



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un elected as General Secretary of WPK

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A decision of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea "On Election of the General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea" was adopted on February 22.

The decision is as follows:

Today our revolutionary cause for the comprehensive socialist construction is making a dynamic advance, achieving unprecedented miracles at an extraordinary speed under the experienced and seasoned leadership of the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea.

At the current Congress held in the

period of the stirring struggle for making great and epochal changes unprecedented in the history of the DPRK's growth and development while braving all challenges and difficulties of history, all the Party members and people are to make an important decision on electing the head of the WPK, the centre of leadership and

unity who embodies the organizational will of the whole Party.

To elect the head of the WPK who assumes the heavy responsibility for guiding the state and the people to the victory of the socialist cause is of greatest

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significance in the work of the Party Congress, the supreme leadership body of the Party, as it is an important affair decisive of the Party's leadership ability and the future destiny of the country and the people.

The attention of millions of Party members and all other people is now focused on this decision.

The current Congress fully supported and approved the polite proposal for re-electing Comrade Kim Jong Un as the top leader of the WPK.

This is an appraisal of the history of the past five-year struggle, in which epochal changes were made with the august name of Comrade Kim Jong Un as an ever-victorious banner, and its great fruition and an expression of the responsible and solemn stand reflecting the choice and will of all the people.

At a turning point in which the noble ideology and ideal our Party has adhered to in its protracted and sacred history are being translated into a gigantic reality and the new era of building a strong and prosperous state is being ushered in on the path of the Juche revolution, all the Party members and other people of the country and all servicepersons of the armed forces of the Republic are making a pledge of loyalty to invariably hold in high esteem Comrade Kim Jong Un as the centre of unity and leadership, cherishing the immutable truth that the greatness of Comrade Kim Jong Un represents the guiding power of our Party, the might of our state and the glory of socialism.

Comrade Kim Jong Un is the most prominent statesman who has performed great exploits for the country and the revolution and for the times and history by leading our Party and people along the road resplendent with victory with his rare ideological and theoretical insight, distinguished leadership ability and noble people-oriented traits and the only person who can represent the mightiness and invincibility of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our great state.

Holding fast to the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the guiding ideology of

our Party and bringing about a radical turn in the Party building and activities, he has thoroughly maintained the revolutionary character of the WPK as the powerful political General Staff which achieved oneness of ideology and leadership and as an invincible party which serves the people and has formed a harmonious whole with the masses of the people.

He set forth the five-point Party-building line in the new era and has energetically organized and led the struggle for its implementation and thus developed the WPK into a party, politically mature, organizationally strong, ideologically pure, strict in discipline and sound in work style. This is an immortal exploit that provided a decisive guarantee for building up the political force which powerfully guides the Korean revolution and socialist construction to a period of upsurge and carrying forward the leadership ability of our Party for all ages.

He clarified a new-stage goal for the comprehensive development of our-style socialist construction and a perfectly feasible struggle programme and ushered in an era of change and innovations unprecedented in the history of the Republic with his correct and original revolutionary leadership.

He set forth the scientific fighting policy for the stable development of the self-supporting economy, achieved precious successes in implementing the five-year plan and developing the overall economy, and, through a great upsurge in the construction revolution, has laid solid material foundations for the economic and cultural development and improvement of the people's standard of living and opened up an eye-opening reality in which the appearance of the country is being radically changed in a short span of time.

It is a historic exploit that can be achieved only by Comrade Kim Jong Un that the gigantic revolution started to eliminate the backwardness of regions and rural areas, which had long fettered development, and improve the material and cultural environment of the country and the eternal foundation

for comprehensive prosperity has been consolidated as its brilliant fruition.

The epochal results have been achieved in the public health revolution for reconstructing the medical field of the country in an advanced way and remarkable achievements made in the fields of science, education, sports and art and literature one after another. This is the fruition of the outstanding leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un who has pioneered a high stage of development of the state, guiding all fields of socialist construction.

Etched in the history of the Party and the country are the outstanding leadership mode and sacred annals of the revolutionary activities of Comrade Kim Jong Un who has made sure that the might of single-minded unity fostered by patriotism is steadily displayed, boosting the people's pride and self-esteem in being Koreans through his great examples, and trained a large contingent of reliable socialist builders and successors faithful to the country and the revolution through practical struggle.

Comrade Kim Jong Un has ensured that the people really benefit from the most advantageous socialist policies, firmly defended the life and security of the people in any crisis and taken warm care of them. His noble world of devoted service for the people's wellbeing is attracting all the people and adding lustre to our motherland as a genuine people's country.

He has energetically led the work of turning the Korean People's Army, the pivot of national defence and pillar of safeguarding peace, into an elite, powerful army and thus built the revolutionary armed forces capable of coping with any threat of aggression on their own initiative and fully prepared for any form of war.

The leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un who has strengthened our army into the vanguard ranks supporting the ideology and cause of the WPK is the driving force that enabled the WPK to dynamically launch into the great epochal tasks and accelerate the advance of the revolution.

As we hold in high esteem the peerless patriot possessed of the steadfast revolutionary spirit, iron will and unusual pluck and courage as the top leader, the war deterrence of the country with the nuclear forces as its pivot has been radically improved and our state has dynamically advanced along the track of rejuvenation and prosperity and the future destiny of the country and the people has been reliably guaranteed despite the stern challenges of history.

With his strong revolutionary principle and extraordinary strategy and through his seasoned external activities, Comrade Kim Jong Un has remarkably raised the dignity and prestige of the DPRK, created an international environment favourable to the Korean revolution and made a great contribution to the common cause of mankind for independence and justice.

He has ushered in a golden age of building the WPK, fully demonstrated the prestige and national power of Juche Korea and brought a new era of comprehensive socialist construction in which the people's ideals and desire are realized. He is the outstanding political activist of the DPRK nobody can take the place of, and the most ardent patriot, the prominent representative of the Korean nation, the great dignity of our Party, state and people and the symbol of all victories and glory.

It is the solemn requirement of the times and history to hold in high esteem Comrade Kim Jong Un as the top leader of the WPK again, as he has enjoyed boundless trust and respect of all the Korean people for his noble sense of mission for the destiny of the country and people, warm love for them, outstanding political calibre and immortal exploits.

The Ninth Congress of the WPK decides to elect Comrade Kim Jong Un as general secretary of the WPK in accordance with the unshakable will and unanimous desire of all the delegates, millions of Party members, all other people and service personnel of the People's Army for the development of the WPK and the prosperity of the state.

Let us make great victory and glory gained through indomitable pioneering struggle lead onto steady prosperity and leaps forward in new struggle



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The Workers' Party of Korea, the vanguard of the Korean revolution, is ushering in a new era of building a powerful nation by leading tens of millions of Korean people. Its sacred mission, strong pride and matchless fighting efficiency are bringing about a radical turn in the position and destiny of our country and people and placing the great strength, high dignity and eye-opening prosperity desired by all generations on this land on

the majesty of history.

