force and national defence for 2023 with this as a main orientation.

The National Aerospace Development Administration will launch the first military satellite of the DPRK at the earliest date possible by pushing ahead with the full preparation for a reconnaissance satellite and its vehicle in progress at the final stage, the report pointed out.

The report raised it as a major task to boost the political and ideological and military and technical strength of the People's Army, the main force of the national defence capabilities.

In accordance with the army-building orientations put forward at the Eighth Party Congress and major Party meetings, it is necessary to make the year 2023 marking the 70th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War and the 60th anniversary of advancement of the slogan "A-match-for-a-hundred" as a year of strengthening the political and ideological might of the armed forces of the DPRK in every way and a year of bringing about a change in making preparations to mobilize for war and enhancing the actual war capacity.

The report highly appreciated the devoted efforts and feats by the workers, scientists and officials in the munitions industrial sector who creditably carried out the major national defence policy-oriented tasks set forth by the Party through the whole year's super-intense drive for production and scientific research, and laid down next year's goals of developing and producing weapons and equipment.

The report made clear the main tasks facing the sectors in charge of affairs with the south and foreign affairs on

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the basis of the analysis of the external circumstances of the Korean revolution.

In line with the evident switch of the structure of international relations to the "new Cold War" system and the accelerating current of multipolarization, the report stressed the principles of external work to be thoroughly adhered to by the Party and the DPRK government to raise national prestige, defend national rights and safeguard national interests and to protect regional peace and security.

Notably, the report put forward the detailed orientations of responding to the US and other enemies on switching to the actual action of more reliably and surely cementing our physical force on the principle of power for power and head-on contest and it sounded a note of warning against those countries which started joining the US with its partnership strategy to deprive the DPRK of its sacred dignity and sovereignty.

The General Secretary in his report pointed out the important issues arising in solidifying and developing our state and social system and giving play to its advantages and might.

When the socialist legal system is further improved and strengthened, the original features of our system as the genuine people's country that the law defends the people and the people observe the law can be preserved, Party and state policies can be properly implemented and the purity of the revolutionary ranks and the consolidation of Korean-style socialism can be defended and maintained.

The report also presented the principled issues arising in readjusting the state management structure system in a practical way and in improving the work attitude and style of officials as required by the changing and developing circumstances and the intensified struggle for socialist construction.

The General Secretary indicated important items, orientations of

improvement and principled issues for preserving and solidifying the political climate peculiar to the Party and substantially guaranteeing the prospective development of the Party by boosting the combat efficiency of Party organizations at all levels and improving Party work and personnel management in a fundamental manner.

A change should be made in the work of all the Party organizations and officials and, in particular, the provincial Party committees, the political staff of relevant regions, and their chief secretaries.

The General Secretary concluded his three-day report, warmly appealing to the leading officials, who are fully responsible for the work of all fields of the revolution and the destiny of Party policies, to make decisive progress in carrying out their duties to live up to the trust and expectations of the Party and the people with their high sense of loyalty and devoted service at the most critical and responsible time in the history of the development of the DPRK and thus powerfully demonstrate to the world how the WPK shouldering the destiny of the country and the people overcomes trials and advance towards a greater victory through new year's struggle.

All the participants expressed full support and approval with a big clap to the report which proudly reviewed the all-people struggle of 2022 that made brilliant achievements in the spirit of fortitude and clearly indicated our advance orientations and keys to making a leap forward under the changing revolutionary situation.

The General Secretary's passionate report full of confidence in victory that calls for shaping the future of socialist construction in our own way and by our own efforts from A to Z serves as an undying militant banner that makes it possible to further boost the great and inexhaustible strength of single-minded unity between the Party and the people and thus dynamically achieve

the substantial development and change of national rejuvenation by dint of the absolute power of single-minded unity and through a prudent struggle.

The meeting heard the proposal put forward by Premier of the Cabinet Kim Tok Hun relating to the measures needed for improving and strengthening the overall state affairs including the economic field, and leading officials of various fields made speeches and written speeches.

Based on the idea and spirit of the important report by the General Secretary, two-day sectional workshops and consultative meetings took place to establish, in a scientific and detailed way, a thoroughgoing and correct implementation plan for next year's colossal fighting tasks.

The cadres of the Party and the government guided the sectional workshops and consultative meetings.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee finally deliberated on the opinions on the draft resolution, examined the deliberation of the draft state budget for the new year and discussed the issue of taking important measures for the development of major sectors of the national economy.

The plenary meeting adopted the resolution on the first agenda item with unanimous approval.

The plenary meeting discussed the organizational matter as the second agenda item.

Members and alternate members of the Workers' Party of Korea Central Committee were recalled and by-elected. Jon Sung Guk, Kim Tu Il, Song Yong Gon and Pak Song Chol were by-elected as members of the Central Committee of the WPK from alternate members and Pang Tu Sop, Choe Chol Ung, Pak Myong Son, Ri Yong Sik, Paek Song Guk, Kim Yong Su, Kim Yong Hwan, Ri Ho Rim, Ho Chol Yong, Yu Jin, Sin Ki Chol, Kim Sang Gon and Ri Hye Jong as members of the Central Committee of

the WPK directly.

By-elected as alternate members of the Central Committee of the WPK were Kim Yong Sik, Thae Hyong Chol, Kim Chang Sok, Jo Sok Chol, Jong Yong Nam, Ri Song Bom, Kim Phyoung Hyon, Won Kyong Mo, Sin Song Guk, An Sung Hak, Ho Chol Ho, Song Myong Hun, Pae Song Guk, Kim Kum Chol, O Chol Su, Choe Son Il, Kim Son Guk, Jang Se Il, Ri Kyong Il, Jon In Chol, Kim Tu Hong, Pak In Gi, Yu Chol U, Kim Song Chol, Choe Tu Yong and Ryang Kil Song.

A member and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee were recalled and by-elected. Pak Su Il was by-elected as member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and Ju Chang Il, Ri Hi Yong, Kim Su Gil, Kim Sang Gon and Kang Sun Nam as alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

A secretary of the WPK Central Committee was dismissed and elected. Pak Jong Chon was dismissed and Ri Yong Gil was elected as secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK.

A vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission was recalled and by-elected. Pak Jong Chon was recalled and Ri Yong Gil was by-elected as vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission.

A vice-chairman of the WPK Central Inspection Commission was recalled and by-elected. Kim Sang Gon was by-elected as vice-chairman of the WPK Central Inspection Commission.

Department directors and first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK were dismissed and appointed.

O Il Jong, Kim Sang Gon, Kim Yong Su and Ri Hye Jong were appointed as department directors of the WPK Central

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Committee, and Kim Yong Sik as first deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Chief secretaries of provincial Party committees were dismissed and appointed.

Kim Su Gil was appointed as chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the WPK, Pak Thae Dok as chief secretary of the South Hwanghae Provincial Committee of the WPK and Paek Song Guk as chief secretary of the Kangwon Provincial Committee of the WPK.

Cadres of the government organs were dismissed and appointed.

Kim Chol Ha was appointed as minister of Chemical Industry, Kim Chang Sok as minister of Light Industry, Jo Sok Chol as chairman of the Quality Control Commission and Ri Yong Sik as director of the Political Bureau of the Cabinet and concurrently chief secretary of its Party committee.

Some commanding officers of the armed forces organs were dismissed and appointed.

Pak Su Il was appointed as chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, Kang Sun Nam as minister of National Defence of the DPRK and Ri Thae Sop as minister of Public Security.

In the debate on the third agenda item, the plenary meeting finally deliberated on the fulfilment of the state budget for 2022 and the draft state budget for 2023, which were examined and submitted by the state budget assessment group, and approved bringing them to the Eighth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly.

The plenary meeting discussed the fourth agenda item "On strengthening the Party guidance over the revolutionary schools" and unanimously approved a relevant resolution.

The plenary meeting discussed the fifth

agenda item "On the five-point line of party building in the new era".

Kim Jong Un made a report on the fifth agenda item.

It is an important issue for our Party, which has covered a long ruling course of nearly 80 years with its important mission to be responsible for the destiny and future of the Korean people, to provide powerful guidelines for firmly preserving its revolutionary character and nature and remarkably enhancing its leading and vanguard role on the basis of directly facing up to the changes of the times and examining the Party's reality.

The original idea and theory of Party building in the new era advanced by the General Secretary included the revolutionary essence, content and valuable experience of the building of organization, ideology and leadership art which has been accumulated historically, suggested all urgent problems arising in the practice of Party work and solved them scientifically. So, they won full support and approval of the Party officials and members in a few months after their announcement.

The work was executed to newly frame the theoretical system on the Party building with political, organizational, ideological, disciplinary and work-style building and enrich and regularize their contents.

In particular, the struggle to open up a new era of strengthening the whole Party provided a solid springboard for steadily and stably developing the Party building, including the overall and detailed refinement of the fighting capabilities of the Party organizations at all levels and the intensification of the political awareness and role of the Party officials and members.

It constitutes a reliable force and a solid foundation for strengthening the Party that the Party has its organizations and millions of its members, who are working hard to establish a sound

and clear political climate, rallied closely around its Central Committee organizationally and ideologically and in moral obligation, and tens of millions of people have absolutely trusted the Party as the ever-victorious guide and the great mother, following it in one mind.

It has been raised as an appropriate and matured issue to define the five-point orientation for Party building in the new era as the Party's line, in accordance with the new requirements of the developing revolution, the continuity of the trend confirmed in the historical course and the scientific and objective confirmation of its feasibility.

Expressing the belief that the WPK would be able to constantly maintain and strengthen its character and nature and discharge its sacred mission and responsibility for the people forever if the five-point orientation based on the theory of Party building in the new era is confirmed as the line of the party building of the WPK, the General Secretary courteously proposed to the plenary meeting to formally define the Party building orientation in the new era in which the will of the whole Party is integrated as the Party's line.

A resolution on defining the five-point orientation based on the General Secretary's unique idea and theory of party building as the WPK's line of party building in the new era was adopted with unanimous approval amid thunderous applause.

Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech.

Our struggle is an unprecedentedly great cause of not only enduring the difficulties facing it and maintaining itself but advancing toward new changes and development and the overall development of socialist construction.

In the new year, too, our struggle will face trials and difficulties which are not easy to overcome, but we should vigorously advance towards a new

horizon of development of the state with firm confidence in our cause and faith in our own strength.

We will resolutely tide over the challenges and difficulties facing us by our own efforts and accelerate the advance into a new era as planned, decided and scheduled by us, not by any fortunes or help from outside.

The General Secretary declared the plenary meeting closed, expressing firm belief that its decisions would lead to steady implementation and substantial changes and a new heyday of the development of the Party and the revolution would be ushered in forever thanks to the high Party spirit, revolutionary spirit and devotion of all the participants.

All the participants broke into stormy cheers, looking up to the General Secretary of the WPK who opened up a broad avenue for strengthening the whole Party and achieving national prosperity and has vigorously guided the work with his extraordinary ideological and theoretical wisdom, seasoned art of leadership and tireless devotion, and solemnly took a pledge of invariable loyalty to the revolutionary cause following the Party Central Committee while setting up their minds full of new confidence and will before the ordeals to be faced again for the great state and people.

The Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, which fully demonstrated the mature leadership ability of our Party confidently leading the socialist cause of Korean style and added fresh courage and vigour to the dynamic advance of our state along the road chosen by itself and to the indomitable fighting spirit of our people, will shine long in the sacred history of the Juche revolution as a significant occasion that made an important turning point peculiar to the victorious path of our revolution.

Secretary of the WPK Central Committee elected at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee



Ri Yong Gil

Vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission by-elected at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee

Ri Yong Gil

Vice-chairman of the WPK Central Inspection Commission by-elected at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee

Kim Sang Gon

Department directors and first deputy department director of the WPK Central Committee appointed at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee

Department directors

O Il Jong, Kim Sang Gon, Kim Yong Su and Ri Hye Jong

First deputy department director

Kim Yong Sik



O Il Jong



Kim Yong Su



Ri Hye Jong

Chief secretaries of provincial Party committees appointed at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee

Chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Party Committee Kim Su Gil

Chief secretary of the South Hwanghae Provincial Party Committee Pak Thae Dok

Chief secretary of the Kangwon Provincial Party Committee Paek Song Guk



Pak Thae Dok



Paek Song Guk

Press release of Sixth Plenary Meeting of Eighth WPK Central Committee

Members and alternate members of the Workers' Party of Korea Central Committee and member and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee by-elected at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee are as follows:

Members of the WPK Central Committee

Jon Sung Guk, Kim Tu Il, Song Yong Gon, Pak Song Chol, Pang Tu Sop, Choe Chol Ung, Pak Myong Son, Ri Yong Sik, Paek Song Guk, Kim Yong Su, Kim Yong Hwan, Ri Ho Rim, Ho Chol Yong, Yu Jin, Sin Ki Chol, Kim Sang Gon and Ri Hye Jong

Alternate members of the WPK Central Committee

Kim Yong Sik, Thae Hyong Chol, Kim Chang Sok, Jo Sok Chol, Jong Yong Nam, Ri Song Bom, Kim Phyoung Hyon, Won Kyong Mo, Sin Song Guk, An Sung Hak, Ho Chol Ho, Song Myong Hun, Paek Song Guk, Kim Kum Chol, O Chol Su, Choe Son Il, Kim Son Guk, Jang Se Il, Ri Kyong Il, Jon In Chol, Kim Tu Hong, Pak In Gi, Yu Chol U, Kim Song Chol, Choe Tu Yong and Ryang Kil Song

Member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee

Pak Su Il

Alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee

Ju Chang Il, Ri Hi Yong, Kim Su Gil, Kim Sang Gon and Kang Sun Nam



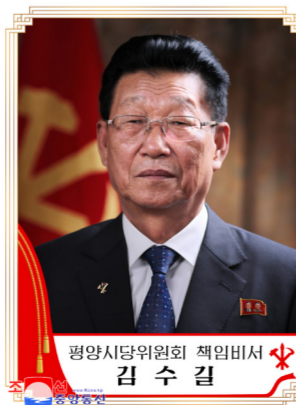
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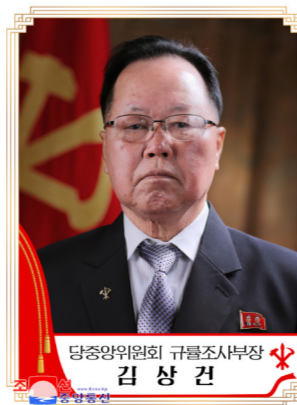
Ju Chang Il



Ri Hi Yong



Kim Su Gil



Kim Sang Gon



Kang Sun Nam

Cadres of government organs appointed at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee

Minister of Chemical Industry Kim Chol Ha

Minister of Light Industry Kim Chang Sok

Chairman of the Quality Control Commission Jo Sok Chol

Director of the Political Bureau of the Cabinet and concurrently chief secretary of its Party Committee Ri Yong Sik



Kim Chol Ha



Kim Chang Sok



Ri Yong Sik



Ri Thae Sop

Commanding officers of the armed forces organs appointed at the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth WPK Central Committee

Chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army Pak Su Il

Minister of National Defence of the DPRK Kang Sun Nam

Minister of Public Security Ri Thae Sop

Ceremony of presenting 600mm super-large multiple launch rocket systems held with splendour



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A ceremony of presenting the 600mm super-large multiple launch rocket systems provided by the workers in the munitions industry to the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held with splendour in the court of the office building of the Party Central Committee on December 31.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, attended the ceremony.

When he appeared in the venue of the ceremony, all the participants raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to him, the dignity of the great Party, state and people and symbol of victory and glory who has firmly consolidated the most powerful strategic strength and absolute might with which to reliably defend the DPRK's inviolable sovereignty and right to development with his thorough independent faith, iron-willed courage and tireless guidance tour of the front lines, ushering in a golden age of a strong army building.

Present at the ceremony were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and the participants in the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

Also attending the ceremony were officials of the Party Central Committee, officials and persons of merit in the field of the munitions industry.

The national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

A representative of the workers in the munitions industry made a report of presentation.

Referring to their high honour of participating in the grand ceremony of presenting weapons unprecedented in the history of the munitions industry, the first of its kind in the world, which was held in the yard of the Party Central Committee which they longed for so earnestly, he politely made a report to Kim Jong Un on the fact that

the workers in the munitions industry courteously presented to the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee the super-large multiple launch rocket systems additionally manufactured by them out of their patriotic mind to uphold the Party's cause of building a powerful army with their blood and sweat.

He presented to the General Secretary a presentation document carrying the unshakable faith and determination of loyalty of all the workers in the field of the munitions industry to uphold the revolutionary cause of the WPK with the matchless military muscle.

Kim Jong Un made a passionate reply speech, expressing his deep thanks to the workers in the field of the munitions industry who have absolutely supported the success of the plenary meeting and hardened its indomitable fighting will by producing and presenting the core striking equipment which would form the backbone of the revolutionary armed forces with their indomitable stamina to unconditionally translate the Party's plan for building a powerful national defence into reality.

Saying that it is the greatest pride of the Party to have the workers in the field of the munitions industry intensely loyal to the cause of the Party and the revolution and the self-supporting defence industry with absolute strength, he ardently

appealed to all the revolutionary fighters in the munitions industry to make redoubled efforts to successfully implement the grand strategy for national defence development set forth by the Party Central Committee.

When he finished the reply speech, all the participants raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" again.

Kim Jong Un, together with the participants, looked round the super-large multiple launch rocket systems. Appreciating once again the transparent ideological and mental power and inexhaustible creativity of the workers in the field of the munitions industry who uphold the WPK with their conscience and obligation, he expressed belief that they would continue to make devoted efforts for the revolution by inheriting the tradition and history of loyalty.