Our great Party has always performed and created miracles and glory of the DPRK by encouraging the people to the revolution in the long heroic course covered by the country. As it is standing as the ever-victorious banner and beacon of guidance, we have no dreams unrealizable and no difficulties insurmountable. This is not only the immutable truth engraved meaningfully again on the records of the times by 1 800-odd days of the past five years but also the steel-strong faith deeply cherished by

all the people and service personnel of the People's Army in their hearts.

The eighth-term Central Committee of the WPK opened up a magnificent prelude to the overall national prosperity, fervently cheered by the people, through its bold pioneering and staunch struggle. It staked all its honour, dignity and destiny on that struggle in the period of extreme hardship that decided the destiny of the country and the people and influenced the rise and fall of the revolution. Its outstanding leadership activities provided

a clear landmark and essential driving force for entering a new stage of struggle, further highlighting the validity of our cause and the inevitability of its victory.

The Ninth Congress of the WPK, which marked a great watershed in the glorious course of strengthening the great Party and accomplishing the socialist cause, was held with splendor in Pyongyang, the capital city of the revolution, from February 19 to 25, 2026.

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's concluding speech at Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech at the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The following is the full text of the concluding speech:

Dear comrade delegates,

The current Congress, the ninth in the history of our Party, has put on its agenda the crucial fighting plans for switchover of the comprehensive development stage of socialism to a fresh stage and the issues for the steady development of the Party in the face of the prevailing internal and external circumstances, and it is holding discussions of them.

Through the speeches on the information of the data and results of the work, the work of the Eighth Party Central Committee was reviewed and analyzed in detail and the principled requirements, struggle lines, strategies and tactics and main tasks were clarified for further accelerating the revolution and construction in the future.

The general analysis at this point of today of the struggle of the past five years, in particular, has given us an instructive occasion to take a due pride in the fruits of our persevering efforts and clearly understand what are the valuable experiences we should maintain and enrich in the future, the deviations we should put to rights and the lessons we should draw.

In the course of this, all the delegates must have got an overall understanding of the changes and level of development in socialist construction and Party building in the period under review and a correct estimation of the current corresponding level of development of their fields and units.

And I believe that, on learning the struggle orientation of the new five-year plan, they must have become aware of the standpoint and attitude they should take to meet the demands of the revolution and the times to lead the past five years of transformation to another five years of greater transformation, and made a solemn resolve to harden their self-confidence and renew their enthusiasm.

The current Congress has also deliberated and adopted the amended Party Rules which incorporate some articles that were decided at the plenary meetings of the Eighth Party Central Committee to be revised as required by the practical Party work, and which include new stipulations needed.

Along with this, it has formed the Ninth Party Central



Committee, which will organize and lead the efforts for carrying out greater and heavier revolutionary tasks in the coming years, with the sound and excellent comrades who enjoy high reputation among the masses of the Party members and who are promising as they have been tested through practical struggle.

As a result, the current Congress has successfully reviewed the work of the Eighth Party Central Committee and handed over the responsibility for and role of leading the Party and revolutionary work as a whole to the newly elected Ninth Party Central Committee.

Comrade delegates,

At this Congress I was honoured to be elected again to the highest leading position of the Workers' Party of Korea thanks to the high and full confidence of all the delegates and other members of the Party.

We have just launched into a gigantic cause of translating the people's ideals into reality, and I still have a long way to go to keep the promises I have made to the people on several occasions. Yet, you have entrusted me with the sacred, important responsibility again. I accept it sincerely as an expression of your complete trust in and high expectation of me as you want me to make greater efforts and more strenuous endeavour.

I make a solemn oath of invariable allegiance to the holiest mission and the heaviest responsibility I have assumed before the Party and the people to live up to the great expectation and confidence, which all the delegates and the millions of the Party members have shown me, to observe and implement the Rules and programme of the Party in a thoroughgoing way, to reliably defend the rights to development and security of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and to work wholeheartedly to bring wellbeing to the people as soon as possible by making devoted efforts for them every minute and every second.

The newly elected Ninth Party Central Committee

will be faithful to its responsible leadership role true to the high confidence and expectation of all the Party organizations and the entire membership. It will work hard to speed up the development of our great state and bring more substantial benefits to our people at an earlier date, and this will bring it a fair and square assessment of its work.

Comrade delegates,

The main schedules left for the current Congress are to work out a long-term plan of each field for the coming five years and to make a decision on its result.

The vital success of a Party congress depends on how we define our struggle orientation of the coming five years, study and discuss the goals to be attained by each field and adopt relevant decisions.

That is why we highlighted this course at the Eighth Party Congress and placed the focus on it at this Congress.

I believe that all the delegates will take a faithful and sincere approach and attitude to fulfilling the weighty missions and responsibility they have assumed for the country, the revolution and the people, and work heart and soul to generate creativity so that every item of the decisions will be an epoch-making task in the five-year struggle.

In particular, the newly-elected members of the Party central leadership should display a high sense of responsibility and prudence in adopting policy-oriented tasks as the decisions of the Party Congress will serve as the action programme to be consistently adhered to during the term of their membership.

As mentioned in the report, the new five-year plan period will become a stage for stabilizing and consolidating our economy and bringing about its gradual qualitative development.

Accordingly, in deciding on the plans for the economic branches it is necessary to properly combine two aspects of qualitatively cementing the existing foundations and forces and further developing them and to maintain this orientation in discussing the plans for other sectors.

Comrade delegates,

Today's struggle to achieve transformations by accelerating the comprehensive development of socialism, which will include the implementation of the new five-year plan, demands that all sectors and all units step up the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural.

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These three revolutions are our Party's general line in building socialism.

Since its beginning, our socialist construction has been run through with the three revolutions, and it has made progress in the course of the struggle to carry out the line of the three revolutions.

As we have pushed ahead with these revolutions by prioritizing ideological remoulding, i.e., the ideological revolution, at the same time as speeding up technological upgrading and cultural transformation, the socialism of our own style has advanced forward without vacillation even in the face of severe trials.

The great cause of comprehensive development, too, can be carried out much faster and more effectively only when the Party's guidance and the state's leading role are strengthened in conducting the three revolutions, and only when the masses of the people are involved in these revolutions with an attitude befitting masters.

The reality shows that changes in working conditions and living environment will not naturally lead to the improvement of the people's ideological consciousness, technical standards and cultural attainments.

To cite a simple example, less than one year after new modern production and service facilities were built under the concern of the Party and the state, they are not managed and operated as properly as they should be, and the guidance and control over these facilities are neglected; such serious dereliction of duty, irresponsibility and other ingrained maladies of seeking only immediate gains instead of treasuring the products of Party policy are rearing their ugly heads again.

These facilities are the precious creations we have achieved with so much effort, so it is necessary to manage and operate them so well that they can become useful assets conducive to the development of our socialist society. This is a revolutionary task that is no less important and crucial than our extensive construction work.

A revolution does not simply mean physical transformation or the creation of material wealth. It is essentially aimed at remoulding the people's ideological consciousness and training them as powerful beings with a high level of creativity.