The ceremony served as a significant occasion powerfully encouraging the grand march of all the people, who are dynamically advancing toward a new victory of the revolution, single-mindedly rallied close around the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, and demonstrating the pledge of faith and steadfast will of the heroic Korean working class to uphold the WPK's idea and line of independence in politics, self-sustenance in the economy and self-reliance in national defence with loyalty and patriotism.



Kim Jong Un makes speech at ceremony of donating multiple launch rocket systems

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a speech in reply at a ceremony of donating 600mm super-large multiple launch rocket systems on December 31, 2022. The following is the full text:

Comrades attending this event as representatives of the working class in the munitions industry,

Other dear comrades,
We have reviewed our struggle in the arduous year of 2022 and risen up for a fresh struggle in the coming new year. At this moment standing in fine array in the yard of the headquarters of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea for the first time after the founding of this state and our Party are the core means of strike, which our working class in the munitions industry have built through a struggle for increased production of loyalty and which would form the backbone of our armed forces.

They are, indeed, a precious and encouraging donation.

They are powerful in that they will give a fresh strength and courage to the whole country as it greets a new year, will further amplify the historic significance of the plenary meeting of our Party, and will strike another terror and shock into the enemy.

All the working class in the munitions industry and their representatives,

The working class, scientists and officials in the defence industry, with indefatigable and limitless energy and sense of mission, fully displayed the infinite revolutionary zeal and mettle and the thoroughgoing and perfect pattern of creation, which are the original features and a symbol of the working class in the munitions industry. They thus have made an outstanding contribution to the advance and development of our revolution till the last day of the arduous year of 2022. On behalf of the Central Committee of the Party and the government of the Republic and along with the hearts of all the Party members and other people and soldiers of the People's Army across the country, I extend warm thanks to them.

Indeed, I always cannot but feel solemn and respectful to think about the unparalleled patriotism, faithfulness and creativity of our working class in the munitions industry and their heroic struggle for increased production, and extend warm thanks and thanks and make a deep bow to them.

Comrades, have a look at them.

I really feel invigorated.

I feel unwittingly invigorated to see them. I think this is not merely because I am aware of their value and might but because they are permeated with the patriotism and loyalty of our working class who devote their all to our revolution in the severe struggle and in the face of trials and because I am proud that we have made the unique Juche-type weapons by our own wisdom and efforts.

Having accepted as the demand of the revolution and people, and of their lives, the determination and plan of the Party Central Committee to raise the supremacy of our armed forces on to the highest level without any hesitation and without any letup, the working class in the munitions industry rose up as one with a resolve to build a larger number of 600mm multiple launch rocket system units to be supplied to the People's Army, and launched a campaign of loyalty in late October.

As was the same case when this kind of weapon, which the world had never imagined, was born three years ago, our working class in the munitions industry, this time, too, performed miraculous feats day after day by displaying a super-powerful spirit.

I have heard that the relevant complex, while stepping up the production for attaining the crucial targets in bringing about a revolution in the defence industry which had been set forth at the Eighth Party Congress, assembled one, even two, gigantic units in addition every two days, in the course of which it created a surprising production record.

As it had done in the past, this factory, in the



recent struggle for increased production, too, fully demonstrated its tradition and trait of always supporting the Party and promoting the country's prosperity with loyalty and practice, thereby giving birth to these proud crystallizations of patriotism and loyalty.

This year the working class in the munitions industry have worked admirably, indeed.

Unlike any of the earlier years, this year was the most arduous period, and our state was faced with the worst-ever challenges in its history. But the defence industry rose up and supplied as many as 5 000 farm machines to our cooperative farms, which was a strong support to the agricultural front. This is quite inspiring, and that is not all.

Many munitions factories and enterprises have waged a tenacious struggle, making undaunted efforts in high spirits with a firm determination to defend the Party and revolution by means of unmatched military capabilities, and thus made a tangible contribution to increasing our state's defence capabilities incomparably in 2022, a year full of adversities.

I have been immensely grateful to and deeply admiring our working class in the munitions industry for their ardent patriotism and loyalty with which they have worked for the Party and revolution throughout the year. And as we see now, the complex, by working with loyalty and pure conscience up to the last day of the year, has donated to our Party, along with the hearts of all the working class in the munitions industry, 30 units of 600mm super-large multiple launch rocket system, the main weapon of strike that our Party was most desirous of and our army waited for most anxiously.

This represents an eye-opening success that has demonstrated to the whole world the unusual patriotism and loyalty, inexhaustible potentialities and revolutionary fighting mettle of our working class in the munitions industry, who have shouldered full responsibility for the development of the military technology of the armed forces of our Republic.

We should never forget their historic services and painstaking efforts.

Comrades,

Our working class in the munitions industry regard the valuable title, revolutionary industry of the Workers' Party of Korea, which cannot be bartered for anything, as a source of their exceptional honour and pride. As we see, they are always honourable and faithful to the cause of the Party and revolution.

That we have such a self-supporting defence industry which displays such heroism and possesses characteristic features and absolute strength is something no other country in the world can have or build even though it wants to, and this is a source of pride of prides of our Party.

All of our working class in the munitions industry always accept it as their main duty to relieve our Party of its anxiety and worry, prioritize before anybody else the problems of its concern, even though they number thousands or tens of thousands, support it without any conditions attached and carry them out without yielding. They are true revolutionaries and patriots and model heroes.

Comrades,

That military hardware, which the working class in the munitions industry have donated to the Party and revolution today, has a high capability of overcoming complicated terrain conditions, great manoeuvrability and an ability to conduct a surprise and precision launch of multiple rockets in terms of military technology; and as it has south Korea as a whole within the range of strike and is capable of carrying tactical nuclear warhead, it will discharge in future the combat mission of overpowering the enemy as a core, offensive weapon of our armed forces.

As we can hand additional 30 units of offensive military hardware of great importance over to the People's Army units at a time thanks to the devoted struggle of the working class in the munitions industry for increased production, I cannot suppress surging excitement and emotion.

Extending warm thanks again to our working class in the munitions industry, I would like to conclude by making an ardent appeal to them.

Our Party and the government of our Republic have declared their resolute will to respond with nuke for nuke and an all-out confrontation for an all-out confrontation in order to deal with the enemy's rash acts and reckless moves.

Our working class in the munitions industry should surely guarantee this declaration of ours, this staunch will to deal with the enemy, with matchless sword, spear and shield.

All the revolutionary fighters in the munitions industry should harden their indomitable faith and militant spirit with which to carry out unto death the grand strategy of defence development set out by the Party Central Committee, and turn out as one and strive in the efforts to produce powerful Juche-type weapons which will absolutely overwhelm the US imperialist aggressive forces and their puppet army.

Our revolution and the prevailing situation demand that we, by concentrating our efforts on ensuring continuous development of our defence industry, increase the state's defence capabilities without interruption so as to fully guarantee a reliable and solid security environment for the development of socialism.

As long as we have our laudable and trustworthy working class in the munitions industry, who challenge difficulties and impossibilities on the strength of Juche to bring about transformations and leaps, and the great people, who are rallied around the Party with one mind and one will, our Party's cause of building a powerful army is sure to succeed.

Full of courageous mettle and due self-assurance, let us all fight with redoubled courage and great confidence to bring earlier even greater victory and glory by launching a more gigantic struggle and working new miracles.

The year of 2022 is drawing to a close, an unforgettable year when we have struggled and advanced undauntedly for our revolution, socialism, braving all sorts of trials. At this moment, I extend warm greetings of the new year of 2023 to all of our working class in the munitions industry, defence scientists, officials and their dear families who have provided a distinctive and significant finale to this year through this meaningful donating ceremony.

Thank you.

Fiftieth anniv of institution of Socialist Constitution marked General Secretary Kim Jong Un attends meeting



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The Juche-oriented Socialist Constitution, which firmly guarantees the existence of the glorious Democratic People's Republic of Korea and its invincible might by law, has displayed its great viability through decades and centuries amid the strong support and absolute trust by all people.

For the past 50 years since its

institution and promulgation under the original constitutional idea and immortal leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and in conformity with the general will of the people, the Socialist Constitution has powerfully propelled the dynamic advance and development of state building and successfully discharged its mission as a powerful weapon for realizing the people-first politics in the new era of the Juche revolution in which

the dignity and prestige of the DPRK are being demonstrated all over the world in the face of the most grave challenges and difficulties.

A meeting took place at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on Monday evening to mark the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK and president of the State Affairs

of the DPRK, was present at the meeting.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared at the platform, all the participants raised loud cheers of "Hurrah!" looking up to the General Secretary who comprehensively clarified the idea and theory of building the Juche-oriented socialist law in the new era with his outstanding wisdom and seasoned

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March Towards the Future of a Powerful Country under the Unfurled Flag of the Korean Children's Union

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, sends a letter entitled "March Towards the Future of a Powerful Country under the Unfurled Flag of the Korean Children's Union" to those attending the Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union on December 27. The following is the full text:

The Korean Children's Union, which is renowned as the sole revolutionary children's organization in the world, has convened its congress for the ninth time.

First of all, I extend warm congratulations to you, who are attending this meaningful meeting amidst special concern and unequalled blessing of the people across the country as representatives of the Korean Children's Union that is dignified in its name, in its history and in its traditions.

My tenderest feeling also goes to all other KCU members in the country, who are filled with a great hope and renewed determination with their minds turned to the venue of this congress.

I offer thanks to the KCU school instructors and its sub-branch teachers who are leading and taking meticulous care of our KCU members, who will carry forward our revolution, with the feeling of the Workers' Party of Korea, and warm encouragement to the officials in the sector of education of youth and students and parents of the KCU members, who are making unsparing efforts to train the sons and daughters of their country to be genuine persons.

The 100th year is approaching after the founding of the Saenal Children's Union at the dawn of the Korean revolution and over 70 years have passed after the founding of the KCU on the untrodden road of building a new country, but there has been no change in the revolutionary nature and original features of the KCU as a Juche-oriented revolutionary organization of children.

There have been many children's organizations in

the world, which wrote their dignified histories under revolutionary slogans, but the KCU is the only one that vigorously adds lustre to its glorious history and traditions still today, carrying forward its red bloodline.

No adversity of the times has been able to get out of order the ranks of the young revolutionaries of Korea, who are advancing only along the road indicated by the Workers' Party of Korea as they are growing up in its embrace.

This is a source of pride of our Party, our state and our people as well as honour for the KCU members.

It seems like only yesterday when the KCU members, who came from various parts of the country, were unfolding the proud stories of their schools, sharing experiences in their KCU life and vigorously renewing their determinations at the Eighth Congress of the KCU, but they have already become youth league members and you are standing in their places.

In our country all children go through the days in the KCU, but it is not a fortune and honour common to everyone to attend a large gathering of the KCU members which is held at an interval of several years.

Each of you, delegates, was approved by all your classmates and positively recommended by your KCU organizations because you were exemplary in studies and organizational life.

It is something which you would be proud of all your lives that you, selected as exemplary members from among millions of KCU members, have decided important issues related with the development of your organization by yourselves.

I am pleased about this more than anything else, and want you, laudable and vivacious delegates, to be envied by all the others and looked up to by the whole country.

Our people, delighted to be greeting the dawn of a new year hearing the laughter and singing of the dear KCU members after successfully winding up this year's

struggle which was arduous at every step, are warmly congratulating you on this congress.

What is most important for a revolutionary party is to build a dignified and powerful country where its coming generations will lead an honourable life for 50, nay 500 years, with having no reason to grovel to others.

Our people are stoutly defending the red flag of socialism, making the most powerful weapons in the world in the face of harsh trials and continuously building power stations, factories, new streets and villages. They are doing this solely for bringing a bright laughter and happiest life to all the generations to come and handing over to them an eternally powerful country which can ensure their well-being.

Such a powerful socialist country is approaching KCU members.

Our Party and people will redouble their efforts and unfailingly build a country in which you will live a cheerful, valiant, abundant and happy life free from any worry.

The masters of this powerful and thriving country are none other than KCU members.

They should always strive to prepare themselves to be pillars, who will firmly defend this precious powerful socialist country and shoulder its future dependably.

Their days in the KCU are the most priceless days in their lives.

It is the first step that decides the whole course of man's life.

For this reason, you can become excellent persons only when you cultivate beautiful dreams and hopes and lay firm foundations of the correct world outlook during your days in the KCU.

On the day when anyone joins the ranks of the KCU, wearing a red neckerchief, he starts his socio-political

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leadership and energetically led the work to make the law truly contribute to building an independent state and ensuring the rights and interests of the people, thus remarkably boosting the might of the state and social system.

Present there were Kim Tok Hun, Jo Yong Won, Pak Jong Chon and Ri Pyong Chol, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK.

The meeting was also attended by Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, Jon Hyon Chol, Pak Thae Song, Pak Jong Gun, Kim Yong Chol, Choe Son Hui, O Il Jong, Pak Thae Dok, Kim Hyong Sik, Jo Chun Ryong, Han Kwang Sang, Ri Chol Man, Kim Song Nam, Kim Yo Jong, Ri Son Gwon, Yang Sung Ho, Ju Chol Gyu, Ri Chang Dae, Pak Su Il, U Sang Chol, Kim Yong Hwan and other senior officials of the Party and the government, Ri Yong Gil, Jong Kyong Thae, Ri Thae Sop and other leading officials of armed forces organs, deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly in Pyongyang, the participants in the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee and officials of

legislative and judicial organs.

As the meeting was declared open, the national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, made a report "Let's powerfully promote the building and comprehensive development of state law by holding fast to the Juche-oriented Socialist Constitution as the only weapon."

Choe said that the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK worked out by President Kim Il Sung is the most popular and revolutionary code embodying the immortal Juche idea and an original political charter unprecedented in the world history of constitution.

He referred to the fact that the Socialist Constitution has fully demonstrated its superiority and great vitality as the code of the great leader, the code of the people and the code of the revolution in the complicated revolutionary struggle that has lasted for centuries. He noted that a

new chapter of building the socialist law in the new era of the Juche revolution has been opened and a great change has been brought about in the development of the state.

The rapid development of the DPRK aspiring after mightiness, advancement and modernity is being steadily pushed forward underpinned by the strong legal guarantee and our-state-first principle is being developed into all-people ideology and emotion, he said, adding that this reality is a brilliant fruition of the outstanding leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who clearly resolved the theoretical and practical issues arising in the building of the Juche-based law.

The constitution will as ever successfully carry out its historic mission as a powerful weapon propelling the cause of building a powerful country, he said, expressing enthusiastic support for the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK, the most advantageous and powerful one in the world, reflecting the will of all the Korean people.

He called for struggling more vigorously for the eternal prosperity of the great country, the noble idea and sacred

cause of Koreans, by holding fast to the Juche-oriented Socialist Constitution as its only weapon, saying that it is a great honour and pride of the state and people to have the great political charter that would firmly support Korean-style socialism and push it towards realizing the far-reaching ideal until the day of building a communist society.

Listening to the report on the proud 50-year history of the Socialist Constitution, all the participants in the meeting renewed their firm determination to fulfill their responsibility and duty in making the law of the DPRK truly contribute to realizing the people-first idea of the Party both in name and reality, by following the idea and leadership of Kim Jong Un with single mind.

The meeting marked a significant occasion which solemnly declared once again internally and externally that the Socialist Constitution, the Juche-oriented political charter and the code of the people firmly guaranteeing the prosperity of the great state and its farsighted plan, will be immortal along with the sacred history of the revolutionary leadership of the WPK and the absolute prestige of the dignified DPRK.

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life, learns one by one things that are essential to his growth together with knowledge, and cultivates features appropriate to a genuine human being.

The fathers and mothers of you, delegates, are patriots who are still supporting the country with their honest sweat and efforts, continuing invariably the first step of life which they took with an honest mind to live up to the pledge they made in front of the KCU flag.

Holding high the slogan, "Let's always be ready for the socialist motherland!" KCU members should learn hard and make unremitting efforts in their precious days which will never come back again, so as to become well-rounded, excellent successors to the revolution and pillars in the building of a powerful country.

A genuine KCU member required by our Party is a young revolutionary and patriot who loves most the socialist motherland which has fed and brought him up in its embrace and who cultivates his mind and abilities with which he can demonstrate its prestige on the highest level.

Among our KCU members there are many, who, well aware of the truth that outside the embrace of their socialist motherland they can never bring into full bloom their hopes, talents and happiness, live faithfully true to the intention of the Party that wants them to dream of demonstrating their country's prestige when they dream a dream and acquire workable knowledge with which to build it in a more brilliant way when they study.

The way of thinking having become matured for their ages, they prepare themselves as sons and daughters faithful to the Party by endeavouring to learn about their leader, the revolution and their motherland, and making frequent visits to the revolutionary battlefields and historic sites voluntarily so as to learn the precious spirit of their forerunners. Such an ennobling spiritual world of theirs clearly manifests that the tradition of loyalty the first generation of our young revolutionaries created in the forests of Paektu is being inherited invariably.

In the future, too, they all should love the Party ardently, follow it to the end and fully prepare themselves to be dependable successors and reserves for communism, who can carry forward the baton of the Korean revolution.

What they must not forget even a moment is that the US imperialists and their stooges are now looking for a chance to trample upon their dear homes and deprive them of their hopes.

Even at this moment, the People's Army soldiers are standing in confrontation with the enemy at the posts of national defence with their guns levelled at him.

With a bitter hatred against the enemy of the revolution and with the feeling of fighting with him, KCU members should stand in the vanguard of rendering assistance to the People's Army, and donate Sonyon tanks and cannons to it. And if the enemy dares to invade the country, they should fight as bravely as the children's guards in the days of the Fatherland Liberation War, thus demonstrating the mettle of the three-million-strong Korean Children's Union.