We should be effective in conducting the three revolutions to free the people from the fetters of the outdated ideas, heighten their voluntary enthusiasm, and improve their technical standards and cultural attainments; otherwise, all our assets, however many, will evidently come to nothing soon.

We should push forward with the three revolutions also to educate all the people and prepare them to be new masters of the new era so that the viewpoint and work style of voluntarily striving to fulfil one's basic duty will prevail across our society.

In particular, it is an urgent task to intensify the ideological revolution aimed at remodelling the officials and working people on a revolutionary pattern and assimilating them to the working class.

The successful advance of our socialist construction is inconceivable separated from the work of transforming people, the masters of society, along revolutionary and working-class lines.

Therefore, it is important for Party and working people's organizations and power organs to organize and conduct all their activities with a view to accomplishing the three revolutions, especially with a focus on awakening and training people ideologically and spiritually.

They should work to meet the Party's demand that the officials and working people possess revolutionary ideological consciousness and the collectivist spirit and work style of the working class as their mental attributes; they should do so purposefully as demanded by the present reality.

They should set forth new tasks as required by the developing times in all the ideological, technological and cultural fields, and adopt an innovative approach towards transforming nature, people and society. This is just the way to make continuous advance in our socialist construction.

The report on the work of the Eighth Party Central Committee highlighted the necessity of properly meeting the requirements of the times for comprehensive development in socialist construction.

Let me briefly summarize once again the requirements of the new era, which are largely divided into five categories:

To ensure complete unity of action and establish firm discipline in socialist construction as a whole;

To get rid of outdated forms and patterns, conservatism and empiricism, and make sustained efforts to create something new and innovative;

To adopt a scientific, far-sighted and cost-effective approach towards our work, and give priority to specialist qualifications;

To drastically improve the methods and styles of providing guidance over production and construction, and enhance officials' leadership abilities; and

To thoroughly apply the ideology-first principle and the people-first principle.

This is a law-governed requirement of the times, when improving and innovating all the work in accordance with the era of comprehensive development has arisen as a practical matter; it is also an urgent task that devolves on us in view of the serious lessons we gained in the past five years of struggle.

The state and social life, every branch and unit of the economic field in particular, is seething with the spirit of advance in the new era, but backward remnants still coexist with them—this is the reality that we are all aware of.

We should not leave the old and outdated remnants as

they are, but be braver in overcoming and eliminating those backwardness and evil practices.

The three revolutions are, in essence, a struggle to eliminate everything obsolete and create the new in the ideological, technological and cultural fields; therefore, the requirement of the times of comprehensive development should naturally be met in the course of implementing the three revolutions.

We should dynamically push ahead with socialist construction in our way of advance.

We worked out short-term strategies and plans and implemented them in a responsible manner and, with this as a solid foundation, expanded and consolidated the successes—this is the experience we gained in the period of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

Continuously formulating a plan every five years and implementing it steadily as we do now constitutes a stage, a course, which we must go through in building up the national strength and finally building an ideal society.

When every field attains its goal by going through such course, we will greatly increase on a solid basis the strength of the country on the level we are desirous of.

After ten and 20 years from now, we will greet the 90th and 100th founding anniversaries of our Party, and if we steadily push forward with our work for the development of the state and improvement of the people's wellbeing in the current way of struggle, we can surely transform the whole country and improve the living standards of all the people. When the days come, our Party will feel due pride in having remained faithful to its mission and duty as a genuine people's party.

Comrade delegates,

Just like we did in the past five-year struggle in which we pioneered the era of comprehensive development of socialism, we will completely rely on our internal force, the great might of our people, in the new upcoming five-year struggle.

As we have lifted the ideals of "The people are god," single-hearted unity and self-reliance as the banner of struggle and advance during the eighth term of the Party Central Committee, the Party Central Committee will invariably be faithful to the three ideals during its ninth term.

Our ideals, goals and advancing speed will ceaselessly change and develop, but those ideals peculiar to the Korean revolution will remain unchanged and their inexhaustible might will confidently propel our socialist construction towards a bright future.

No challenge or change in situation can delay or check our advance.

Let all of us struggle vigorously to bring earlier the day when our people's ideals and long-cherished desires will come true by redoubling our enthusiasm and fighting spirit, full of confidence in the future of the socialist cause.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's closing address at Ninth Congress of WPK

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a closing address at the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Dear comrade delegates,

The Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea is about to conclude its work, having conducted responsible discussions of and reached decisions on all the agenda items.

The current Congress, the ninth in the history of our Party, has drawn great interest at home and abroad as it was convened in a period when our socialist construction is being pushed ahead with vigorously and the global political situation is experiencing a serious and rapid change.

The millions of our Party members and all other people across the country have extended their loyal and patriotic minds to the Congress, which has made

a sacred review of our past arduous yet grand five-year struggle, and their absolute support to its work through a more intense struggle for creation, a labour struggle.

The world's attention has also been focused on the revolutionary strategies and struggle policies the WPK would set forth and on the new level it would reach in advancing its cause.

Deeply mindful of the expectations of the Party and the people, all the delegates have displayed a high level of prudence and responsibility in performing their missions, so this Congress has achieved its set aim.

All in all, it can be said that all the work and schedules of the current Congress have achieved the desired results.

This Congress means a great review of the really arduous struggle and the start of a new journey.

I once again express my gratitude to all the delegates who, on behalf of all the organizations of the Party and all its members, have devoted, as one, sincere, proactive and responsible efforts to conducting successful discussions



of the agenda items.

And availing myself of this opportunity, I extend my warm thanks to all the Party members, the people across the country and all the service personnel of our army, who have injected great encouragement and strength into the Congress and guaranteed its successful work by dint of their unique disposition of supporting the Party with single-hearted loyalty and steadfastness.

Comrade delegates,

The Ninth Congress of the WPK has served as a momentous occasion in turning the current phase of our Party and revolution into a more favourable one and putting onto a new stage our struggle for achieving gradual and stable progress in all spheres of the state activities and promoting the wellbeing of our people.

At the current Congress we have made a correct analysis and review of the achievements and experience we gained during the period under review. Through this, we have once again verified the validity of our ideology and cause and the righteousness of the direction of our work, and we have also got firmly convinced that we can

attain greater successes in what we plan to do in the coming years.

What is of particular importance is that we have set clear tasks and goals we have to attain in the political, economic, military, cultural and all other fields, and specified the ways for their accomplishment. Now we are in a position to augment the overall strength of our state and push ahead with our efforts to open the era of comprehensive development of socialism with greater self-confidence.

We have acquired a guarantee for further enhancing our Party's leadership ability and fighting efficiency to meet the requirements of the line of building the Party in the new era and the innovative requirements of our ever-intensifying struggle stage. This is of really enormous importance.

The successful Congress which has set a new goal on the road ahead of

the Korean revolution serves as a demonstration of our absolute sense of mission regarding the destiny and future of our country and people as well as of our own strength and self-confidence which are growing greater in the trials.