The criterion of a young revolutionary and patriot consists in his top honour records of school performance.

As it is true now, so in the future, too, it is only when KCU members have a profound knowledge that they will be able to work faithfully for the Party, perform great feats for the country and win the fight against the enemy.

Reminding themselves every day and every minute of the slogan "Let us learn for Korea!" they should study hard to get practical knowledge and qualifications.

Every one of them should listen to their teachers carefully at class, try hard to gain even a bit more of knowledge, and hit the target of top honour by learning assiduously, devoting their time to learning. In this way every school can produce famous young inventors, young doctors of engineering.

They should, from their days, love reading, like to have imaginations, be good at writing, know how to present your impressions, and be well prepared to recite poems, sing songs, play sport and play musical instruments.

The red neckerchiefs hanging over their chests represent the warm embrace of our Party for each of them, and the KCU organizational life is a school of revolutionary education, a crucible of revolutionary training, which guides them step by step to grow up as true sons and daughters of the Party.

Cherishing the honour of being members of the KCU, which marks the beginning of political integrity in their lives, they should regard it as their sacred duty and obligation to participate in the organizational life voluntarily and faithfully.

Through the organizational life in the KCU, they should learn the great intentions of the Party, get awakened to their class consciousness, and equip themselves with the ideological and spiritual qualities of a laudable person, such as devotion to comrades and the collective and the spirit of loving labour.

As long as they are members of the KCU, they should always keep in mind the oath they made when they were joining the organization, and be faithful to its Rules at all times and in all places.

Valuing their organization as the most benevolent embrace and precious companion, they should love the organization and make it part of their habit to faithfully observe the organizational discipline and always rely on the organization.

If they have an aversion to their organization's guidance and control, and if they alienate themselves from their organization, it immediately means their loss of the qualification of the KCU membership and deviation from the straight course of their life.

They should take an active part in the organizational life by carrying out the organizational assignments in time and offering creative opinions; they should train themselves in the course of accepting the organizational criticism thankfully and implementing the organizational decisions.

Through this course of cultivation and training, they should be model members of the youth league and, further, have the honour of becoming a member of the Workers' Party of Korea, who thinks and behaves according only to the Party's intentions and devotes his wisdom and enthusiasm for the good of the motherland.

For KCU members, moral traits are no less important than academic performance.

Those, who lack morality and are poor in manners, are forsaken as beings of no use even if they are talented.

KCU members should steadily acquire the qualities of respecting their parents, teachers and seniors, loving their friends, volunteering to do difficult tasks and giving up good things for others.

They should make the moral traits as part of their mental qualities in their daily lives, like being polite in their speech, dressing neatly, willingly observing social order and public decency, and valuing and using with care the assets of the country and society.

Abilities and good traits are twin pillars of personality, neither of which should tilt.

The Box Telling Beautiful Minds, which KCU members are using, is small, but I treasure their beautiful minds in it more than thousands of tons of gold.

The praiseworthy act of unhesitatingly plunging oneself into a rapid stream to save drowning younger kids, a warm heart of giving one's pencils to others and helping those who are falling behind in school, the beautiful stories of carefully making medicine envelopes to help the local pharmacies busy with anti-epidemic work, and all the other stories told by the boxes are truly touching, and the pure minds of publicizing others' good deeds are most precious.

I want our KCU members to help and lead one another

forward like this in cherishing ennobling moral traits.

They should voluntarily do good deeds to make a contribution to the country's economic development and become young information workers and young political activists who greatly encourage their parents in the building of a powerful socialist country.

I believe that all the KCU members will prove themselves worthy of the trust and affection of the Party and the expectations of their parents and teachers by becoming true sons and daughters of the socialist country, who study hard, take an active part in their organizational life and have ennobling moral traits.

The Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union has invited many officials of the youth league and in the sectors related to educating youth and students, KCU school instructors and its sub-branch teachers.

Your responsibilities and roles of rightly leading every step of KCU members in their growth are directly linked to the future of our Party and revolution, the future of our country.

No matter how successfully we are carrying out the revolution, the failure in educating youth and students will lead to the severing of the lineage of the revolution and render the valuable gains won at the cost of our blood and sweat worthless.

You, the first teachers of the rising generations and their political guardians, carry on your shoulders the heavy burden of the education of youth and students, which our Party puts forward as a policy of top priority and as an important strategic task.

I highly appreciate your efforts for firmly defending the important revolutionary post assigned to you by the Party and making yourselves the foundation for the sound growth of KCU members. And availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to emphasize some issues related to bringing up our beloved KCU members with greater success.

The present new generation is growing while seeing and hearing many new things, so their thinking is different from that of their predecessors and the difference of its level is wide according to age group.

The method of the edification of KCU members should be different from when they have just joined their organization to when they are about to join the youth league, from primary-school age to junior-middle-school age, and from one region to another.

Edification of youth and students can be said to be an important area of study.

However, methodology is not explored for conducting their edification in a scientific way according to the law-governed nature of their cognitive development and their characteristic features, and instead the tendency to cling to outdated forms and methods persists. As a result, genuine education to the true sense of the word is not given.

We should overcome the tendency to conduct their edification for form's sake and in a haphazard and stereotyped manner, and actively explore new methods suited to the level of our schoolchildren's consciousness, their psychological characteristics and actual conditions.

To this end, we should first lay out research bases for the edification of students in such a substantial way as to make them pay off in reality and operate them in an effective way.

Our KCU members are young in age, but not in mind.

We should strictly guard against the cramming method in the edification of KCU members and rely on heuristic methods.

We should not attempt to cram anything into the heads of students, but help them get the capability of distinguishing right from wrong, let them present their own opinions fully and support what are positive while encouraging them to sincerely repent of their mistakes.

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In the course of this, we can make all kinds of edification acceptable to them.

It is a principle to start education with that in morality and collectivism, which students can easily understand even when they are on a low stage in terms of knowledge and consciousness, and then move on to that in loyalty, patriotism and class awareness.

When the mind of valuing their friends and collective and the sound moral traits become part of their mental qualities in their childhood, the spirit of loyalty, patriotism and class awareness will develop.

Now that educational conditions and environment have improved with radical changes having been brought about in education in recent years, application of modern means and information technology, including video presentations which appeal to the mentality of children preferring video materials to audio ones, is likely to enhance the effect of edification.

As fertile soil produces good fruits, so KCU organizations should be strong if they are to train their members as stout persons.

The key to the consolidation of KCU organizations is to improve the qualifications and the sense of responsibility of KCU school instructors who design, plan and conduct KCU activities.

The Party regards KCU school instructors as ranking teachers and has great expectations of their roles.

The work of the KCU school instructors is something worth trying during one's youth.

They may experience many troubles or mental sufferings while doing their work, but they should become standard-bearers leading sub-branch organizations and their members with a resolve to take responsibility for the KCU organizations of their schools.

In a family parents are guardians of their children, whereas at a school KCU school instructors are guardians of their students.

If all the KCU school instructors fulfil their duties with a high sense of responsibility in their important positions, our Party can feel relieved about the ideological and mental state of our students.

Strengthening its sub-branch organizations is a hallmark of the consolidation of the KCU.

KCU activities are conducted with its sub-branch organization as the base, and the decisions of the KCU organization are also implemented with it as the main unit.

Sub-branch teachers should be genuine mentors and parents of their students and show and teach them only what are correct. And they should enhance the role of activists of sub-branch organizations and make the student groups work properly.

When all the sub-branch organizations win the title of Honoured Red-Flag Class competitively, KCU members will grow up to be the pillars of the country, who are knowledgeable, morally sound and physically strong, and the sub-branch organizations and the KCU as a whole will be strengthened that much.

To strengthen the KCU, it is necessary to decisively improve the role of the youth league.

The Party has entrusted guidance over the KCU entirely to the youth league.

But the KCU work is overlooked in the youth league work, resulting in some of its organizations failing to play their proper role.

For the youth league, guidance over KCU organizations is the work for training its own successors and stout ranks of future young people.

The KCU work is all part and parcel of the youth league work.

The youth league should not confine its work to the role of mechanically transmitting the Party's ideas and policies to KCU organizations and of assigning

education work and grasping its results, but guide these organizations in such a substantial manner as to help them produce development-oriented results.

It should improve the qualifications of KCU school instructors and provide them with good working conditions so that they can work at full capacity. And it should organize the work of creating new standards and models continuously by regions and by the level of schools and generalizing them, so that the KCU organizations at schools can work independently, creatively and briskly.

In particular, at the present stage it should direct primary and concentrated attention to finding knotty problems in the KCU work and taking measures to deal with them.

There are quite a few problems to be immediately solved so as to run the KCU organization well and improve its activities as required by the changing times and developing reality.