For all these merits, the Ninth Congress of the WPK will be recorded as a political event that has set another landmark in the history of our sacred struggle for the development of our Party and for the victorious advance of our socialist construction.

Comrade delegates,

We are now faced again with a serious remoulding struggle, a struggle for achieving transformation, which we must surely undergo in the course of advance towards an ideal society in which the independence of the masses of the people has been fully realized.

It is an indispensable struggle for carrying out more formidable tasks and gigantic projects than those we have done up to now.

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However, clear is the road ahead of us and definite is our success.

It is a source of great self-confidence and pride for our Party and people today that we are able to advance more confidently towards the comprehensive development of socialism in line with the right strategy for state building and along the correct road of the revolution without any slightest vacillation in the unprecedentedly complicated and ever-changing present world.

The long-term plans and struggle tasks put forward at the Ninth Congress of the WPK will be an inspiring banner instilling into our Party members and other people confidence, optimism, patriotic enthusiasm and stamina to bring about fresh miracles and innovations on all fronts of the revolution and construction.

Comrades,

The main idea and main spirit of the Ninth Congress of the WPK is, in a word, to consolidate the successes of the struggle for pioneering the era of comprehensive development and continue to lead them to a greater result.

The current Congress is run through with the idea and spirit that we should further cement the successes achieved during the period under review as a treasure of the country, the revolution and the people and bring about a more substantial improvement and development in all fields.

We should usher in a new heyday of strengthening the whole Party and make a big stride forward in the economy, national defence, culture and all other fields by holding aloft the idea and spirit of the Ninth Party Congress as the banner of struggle and advance and consistently applying them to the revolutionary practice.

In particular, we should carry out the new five-year plan without fail on an annual basis and, in the course of this, produce substantial, inspiring, significant and proud results.

The new five-year plan, which has been formulated at the current Congress, is a plan aimed at further expanding and intensifying the struggle for the comprehensive development of socialism, and it is raising the demand as to what ideological viewpoint and attitude we should work with and what practical successes we should achieve for the Party and the people in the future.

The heavy duty for fulfilling such an important and responsible task rests with all the delegates and our newly-elected central leadership of the Party.

Taking the lead in the new historic struggle should be the delegates, who are more familiar with the idea and spirit of the Congress than anyone else and who have adopted in person its decisions while enjoying the trust and expectations of all the Party members and other people by participating in the current Congress.

All the delegates should regard this moment as a new starting point of more courageous struggle and endeavour and, from now on, work hard in the vanguard of the struggle to implement the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress and play the core role at their workplaces and posts.

The activities of the members of the central leadership of the Party, who form the backbone of our Party and state, should always be correct, responsible and enterprising, but the demands and expectations of the country, revolution, Party members and other people for them have grown incomparably higher today.

All the members of the central leadership of the Party should shoulder the Party and state affairs in a responsible manner, always remembering the pledge they have made at the Congress and keeping a deep sense of mission, and actively lead their sectors, regions and fields to steady improvement and new development in the term of the Ninth Party Central Committee.

Party organizations, the political General Staff of the relevant sectors and units, should conduct organizational and political work in a more substantial and innovative way to implement the decisions of the Party Congress.

All the Party organizations should draw up their five-year struggle plans in detail and definitely on an annual basis by relying on the collective wisdom of the masses of the Party members and intensify Party guidance, political guidance, to give full play to the spiritual and creative strength of the masses of the people, so as to attain the goals set by them with credit.

In particular, they must make a breakthrough in implementing the five-year plan by unfailingly and successfully carrying out the plan for this year, the first year of the implementation of the decisions of the Party Congress, while boosting the morale and redoubling the fighting spirit.

Let us all uphold the fighting programme set forth at the Ninth Party Congress and work hard with a single mind to vigorously pioneer an era of new massive transformations that will add another page to the chronicle of national prosperity.

The declaration that this Congress is closed will be the moment of opening a prelude to the implementation of the ambitious five-year plan and the starting signal for launching an intense struggle for this year 2026.

Comrade delegates,

Let us cherish strong will and faith, firm conviction and self-confidence, and turn all out with an extraordinary determination to achieve the eternal prosperity of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our glorious motherland, and the wellbeing of our people.

Fully convinced that, thanks to the soaring revolutionary spirit and undaunted struggle of all the delegates and other members of the Party, the people across the country and the service personnel of the People's Army, the lines, policies and decisions put forward at this Congress will surely be carried out with credit and a new historic turn will be brought about in the development of our Party and revolution and in socialist construction, I declare the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea closed.





Enlarged meeting of First Plenary Meeting of Ninth Central Committee of WPK held



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The enlarged meeting of the First Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee on February 23.

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

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

Present there as observers were officials of the departments of the Party Central Committee, senior officials of ministries, national agencies, provinces, cities, counties and major industrial establishments and relevant commanding

officers of the Korean People's Army.

Saying that today they are to start the first work to fulfil the responsible mission of the ninth-term Party central leadership elected by the unanimous will of all the delegates and all other Party members at the historic Party Congress, the General Secretary warmly congratulated the members and alternate members of the Party Central Committee newly elected thanks to the great trust and expectations of the Party and the people.

The Presidium of the Political Bureau and the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee headed by the General Secretary were elected at the enlarged meeting of the First Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Party Central Committee.

Secretaries of the Party Central

Committee were elected and the Secretariat was formed.

The Central Military Commission and the Central Inspection Commission of the WPK were elected.

The plenary meeting discussed the work related to the inner-Party structure arising as an essential requirement in realizing the Party's political leadership and unanimously approved a relevant decision.

Department directors of the Party Central Committee and chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the Party were appointed.

Commanding officers for the key posts of the KPA were appointed.

The meeting decided to discuss the work plan for 2026 for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress, make a joint study of draft decisions reflecting this year's plan at the sectional study and consultative meetings for drawing up a new five-year plan to be carried out in the period of the Party Congress, and bring together opinions so as to submit them for deliberation at the newly-elected Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

It also decided to discuss the agenda item on the revision of the collection of slogans set forth by the Party Central Committee and the guide to the WPK Rules, and get the members of the Party Central Committee to study the relevant drafts and the Political Bureau

to deliberate on them before distributing them to the whole Party.

The enlarged meeting decided to deliberate and decide on draft cadre recommendations concerning the formation of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly and the Cabinet and refer them to the new-term Supreme People's Assembly.

Now that we are facing the new five years which will be part of the glorious Party history, whether or not the Ninth Party Central Committee fulfils its heavy mission entrusted by the supreme leadership entirely depends on the high sense of responsibility and activity of the members of the Party central leadership, the General Secretary said. He called on the members of the leadership to do their utmost to fulfil their heavy and sacred duty with a high degree of Party spirit, revolutionary spirit and loyalty to the people so as to live up to the great trust and expectations of the Party members and other people.

The subjective and objective conditions and environment of the Korean revolution will not be favourable even in the period of implementing the new long-term plan, but we should firmly take the strategic initiative, remain proactive and make redoubled efforts on full alert in order to bring about marked growth in the strength of the Party and the state and provide the people with greater wellbeing, he stressed.



First Politburo meeting of Ninth Central Committee of Workers' Party of Korea held



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The first meeting of the Political Bureau of the Ninth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee on February 25.

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

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

Attending it as observers were officials of the Organizational Leadership Department and the Information and Publicity Department of the Party Central Committee.

The meeting first deliberated on the opinions raised at sectional study and consultative meetings for drafting the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress.

Members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee, who guided the consultative meetings, reported to Kim Jong Un on the issues to be amended and supplemented in the draft decisions.

He heard about the opinions and gave important instructions.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee studied the opinions, confirmed the draft decisions through an important process of deliberation and decided to submit the relevant documents to the Party Congress.

The Political Bureau also examined and approved the draft five-year plan for 20 major sectors of the national economy.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee deliberated on the draft decisions reflecting the work plan for 2026, the first year of implementing

the decisions of the Party Congress, and supplemented the drafts with the synthesized opinions before adopting them as the decisions of the First Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Party Central Committee.

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee decided to complete the important documents by deliberating on the draft collection of the slogans set forth by the Party Central Committee and the draft guide to the Party Rules and supplementing them with the raised opinions before conveying them throughout the Party.

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The Ninth Party Congress, held at a time when absolute trust in and single-minded loyalty to the WPK, the organizer and guide of our people for all victories, were soaring with the fervent desire for a new victory, left indelibly great traces in history.

It is the history of WPK congresses that it always reviewed its proud and honourable exploits for the country and the people, but there has been no such a congress as the Ninth Congress of the WPK that summed up the work of the period under review proudly with countless and valuable achievements to be specially recorded in history.

The Central Committee of the WPK, which brought to the hopeful eyes of the people the brilliant successes it achieved by racing against the clock, true to their desire and will, rather than the results produced by the lapse of time, has responsibly carried out its historic mission of bringing the turning phase in the course of socialist development to a higher stage, representing the destiny, future, faith and resourcefulness of millions of Party members and tens of millions of

people.

The history of the Korean revolution is run through with the idea of building a nation, independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in national defence, and the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—the strategic line of socialist construction, by which it has overcome all trials and challenges. The nation-building idea and the banner of the three revolutions ensure not only today's priceless victory but also victorious development in the distant future one hundred and even one thousand years later. The Ninth Congress of the WPK solemnly demonstrated once again the immutable political spirit and will of the WPK to surely actualize all ideals and aspirations by regarding as its lifeline the nation-building idea and the banner of the three revolutions.

Through its Ninth Party Congress that indicated a new prospect of prosperity corresponding to the mature requirements of the Korean revolution and the strong patriotic enthusiasm and full confidence of the Korean people, the WPK further consolidated its undying prestige and leadership position as the powerful

political General Staff for accomplishing the socialist cause.

The Congress, convened amid the great attention and support of all Party members and other people across the country, was attended by 5 000 delegates nominated by Party organizations at all levels. And 2 000 observers watched the Congress.

At 09:00 on February 19, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the great leader of our Party, state and people and symbol of all victories and glory, appeared on the platform of the Congress together with members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

All the delegates broke into stormy cheers for "Hurrah!" as a token of their highest tribute to Comrade Kim Jong Un, an outstanding political activist and the most ardent patriot who gives our Party and people the dignity and honour to be glorified forever with his brilliant ideas and theories, outstanding leadership ability, matchless faith and will.

Prior to its opening, the Congress expressed thanks to all the Party members, people and service personnel who firmly defended the political declaration and fighting programme of the WPK with their positive pioneering spirit and indomitable

efforts and made contributions to greeting the Congress as a precious review and glorious congress. It also paid high tribute to the revolutionary martyrs who dedicated their valuable lives to the sacred cause for the prosperity of the country and happiness of the people during the period under review.

And it extended warm greetings to the overseas compatriots' organizations and all overseas compatriots sharing the will and mind for the prosperity and development of the socialist country.

The Congress opened amid the solemn playing of the national anthem of the DPRK.

According to the unanimous will of all the delegates, the Congress elected a presidium composed of 39 members, including the members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee led by Kim Jong Un, the supreme representative of our Party, state and people.

The platform of the Congress was taken by the chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the WPK, members of the Party central leadership who faithfully

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fulfilled their duties in implementing the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the WPK, officials who performed distinguished feats in implementing the decisions of the Party and the chairpersons of friendly parties invited to the Congress.

The Congress was held amid the high political awareness and enthusiasm of the honourable delegates embodying all Party members' trust in the Party Central Committee and the enthusiasm of loyalty and mettle of our people for the revolutionary cause.

The following agenda items were brought up for discussion at the Congress:

First, Review of the Work of the WPK Central Committee

Second, On the Revision of the WPK Rules

Third, Election of the Central Leadership of the WPK

The Congress heard about the implementation of the Party and state policies in the period under review as the first process of its discussion on the first agenda item "Review of the Work of the WPK Central Committee".

The Congress appreciated that the remarkable successes, experience and lessons, gained and drawn in the overall work of the Party and the state in politics, the economy, culture, defence, diplomacy and other fields under the leadership of the eighth-term Central Committee of the WPK headed by Kim Jong Un, serve as the precious foundations for putting Korean-style socialist construction on the next-stage development process and as a springboard for making leaps forward in guaranteeing greater changes and successes.

The Congress unanimously acknowledged that through the struggle guided by the eighth-term Central Committee of the WPK, the internal force has remarkably increased, a scientific development foundation has been laid for putting all fields of socialist construction on a new stage and strong self-confidence and sufficient ability have been secured for further accelerating the struggle for the prosperity of the state.

Kim Jong Un made a historic report on the review of the work of the eighth-term Central Committee of the WPK from February 20 to 21.

The parts of his report on the review of the work of the Party Central Committee are as follows:

1. Successes achieved in the period under review
2. For the prosperity and development of the state and the well-being of the people
3. For expanding and strengthening the external relations
4. For developing in depth the Party building and Party work.

The past five years, when we worked hard for the brilliant completion of the fighting programme set forth by the Eighth Congress of the WPK, were a period of great changes in which a new era of transformation, to be recorded notably in the 80-year history of our Party, was ushered in.

In the period under review, the internal and external situation of our revolution was complex and serious, but our Party, by leading socialist construction with confidence, made epoch-making progress in the struggle for the prosperity of the country and the well-being of the people.

The Eighth Central Committee of the WPK remarkably strengthened the driving forces by orienting all the Party and state activities to building up our own strength and, by relying on them, persistently pioneered a new stage of comprehensive development.

Experiencing many unprecedented difficulties, our Party identified the most correct orientation for development at the present stage and secured sufficient possibilities to strengthen the country's potentialities. As a result, the future of our revolution, the state and the people has become clearer and more hopeful.

Thanks to the great victory and all the successes achieved by all the Party members, tens of millions of people and the service personnel who are united around the Party Central Committee with single mind and intention, the steady advance of our Party, state and people toward a powerful socialist nation has become an irreversible and irresistible trend and this is, indeed, the most remarkable change and the most proud fruition of the past five years' struggle.