It can be strengthened to be an organization in the true sense of the word only when the knotty problems are solved, such as perfecting the guidance system over its organizations, building up the ranks of the KCU school instructors and enhancing their sense of dignity, supplying publications and other educational materials to its organizations in time and in sufficient amounts and organizing socio-political activities, do-good-deeds movement, camping and visits in a substantial way.

The Central Committee of the youth league should not maintain the status quo, being engrossed in the work like guidance of extracurricular education for which a well-knit system has already been in place, but should organize its work in an audacious and innovative way and solve the problems by reporting even to the Party Central Committee all those, whose solution is beyond its power.

The Working People's Organization Department of the Party Central Committee should intensify Party guidance over the edification of youth and students so that any vacuum and deviation are not revealed in the KCU work, and all other departments such as the Organizational Leadership Department, the Information and Publicity Department and the Science and Education Department should purposefully pay attention to the KCU work with the awareness of being its masters and regarding it as an undertaking that has a bearing on the destiny of the country.

Edification of youth and students can be more effective only when it is conducted in close combination with the educational work.

There is a tendency among some officials in the education sector to confine themselves only to transferring knowledge, putting edification of students aside; this cannot be called an attitude appropriate to a genuine educator who brings up the future of the country.

Education separated from edification is sure to produce lame ducks.

In the training of the new generations there cannot be education separated from edification nor edification separated from education, and revolutionary talents required by our Party are, above all, the persons prepared politically, ideologically and morally.

Everybody engaged in the educational work, whatever they do and whatever they teach at whatever post, should be loyal to their duty as educator regarding edification of students as their principal task.

It is important to discover the methodology for making edification run through in the whole school life, ranging from going to school, receiving lesson, conducting extracurricular activities to leaving school, and apply it to suit specific conditions by intensifying the three-way consultation of headmaster, Party cell secretary and KCU instructor of school and promoting coordination between the school's teaching administration and KCU organization.

Nobody can take the place of parents in the edification of students.

It cannot be said that parents have ensured the continuity of the lineage simply because they gave birth to their children, and that they have fully discharged the responsibility they have assumed for society and the next generation as parents simply because they are responsible and faithful in their jobs.

The parents, however busy they may be, should direct a major effort to family education by keeping regular contact with educators so as to implant in their children for what and how they should live. In this way they can make sure that the lineage of the revolution and the tradition of patriotism are firmly carried forward.

The whole country should become a master in the edification of students.

Party organizations and working people's organizations at factories, enterprises and farms, too, should attach importance to the edification of their employees' children, always show concern on it with a stand of taking responsibility for them together with their parents. In particular, Women's Union organizations should give active help to mothers so that they can discharge their responsibility as the first educator of their children.

We should produce every suit of school uniform and every item of school things with sincerity so that the students can cultivate the mind of holding our things dear and preferring to use them. And we should create and broadcast every media presentation, first taking into consideration the effect it would give to the children's spiritual growth, and everybody should not look away when they see children committing mistakes but explain to them their shortcomings with patience.

We should make it part of the Party's and state's traits to attach importance to the KCU work and take loving care of KCU members throughout the Party, country and society.

Before the people and above the people whom our Party believes in as in heaven there stand our children.

Taking all pains for the younger generations who should grow more stoutly and more vivaciously—this is not a suffering but happiness and honour for us.

The top-priority policy of our Party and state is always one for the younger generations, and it will be an invariable principle of the WPK and an eternal policy of our state.

When we see the bright and cheerful appearances of KCU members we feel greater pride and dignity in waging the revolution, and when we hear them singing *March of the Children's Union*, we feel encouraged.

Our state is strong not merely because it has nuclear weapons.

Our Korea is strong because successors and reserves like KCU members grow up staunchly and dependably, always adding freshness and vigour to the ranks of the revolutionaries.

You are now wearing a red neckerchief as a KCU member but tomorrow you will have a medal of hero or a medallion of doctor on your chest and rise to fame as pillars of our powerful country. And by the time when you have become its active masters, our country will shine its glory as a more beautiful and powerful one all over the world.

The eternal glory of our great state is calling KCU members.

The energetic strides of three million KCU members represent the valiant spirit of socialist Korea which is achieving one progress after another and one victory after another.

The future of our Korea is bright as it will advance by dint of their greater ambitions and ideals, strong minds and wisdom.

March courageously towards the dawning future under the unfurled flag of the Korean Children's Union!

Ninth Congress of Korean Children's Union held

KCNA

The Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union took place in Pyongyang on December 26-27.

The congress is a grand meeting of KCU members which is of weighty significance in strikingly demonstrating the succession and invincibility of the Juche cause and surely guaranteeing the eternal advance of the Korean revolution.

Attending it were delegates nominated by the KCU organizations across the country.

Present there at invitation were officials of the youth league and officials related to the education of the youth and children.

The platform was taken by Ri Tu Song, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, Kim Sung Du, chairman of the Education Commission, officials of the youth league, officials concerned and exemplary delegates of the KCU.

The congress approved the following agenda items:

1. On reviewing the

implementation of the important tasks set forth by the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un in his historic speech "Let KCU Members Become True Sons and Daughters, Young Revolutionaries, of the Socialist Country" at the Eighth Congress of the KCU

2. On revision of the KCU rules.

Courteously conveyed at the congress was "March towards the Future of a Powerful Country under the Unfurled Flag of the Children's Union", an important letter sent by Kim Jong Un, general

secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the participants in the Ninth KCU Congress.

The congress discussed the first agenda item. Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, made a report on the first agenda item.

The reporter noted that the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un has guided the KCU members step by step to grow up into reliable and

powerful pillars of the country, regarding it as the most important affair related to the future of the revolution to bring up schoolchildren well.

While handling lots of affairs for turning the DPRK into the foremost country envied by the whole world, Kim Jong Un has always given top priority to the work for the rising generation, the reporter said, adding:

The respected fatherly Marshal has laid a firm guarantee for enabling the KCU members to enjoy all blessings in the bosom of the great and dignified socialist country with the most

powerful strength in the world.

The reporter referred to the successes made in the work for developing the KCU into the eternal children's organization of the Workers' Party of Korea and preparing all the KCU members to be true sons and daughters and young revolutionaries of the socialist country over the past five years.

It is a proud review of the work of the KCU after its Eighth Congress that the KCU has been strengthened into a children's organization dynamically advancing under the leadership of the respected

care of all the KCU members while valuing them as the joy and pride, hope and future of the socialist country, and thus usher in a new heyday of the Juche-oriented children's movement.

Adopted at the congress was a resolution "On firmly preparing the KCU members as reliable successors to the revolution and true sons and daughters of the socialist country intensely loyal to the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un".

The congress discussed and decided on the second agenda item "On revision of the KCU rules".



The Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union takes place in Pyongyang on December 26-27.



Participants in the Ninth KCU Congress visit the photo exhibition arranged to commemorate the congress at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang.

Photo exhibition highlights KCU Congress

KCNA

A photo exhibition "Glorious and happy 10 years in the embrace of the great Sun" is on at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the Korean Children's Union.

The participants in the congress looked round the

venue on December 28.

On display there are over 160 photos showing the immortal exploits and great personality of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who illuminated the road to be followed by the KCU in the new era of the Juche revolution and brings the younger generations up to be true sons and daughters,

young revolutionaries, of the socialist country.

Also on show are photos showing the bright and cheerful looks of the KCU members who are growing up into future pillars of socialist Korea while realizing beautiful dreams and hopes to their heart's content under the care of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Building up Korean People's Army into invincible armed forces

By **Kwon Hyo Song** PT

December 30 is the anniversary of appointment of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as supreme commander of the armed forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Eleven years have passed since the issue of succession to leadership over the Korean People's Army, which is of important significance in carrying on and accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche, was satisfactorily settled. In the period, he trained the KPA as an ever-victorious, strong revolutionary army and ushered in the period of upswing for strengthening and developing the revolutionary armed forces, demonstrating his personality traits as an

outstanding great man.

With the faith that military strength is just national power and the prosperity of the country and happiness of the people lie in consolidating the military strength in every way, he put his heart and soul into opening up a golden age of buildup of the Juche-oriented revolutionary armed forces.

On the grand march in the new century of the Juche era, he clarified modelling the whole army on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the general objective of army building.

His ideas of buildup of military strength, including those of thoroughly establishing the Party's unified command system in the entire army, constantly maintaining its revolutionary nature as the army of the

Party and making the army the reliable pathfinder and strong fulcrum of the revolution, served as the important guidelines for opening up a golden age of buildup of the military strength.

He organized the fourth and fifth conferences of company commanders and political instructors of the KPA and other conferences of the whole army to make them significant milestones in further strengthening the might of the revolutionary armed forces.

Whenever he inspected KPA units, he looked round halls dedicated to education with revolutionary relics and rooms dedicated to the history of the units to make sure that they constantly add lustre to the outstanding

military ideas of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and their exploits performed in army building. He also organized the march of officers of the KPA combined units for the study tour of revolutionary battle sites in the area of Mt Paektu so as to kindle the flames of education in the revolutionary tradition throughout the whole army.