In the first part of his report, Kim Jong Un appreciated the remarkable successes made during the eighth-term of the Party Central Committee and their factors.

The most important success achieved in the period under review is that we created a new trend of comprehensive development of socialism.

To develop all fields of state building, all regions of the country and all sectors of the national economy simultaneously and in a balanced way was a principle to be observed strictly in achieving the complete victory of socialism, an inevitable stage of history to pass, and a task of the times urgently required by the specific situation of our country.

In order to stabilize the life of the people throughout the country at an early date and provide them with substantial welfare and to accelerate the building of an advanced state, our Party recognized that it is necessary to make a transition to comprehensive development of socialist construction, no matter how difficult and unfavourable the subjective and objective conditions may be. And our Party set it as the main task of the revolution, the fulfillment of which brooks no further delay, and has boldly carried it out.

The policy of readjusting and developing the overall sectors of the national economy in a balanced way and the programme for the rural revolution in the new era were adopted and a well-regulated guidance system for their implementation was established. Efforts were directed to the technical rehabilitation, reinforcement and development in all sectors of the national economy, aimed at perfecting the self-supporting production structure and shoring up the backward sectors. As a result good material and technical foundations were laid for increased production, the stagnant sectors put on a normal track and the possibility of simultaneous boost of the overall economy was identified.

Gigantic projects for radically resolving the agricultural and rural problems were launched to bring about changes in the grain production structure of the country, further improve the agricultural productivity and start a new trend of transforming the rural villages across the country where centuries-old backwardness lingered.

At the same time, a new revolution was effected in increasing the country's sci-tech capabilities and putting education and public health on an advanced level. Innovative development-oriented undertakings were promoted in other fields, as well.

What is of special importance in the struggle of the WPK during the period under review is that a gigantic revolution started to develop cities and counties across the country.

The report referred to the motive and purpose of our Party's Regional Development 20x10 Policy and the eye-opening successes achieved through the two-year struggle.

Our Party, out of its determination to realize the long-cherished desire of the regional people without fail, analyzed in depth the lessons drawn from the past work related to regional economic development, and put forward the Regional Development 20x10 Policy for building regional-industry factories in a completely new and advanced way after an experience-gaining stage. This policy has been expanded into a multi-faceted and wider-ranging policy of regional development covering science, public health and civilized life, which has been carried out every year, amid the full support of the people across the country.

In the course of expanding the regional development policy in the new era, our Party's nation-building strategy incorporated a higher goal of making regional development represent the advance and development of our state and make the ideal appearance of the regions symbolize the development of Korean-style socialism.

The vitality of the regional development policy is clearly manifested in the people's living, which is improving along with a great number of new entities springing up in different parts of the country every year, and is getting stronger thanks to the ever-growing people's ideals, confidence and redoubled efforts.

The report said that the durability and vitality peculiar to our state and society were fully demonstrated through the arduous struggle to overcome the public health crisis and natural disasters and a climate of regarding the disaster prevention as a vital issue and focusing on it was established.

Another important success, achieved during the period under review, is that the overall national economy was put on a track of growth and socialist policies related to the welfare of the people were put into practice in an expanded manner.

The Central Committee of the WPK paid primary attention to establishing a work system and order to manage the overall economy in a unified way by strengthening the Cabinet responsibility system and the Cabinet-centred system. It also organized and guided the work to make sure that the requirements of the nationwide, planned and scientific self-reliance are fully met in all economic activities under the guidance of the Cabinet.

All the Party organizations, ranging from the Party Central Committee to the primary Party committees, adopted the national economic plan as a Party decision and set up a well-regulated system for strictly reviewing the work for its implementation. They set 12 major goals, which hold the leading position in the development of the national economy,

and concentrated efforts on their attainment, thus powerfully supporting the growth-oriented trend of the overall economy.

This led to the fulfilment of the Five-Year Plan for National Economic Development, the most obvious and significant success in the economic field achieved for the first time in the past three decades. It is an important stride, for which we are surely optimistic about the prospects for future economic development.

During the period under review, the Party Central Committee, regarding the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang as an undertaking for realizing the long-cherished desire, pushed ahead with it every year without fail, overcoming difficulties and deviations. So houses and new streets far exceeding the original plan were built. It also turned the rural villages in the city of Samjiyon into modern ones and, on the basis of experience gained in it, pushed ahead with the construction of rural dwellings in all cities and counties across the country. As a result, over 110 000 families of agricultural workers moved into new houses in the past five years.

The project of building tens of thousands of dwelling houses was completed in the Komdok area and tens of thousands of new houses were built in the flood-hit areas of North Phyongan, Jagang and Ryanggang provinces. Every year, a great number of modern dwelling houses for the working people were built at the state's expense in urban and rural areas to invariably enforce the communist policy.

This has become the landscape peculiar to our society and part of our people's life, providing all the people with the hope for a new life and new happiness.

A magnificent tourist area and holiday resort were built in Myongsasimni and Onpho Hot Spring Area, famous scenic spots of the country, and the construction of Pyongyang General Hospital, set as an important task, was completed and large-scale greenhouse farms built in Ryonpho, Kangdong and Sinuiju areas to increase the wealth of socialism for providing the people with affluent living conditions.

All provinces also made significant achievements by waging a brisk campaign for building new production facilities, public facilities and service facilities for highly civilized life and wellbeing of the people.

When the emergency anti-epidemic work was underway, the hardest-ever during the period under review, a new childcare policy was adopted to provide the children across the country with dairy products and nutritious food every day and is still being thoroughly carried out. The state has invariably enforced the socialist policies by taking full responsibility for the production and supply of uniforms, shoes and bags for the students at all levels, ranging from primary schools to universities, and ensuring the regular supply of school things including textbooks, notebooks and writing instruments to schoolchildren.

The expanded policies for the people clearly show the advantages of the socialist system in our country, which attaches importance to the popular and people-oriented ones, and prove the truthfulness and vitality of our Party's



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people-first politics.

The past five years were a period when a phase of comprehensive development was opened up in socialist construction, the security interests of the DPRK firmly defended and its international prestige further enhanced.

It is one of the great achievements made during the period under review that our country successfully enforced its independent and effective national defence policy for deterring high-handedness and injustice by dint of its own strength and defending the national security and sovereign rights and international justice in the acute and complicated international situation.

Kim Jong Un said that the WPK has made innovative successes in all fields of defence construction by making great efforts to bolster up the defence capabilities during the period under review under the uplifted banner of the line of self-reliant defence on building up the national defences with the nuclear forces as their pivot.

What is of most important and strategic significance is that the DPRK's position as a nuclear weapons state has been consolidated to be irreversible and permanent.

The adoption of the state nuclear forces policy as a part of the Republic law in reflection of the general will of all the people was a historic event which declared the toughest policy that the course of bolstering up the nuclear forces of the DPRK would continue as long as nuclear weapons exist on the earth and the US imperialists and their followers remain unchanged in their moves against the DPRK. This also drew a line of no retreat disallowing anyone to bargain over the nuclear weapons of the DPRK in any case.

On this basis, the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK stipulated in the Constitution of the DPRK the unshakable will to ensure the country's rights to existence and development, deter war and defend regional and global peace and stability by rapidly developing its nuclear weapons.

This successfully carried out the indispensable historical and political task of guaranteeing the nuclear policy of the DPRK, a full-fledged nuclear weapons state, and the sacred struggle for its implementation as the supreme law to be perpetuated along with socialist Korea.

The DPRK's nuclear forces are now fulfilling their mission of physically and strongly deterring any war of aggression in a responsible manner.

Actually, we have the capability for deterring the war itself, and have finished all the preparations for launching

immediate retaliation if any forces attack us.

The absolute strength, which the DPRK has built up through an offensive and bold struggle, is a capability for legitimate self-defence pertaining to our right to self-defence. This is a key factor in neutralizing the will of the enemy countries to ignite a war and ensuring the balance of forces in the region where the security environment is getting acute day by day.

Now no one can expect any political and physical unconstitutional acts from our state with regard to its war deterrent.

The report noted that the WPK advanced and implemented the line and policy of building a powerful army—turning the DPRK's armed forces into the world's strongest—and a new idea on the three elements of the armed forces, thus further strengthening the political, ideological, military and technical might of our armed forces.

The People's Army set it as the primary strategic task for army-building to turn itself into a politically and ideologically strong army, steadily intensified the work of establishing a revolutionary military climate of remaining absolutely loyal and obedient to the leadership of the Party Central Committee, trained all its officers and soldiers to be the strongest in mental power and become true patriotic persons boundlessly faithful to the sacred mission of defending the country, the revolution and the people, and brought about a great turn in carrying out the training revolution and the military education revolution, the two major fronts for building a powerful army.

Over the past five years, our People's Army has reliably defended the all-people struggle for the comprehensive development of socialism by closely watching without a moment's idleness the drills and military moves conducted by the enemy countries on a regular basis and resolutely deterring and frustrating their reckless provocations through strong responsive actions.

It is an important success worthy of appreciation that all the army units at different levels have put their combat capabilities on a higher level by giving precedence to the revolutions in training, ideology and equipment.

Kim Jong Un proudly summed up the achievements made in the period under review by the defence science research group and the munitions industry in modernizing the national defence capabilities and rapidly increasing the already secured military and technological strength by directing all efforts to implementing the five-year plan for national defence development.

The period under review was the years of a turnaround to be specially recorded in

the history of development of our defence industry.

What is of weighty significance in bolstering up the national defence capability is that the technological modernization of strategic nature and the development successes in various fields were secured to bring about a remarkable change in renovating and updating the structure of the state's military capabilities.

On the basis of the successes we achieved in the period under review in the struggle for bolstering up the military capabilities for self-defence and firmly defending the security interests of the state, our Party and state proudly declared that to ensure security and preserve peace by dint of powerful strength is an invariable option and principle and we are ready to counter anything pursued by our enemies.

The security of the state is now maintained at a higher level than in the past despite the ever-worsening security situation and tensions in the region. This clearly proves that a war is deterred sufficiently if we have our own forces and power, strong enough to put any acute objective situation under control.

The report referred to the profound significance of the struggle waged in the period under review for pioneering the era of comprehensive development:

The main policies for the comprehensive development of socialism and their thoroughgoing implementation have powerfully promoted the transformation in all realms of state and social life, all regions of the country and all sectors of the national economy. They, at the same time, have produced such a good result serving two ends: promoting the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—and enhancing the role of Party organizations and government organs.

As a result, the struggle over the past five years developed into a new revolutionary course, in which not only the overall productivity of the country but also the ideological consciousness, technical and cultural standards and living environment of the people change and develop simultaneously.

It is all the more important that the course of opening up the phase of comprehensive development, despite being in its early stage, has resulted in securing the forces and valuable experience for successfully pushing ahead with the gigantic transformation work and instilled into the whole Party and all the people such stronger confidence that they can push ahead with this historic task more broadly and rapidly.

Through the struggle to usher in a new era of comprehensive development of socialism, our Party further hardened its will to carry out everything, demanded by the revolution and wished by the people, unconditionally in the face of unfavourable subjective and objective conditions and circumstances, and confirmed once again the truth that it can overcome any trials and difficulties and achieve successful fruition if there exist correct lines, policies and leadership and the internal forces capable of implementing them.

The main factor behind all the successes achieved by our Party and people during the period under review lies in the political and ideological might, the strength peculiar to our Party, state and people.

The revolutionary successes, made

in the eighth term of the Party Central Committee, proved once again that the ideals of "The people are god", single-hearted unity and self-reliance, consistently maintained by the WPK, display unparalleled attraction and vitality in socialist construction.

Noting that the great successes in socialist construction are all associated with the heroic struggle and distinguished feats of our People's Army that regards devoted service to the Party, state and people as its solemn duty, Kim Jong Un courteously proposed highly appreciating in the name of the Congress our People's Army which achieved gigantic successes and countless heroic exploits by dedicating their blood, lives and sweat to implementing the orders and instructions of the Party over the past five years in the forefront for defending the country, the revolution and the people, in the hard-fought battlefields for defending the dignity and honour of the country and in major sites for socialist construction.

Fully supporting the proposal made by Kim Jong Un, the Congress extended warm greetings of respect to all the service personnel of the People's Army who remain absolutely loyal and obedient to the ideas and leadership of the Party and boundlessly faithful to their sacred mission of defending the country, the revolution and the people.

The Congress also highly appreciated the role of the admirable young people who built gigantic edifices and creations symbolic of the youth one after another with their enthusiastic and valiant spirit and fighting morale as befitting the patriotic youth in the new era at every grand construction site and workplace in hearty response to the Party's call, thus brilliantly glorifying the past five years as a new watershed in the glorious youth movement of our country.

In the second part of the report, Kim Jong Un clarified the important requirements to be adhered to in the era of comprehensive development, the long-term goals of all sectors in the days of implementing the new five-year plan and the tasks for attaining them.

The requirements of the period of comprehensive development are, firstly, to constantly intensify the work for ensuring the unanimous unity of action and establishing strong discipline throughout socialist construction; secondly, to reject the old schemes and frameworks, conservatism and empiricism and steadily create new ones and innovate; thirdly, to conduct work in a scientific, foreseeable and effective way and attach importance to professional qualifications; fourthly, to innovate the methods and mode of guidance over production and construction and improve the guiding ability of officials; fifthly, to consistently adhere to the principle of resolving all problems by dint of ideology and the spiritual strength of the masses and wage a more vigorous struggle against all sorts of negative phenomena going against the people-first principle.

The primary task of socialist economic construction at the present stage is to consolidate the achievements made during the eighth term of the Party Central Committee, lay a foundation of development for the stable and steady growth of the country's economy and substantially improve the people's living

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standards.