His extraordinary leadership was a motive force that helped all KPA officers and men grow into those who are strong in ideology and faith and keep the revolutionary faith to the death and who are strong in morals and obligation and a vitamin for making them perform feats.

= boosted the military and technical strength of the KPA in every way, thus

turning the DPRK into a world military power.

At the historic meetings for improving the military capabilities and sometimes in military exercise grounds and trenches clouded with powder smoke, he taught service personnel about the mission and duty of armed soldiers and value of their life and the meaning of feats and kindled the flames of the movements for winning the title of guards unit and that of crack shot, guiding the actual drills and training competitions of KPA units on the spot.

Under his outstanding leadership, a revolutionary turn was brought about in the mode, content and method of training of the revolutionary armed forces and the KPA could become the first death-

defying corps and invincible army which creditably defends the security and safety of the country and people, always keeping itself highly alerted with great courage and will to crush invaders at a stroke.

This year, too, Juche weapons of new generations were developed one after another according to the strategic plan of the Workers' Party of Korea, showing off the inexhaustible military power, and the ground-to-ground intermediate range ballistic missile was fired on October 4 and the new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17 was successfully test-fired on November 18, fully demonstrating the might of the DPRK as a military power true to the name.

Women, farmers commemorate 50th anniv of Socialist Constitution

KCNA

An oratorical meeting of women's union officials and members took place at the Hall of Women in Pyongyang on December 26 to mark the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Socialist Constitution.

It was attended by officials of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea and women's union officials and members in Pyongyang Municipality.

Agricultural workers and members of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea had a meeting on

December 26 to look back on the feats performed by the peerlessly great men in enacting and developing the country's constitution.

Attending the meeting were officials of the Central Committee of the UAWK and union officials and agricultural workers in

Pyongyang.

The speakers said the institution of the Socialist Constitution for the first time in Korean history provided a powerful weapon for further consolidating and developing the most advantageous state and social system of a Korean style.

Officials, meritorious persons of munitions industry visit Kumsusan Palace of Sun

KCNA

Officials and meritorious persons of the munitions industrial sector in the DPRK on Saturday visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il lie in state to pay high tribute to the great leaders.

They solemnly entered the sacred temple of Juche with the pride of having successfully attained the goals for strengthened self-reliant military capability in 2022, allotted by the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth

Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, to further bolster up the overwhelming power of socialist Korea with the world's strongest weapons of Juche and cement its matchless military technical superiority as irreversible.

They paid high tribute at the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in reflection of the unanimous desire of all the national defence soldiers and the people across the country. In the halls of immortality, the participants made deep bows to the great leaders.

Farmers happy with moving into new houses across country

KCNA

Modern dwelling houses have been built in rural villages of Pyongyang Municipality and North Phyongan, North and South Hamgyong provinces.

Ceremonies of moving into new houses took place on the spots respectively.

Present there were officials of the Party and power organs in Pyongyang and relevant provinces, cities and

counties, builders, officials of units which contributed to the construction and agricultural workers who would move into the dwelling houses.

Congratulatory speeches were made and the licenses for use of houses conveyed at the ceremonies.

Then, house moving began amid the display of merry dance parties.

Officials congratulated the owners of the new houses in happiness, sharing joy with them.

2022, year of glorious victory

Unrivalled military capability developed with indomitable will

By **Pak Song Min** PT

One year is like an instant in the long history of mankind. However, during the year 2022, the DPRK has won a remarkable victory to go down in history and the greatest national glory of building up the invincible military might by dint of confidence in sure victory and bringing about a dramatic change in its history, despite the worst-ever trials facing the nation.

Inexhaustible might of People's Army

The inexhaustible and tremendous might of the Korean People's Army is not some kind of cutting-edge military hardware terrifying the hostile forces, but it is attributed to the fact that the entire army is fully charged with the revolutionary idea of the Workers' Party of Korea and rallied firmly around it.

The first guard defending the Party Central Committee with arms, the firm pillar for defending peace that allows the people and future generations to lead happy lives free from the holocaust of war forever and the advance group that leads the march towards the overall development of socialist construction—these are the true features of the People's Army which is modelled on the WPK.

Therefore, it could powerfully demonstrate the politico-ideological traits peculiar to the People's Army, which would go through fire and water even at the risk of lives if it is ordered by the Party, throughout this year on the emergency anti-epidemic front in the capital city and in the fields of socialist construction, the military parade in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army and several rounds of military drills conducted under the direct guidance of the General Secretary.

According to a special order of the WPK Central Military Commission for immediately committing the powerful forces of the military medical field of the People's Army to the supply of medicines in Pyongyang to control and stabilize the pandemic crisis which could be called the greatest turmoil in the history of the country, the combatants in the military medical sector offered 24-hour service at all pharmacies even though their physical and mental fatigue reached the extremes and some of them were heartbroken as they heard about family tragedies and family members being in critical conditions.

The valiant spirit and mettle of the KPA was clearly demonstrated in the construction of a large-scale greenhouse farm in Ryonpho which the WPK set forth as the primary task of this year and in the work for opening up a new heyday of capital city construction.

Braving strong winds and torrential rains and even the malignant epidemic, they built

an ideal communist village in the Ryonpho area on the eastern coast of the country which was covered in sand dust.

Especially, thanks to the soldier builders' determination to translate into reality the desire of the WPK to build ideal streets of the people and thriving streets symbolic of socialism epitomizing modern civilization as soon as possible and give them to the people, the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District in Kyongru-dong and Songhwa Street were completed and the Hwasong area has taken a new magnificent shape.

Military exercises in real war format and retaliatory operations

In 2022, the DPRK demonstrated to the whole world the dignity and absolute might as a military power.

Under the pretext of coping with the DPRK's legalization of the state policy on nuclear forces, the US agreed to further strengthen the extended deterrence on south Korea and sent the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan strike group into the waters of the Korean peninsula on September 23 as the first measure and conducted military drills consecutively from September 26 to October 8, aggravating the tension in the region.

Especially, they staged the US-south Korea combined aerial drill Vigilant Storm on the largest scale ever with the involvement of hundreds of combat planes including nuclear strategic bombers between October 31 and November

5. In late September, the WPK Central Military Commission discussed the political and military situation created in the Korean peninsula and its prospect and decided to organize military exercises in real war format on various levels to send a powerful warning of military counteractions to the enemies.

According to the decision, the DPRK's armed forces staged intensive drills of units for the operation of tactical nukes, flying corps and long-range artillery sub-units on the front.

Later, the KPA General Staff conducted military operations of counteraction including a large-scale all-out combat sortie operation of the air force between November 2 and 5.

As it legalized the state policy on nuclear forces, the DPRK declared to the world that its nukes cannot be confined to the single mission of war deterrent but be used for a powerful nuclear preemptive strike in case an unavoidable situation is created, and substantiated it with real military actions.

The launching drills of the tactical nuclear operation units displayed to the full the actuality of the DPRK's nuclear combat forces and their militant effectiveness and actual war capabilities, which are fully ready to hit and wipe out the set targets at the intended places in the set time.

The military exercises and operations proved that any aggressive move would be futile

and the hostile forces cannot but hopelessly suffer in the face of the DPRK's tremendous military might with the nuclear forces as the backbone.

New-generation Juche-based weapons

Even with the severe national crisis in 2022, defence scientists of the DPRK performed miracles of successively developing Juche-based weapons of a new generation that would help firmly maintain the military and technical edge of the revolutionary armed forces and reliably safeguard peace and security.

The Juche weapons, which were developed this year according to the strategic plan of the WPK, including hypersonic missile, new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17 and long-range strategic cruise missile demonstrated accuracy and technical advantages of the overall weapon systems and perfect combat effectiveness.

The weapon systems with world-class mightiness were developed in succession at a remarkably fast rate, while the nuclear strike means were diversified and their operational ranges were extended.

The successes in the test launch of hypersonic missile, the inspection firing drill of the mobile railway missile regiment of North Phyongan Province, test-fires for updating long-range cruise missile system and for confirming the power of conventional warhead for surface-to-surface tactical missile in January, test

launch of ICBM Hwasongpho-17 in March, test-fire of a new-type tactical guided weapon in April, ballistic missile launching drill under the simulation of loading tactical nuclear warheads at a silo under a reservoir in September and test launch of long-range strategic cruise missile in October showed that they can strike enemies at any place and time, for any purpose and in any mode. On November 18, under the guidance of the respected General Secretary, the new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17 soared into the sky again demonstrating the great power of the DPRK.

It is a clear display of the DPRK's unshakable and tough will to counter nukes with nuclear weapons and head-on confrontation with all-out confrontation

The recent success in the static firing test of high-thrust solid-fuel motor with a thrust of 140tf provided a sure scientific and technical guarantee for the development of another new-type strategic weapon system and solved another important problem in carrying out the five priority tasks facing the strategic weapon field under the five-year plan for the development of defence science and weapon systems set forth by the Eighth Party Congress.

The new-generation Juche-based weapons are the DPRK's strategic power and war deterrent which have been further perfected and strengthened to be able to defend the security and future of the country and the people firmly.

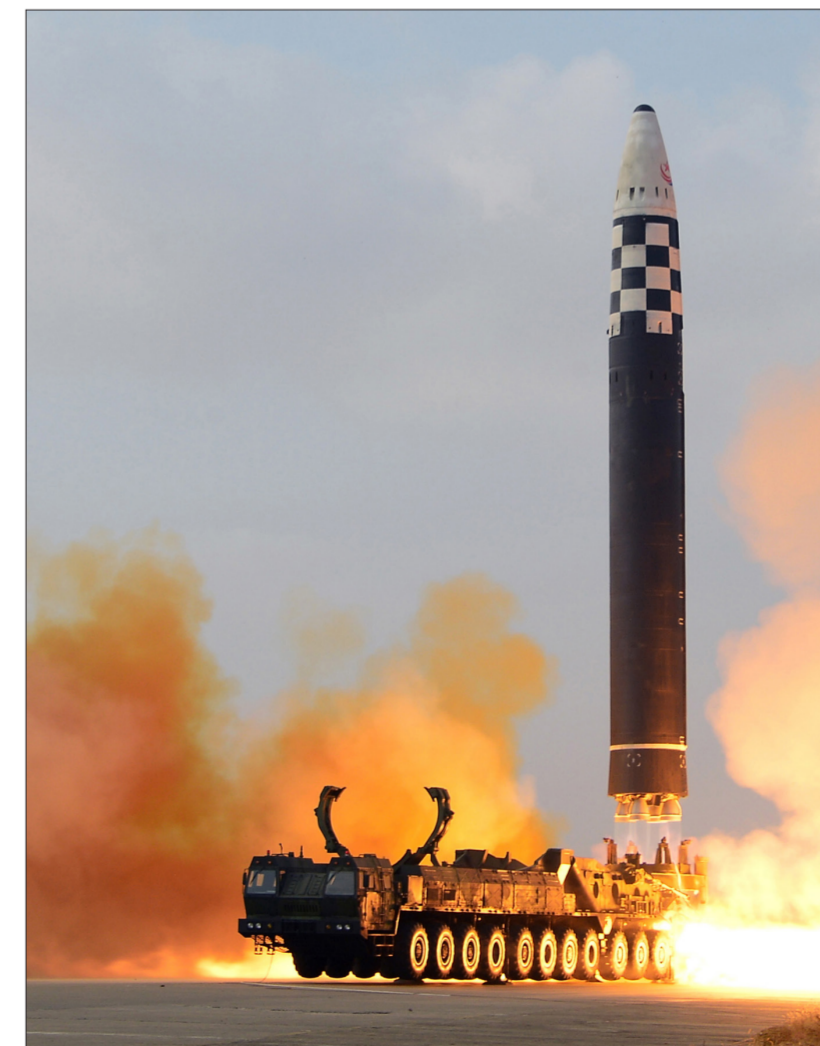


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The Second Economic Commission of the DPRK, on the morning of December 31, conducted a test-fire of the super-large multiple launch rocket systems presented to the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea to examine their performance.

Three shells fired from the multiple launch rocket systems precisely hit a target island in the East Sea of Korea, demonstrating their combat performance.

At dawn of January 1 2023, a long-range artillery sub-unit in the western area of the Korean People's Army fired one shell towards the East Sea of Korea with a super-large multiple launch rocket system delivered to it.



The Strategic Force of the DPRK holds a successful test launch of the new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17 on November 18.



A ballistic missile launching drill is successfully performed under the simulation of loading tactical nuclear warhead at the silo under a reservoir in the northwestern part of the country on the early morning of September 25.



The long-range artillery sub-units on the front line and flying corps of the Air Force of the Korean People's Army conduct fire strike drills on October 6 and 8.

A year of notable sporting achievements

By Han Kwi Hun PT

Fresh developments featured
The DPRK sportspeople fully demonstrated their spirit to boldly open up a new path and make a great leap forward in various sporting events this year.

The Pyongyang Sports Club gained increasing popularity among both professionals and fans in volleyball.

Women volleyball players of the club beat the April 25, a local power, 3-2 in the National Championships which continued until October through September and lifted the trophy.

"It is not by any chance or fortune that our team won the National Championships. It is a victory brought by our real ability marked by an amazing combination of all aspects," said Kim Jong Ran, women's volleyball head coach of the club.

Spectators who saw the volleyball match between the Pyongyang and the April 25 lavished praise on the novel, original and well-organized attack and defence of the former.

The Pyongyang showed off its high ability not only in the women's volleyball but also in table tennis of the National Championships, winning the men's team event and singles.

Experts said they expect much of the Pyongyang's future competitions.

In swimming, Kim Sol Song of the April 25 Sports Club attracted particular attention of experts and

fans.

After breaking several national records last year, she renewed the national records in the 50m and 100m butterfly stroke and 100m freestyle swimming events respectively and set a new national record in the 4x100m mixed medley event.

Choe Wi Song, artistic gymnast of the April 25, performed high technical movements in the horizontal bar event, winning gold medals in the men's individual total and the horizontal bar of the apparatus finals and leaving deep impression on the audience.

Thrilling scenes beyond public expectations also unfolded in judo matches.

A typical example was Kim Won Gum of the Moranbong Sports Club who stole the limelight. She overpowered her opponent, a hopeful winner of the women's judo 52kg event of the National Championships, to become a national champion.

Players also demonstrated the development level of each sport in acrobatics, diving, synchronized swimming and others.

New national records set

The DPRK sportspeople set new national records in many sports this year with burning enthusiasm for bringing the country into the ranks of advanced nations in sports as early as possible.

In a local sports competition held in April, national records were renewed in weightlifting, shooting, swimming and short-

track speed skating.

Weightlifters bettered a total of 38 national records in the women's 55kg, 64kg and 71kg categories and the men's 61kg, 73kg, 81kg, 89kg, 102kg and over 109kg events.

New national records were also established in the 4x100m mixed medley swim, men's 10m air pistol shooting team event, men's 25m speed pistol shooting team event, men's 10m air rifle individual shooting event, women's 10m air rifle shooting team event and women's 500m short-track speed skating.

In the tournament over 40 national records and nine national youth records were renewed.

In the youth-level competitions held in August three new national youth records were established in the athletics and shooting events respectively.

The sportspeople gave full play to their physical, technical and tactical ability they had built up in ordinary times in the National Championships, the top-level national sports competition of the year.

National records were bettered again in various weight categories of the men's and women's weightlifting events, with two national records being reset in track and field events, nine in shooting, one in archery and four in swimming.

In total, over 60 national records and some 40 national youth records were renewed in major local sports competitions this year.

Culture related to Phungsan dog put on national ICH list

By Song Jong Ho PT

In the DPRK valuable creations and good manners and customs associated with wisdom and talent of the nation are treasured, inherited and developed under the concern of the state. In November the culture relating to Phungsan, the national dog of the country, was inscribed on the list of national intangible cultural heritage.

Jo Il Gyong, section chief of the Korea National Heritage Preservation Agency, said that the culture relating to Phungsan dog covers the breeding and taming of the dog, the custom of using the dog for hunting, stories relating to the dog, various forms of works of art such as novels, films and fine arts on the theme of the dog, diversified socio-cultural activities including Phungsan dog show, registration and investigation and evaluation of the pure-bred, diffusion of relevant sci-tech knowledge and academic study and education concerning the dog and relevant cultural space.

In the long historical period, Phungsan dog was not merely domestic animal but also companion to the Koreans in life and now it has become the national dog, one of the country's symbols which reflect fine features of the Korean nation.

Phungsan dog is a native one with all features of Korean breed and it can be said to reflect the stamina of the nation.

The dog is very clever and is mild in ordinary times. It follows its owner well but is very fierce to its rival.

Though smaller than dogs of Western countries, it is very quick and tenacious and fights any wild beast to the end without giving up.

It is so vigilant that it keeps watch over its owner's home well and is highly resistant to cold and diseases.

Phungsan dog that has long been favoured by the Koreans had to undergo hardships together with them after the Japanese imperialists deprived them of their country.

During their military occupation of Korea, the Japanese aggressors plundered innumerable breeds of the dog good at hunting.

Being deeply grieved by the fact, President Kim Il Sung said that the number of pure-bred species of the dog should be increased and Chairman Kim Jong Il took state measures to protect and increase such species. The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un saw to it that Phungsan which reflects the stamina of the Korean nation was designated as national dog in November 2014.

The people's attachment to and zeal for raising the national dog are growing stronger as the register and investigation of the dog, appraisal of pure-bred ones, preservation and breeding of them are well under way along with the Phungsan dog show taking place every year.



The Sobaek Stream originated from Lake Chon on Mt Paektu runs its way to the Amnok River. It still keeps flowing even in the cold severe enough to freeze and crack up a birch tree. It emits watery mist, meandering through the primeval forests covered in snow.