To this end, the period of the new five-year plan should be a phase of stabilization and consolidation, a phase of gradual and qualitative development. And this must be set as the general goal, the principle of the work of the ninth-term Party Central Committee.

The report referred to the goals of different indices of the five-year plan for national economic development the Cabinet drew up on the basis of its serious analysis of the economic conditions of the country and exploration of the possibilities of development, and proposed the ways to carry them out.

It proposed it as an important task to qualitatively consolidate the foundations for the production of the key industries so as to powerfully guarantee the growth of the overall economy during the period of the new five-year plan and clarified the goals to be attained by the metallurgical, chemical, electric power, coal and machine-building industries.

It also mentioned the tasks facing the natural resources development, mining industry, forestry and rail transport sectors with an important mission to open up a prospect of the sustainable development of the national economy.

The report called on the light industry sector to focus on the quality improvement and development of new products, increase the production of consumer goods and lay a new groundwork for light industry in the period of the new long-term plan. And it put particular emphasis on the need to consistently ensure the quality of school uniforms, bags and shoes for the correct implementation of the socialist policies of the Party and the state for our students without a slightest mistake.

It mentioned the issue of setting fish farming and sea culture as the main direction for development of the fishing industry and conducting them in an extensive way, as well as the principles to be held fast to in commercial, public catering and welfare service activities.

The report set forth the grain production goal to be attained by the agricultural sector during the period of the five-year plan and the tasks for its realization.

The agricultural sector should keep intensifying the work to change the grain production structure, expand the wheat-processing capacity and push ahead with the seed revolution, scientific farming, tideland farming, double cropping and land improvement to provide an important guarantee for increased grain production.

It is necessary to more powerfully step up the construction of modern vegetable greenhouse farms and raise the level of putting the production of vegetables on a scientific, intensive and industrial basis.

Three important policy-oriented requirements for the development of livestock farming is to modernize the stockbreeding bases, approach the securement of superior breeds, supply of sufficient feed, scientific rearing and strict veterinary and anti-epizootic work and the work of putting production and management on an intelligent and IT footing as five key factors and raise grass-eating domestic animals on a large scale.

It is important to further perfect the irrigation system of the country, attain the goal of tideland reclamation, promote the land realignment for laying the solid material and technical foundations of agriculture and, at the same time, further increase the proportion of farm work done by machines by accelerating the revolution in the field of farm machinery.

Kim Jong Un stressed the need to continuously push ahead with the construction projects during the period of the new long-term plan in order to consolidate the basis for strengthening the state power, lead the people to enjoy new civilization and promote their wellbeing.

It is needed to vigorously propel the projects for transforming the capital city of Pyongyang into a magnificent city with the appearance as a world-class city.

It is necessary to engage in more construction projects aimed at transforming the Hwasong area into a model administrative district with perfect political, economic and cultural functions and other projects for connecting the surrounding districts in a harmonious way and arranging them in the next two years.

We should execute the work to transform the provincial capitals across the country year by year as required by the times.

The report referred to the tasks facing the building materials sector to carry out the huge construction projects successfully and to the principled issues arising in the work of architectural design and construction control.

It also stressed the need to set the period of the new long-term plan as a phase in which the information industry sector makes progress once again, dynamically conduct the external trade and develop tourism into a new industry which promotes the economic growth and civilization of the country.

It advanced the tasks for bringing about innovations in the land management and protection of ecological environment.

It also put emphasis on the issues of improving city management and keeping taking measures to actively counter various kinds of disasters and crises with full preparations and called on the law enforcement and supervisory organs to heighten the level of supervision and control over ecological protection in order to turn our territory into a more beautiful land good to live in.

Kim Jong Un in his report clarified the tasks and ways for further speeding up regional development, rural construction, during the period of the new five-year plan to transform the regions and countryside in a fresh way every year and bring about a greater improvement in the material and cultured life of the people across the country.

It is important to build regional-industry factories, hospitals and leisure complexes in 20 cities and counties every year without fail, starting from this year, and invariably maintain our mode of struggle and advance speed leading groundbreaking at the outset of the year to inauguration at the end of the year through a more dynamic struggle for implementing the regional development policy.

It is necessary to accelerate the work to put the countryside on an urbanized, civilized and advanced basis with more perseverance.

The report advanced the tasks and ways for the development of science and technology and socialist culture.

The main direction of scientific and technical work during the period of the new five-year plan is to solve the urgent problems arising in enhancing the independence and modernization level of the national economy, ensuring the qualitative growth of production and improving the material and cultural life of the people.

It is important, in particular, to make efforts to study and develop core technologies arising in pioneering and running such new industrial sectors, high-tech industries, as new energy industry, space industry and AI industry emerging as a practical issue at present, not in the distant future.

The target of education during the period of the new long-term plan is to teach all students well to be talents competent enough to contribute to the revolutionary practices, decisively narrow the gap in the educational level between towns and rural areas and modernize the country's educational foundations in a comprehensive way.

It is necessary to rapidly introduce the

successes gained in the public health revolution that started in 2025 into the whole public health sector so as to make the people practically enjoy the benefits of the socialist public health and put the foundation of the country's public health on a higher level.

In the coming five years we should build excellent hospitals with more advanced features in every aspect in 100 cities and counties across the country through the persistent drive to erect modern public health facilities in the regions, additionally set up essential medical treatment organs between city and county hospitals and ri clinics and dynamically push ahead with the work to build modern general hospitals in the seats of provinces and the second and third general hospitals and new district hospitals in the capital city.

The sector of arts and literature should orient its creative activities to raising the revolutionary consciousness, creative consciousness and fighting consciousness of the people and arousing the broad masses to the implementation of the Party policies and thus usher in a new era of efflorescence in movie, music, stage arts, fine arts and all other spheres.

The media sector should explain and propagate the Party lines and policies that are set forth in each period and the validity and vitality of the Party policies that are displayed in reality in a theoretical and persuasive way in order to make the masses of the people keep the ideas and voice of the Party in their hearts.

It is important to usher in a new heyday of sports development and make the sound and noble socialist lifestyle prevail the whole society.

The report set forth the tasks and ways for steady consolidation and development of the state and social system.

The legislation sector should enact, amend and supplement the sector-specific laws in a timely and rational way, now that new Party policies are advanced, the sphere of struggle and life is expanded and the actual conditions of socialist construction are changed, and thus fully provide the correct legal standards and practical legal weapons for the revolution and construction.

It should enhance the role of the supreme and local power bodies and intensify the explanation of laws throughout the country and society, thus creating a hot wind of establishing a revolutionary climate of law observance.

Judicial and prosecution, public security and state security organs should remain

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faithful to their missions as weapons of class struggle to protect by law the security of the state, political stability of society and the lives and property of the people and thus firmly guarantee the consolidation and development of the state and social system.

Kim Jong Un in his report clarified the invariable will of our Party to wage a more dynamic struggle for the sustained development of the military capability for self-defence, the cornerstone of the existence of the state.

It is the inevitable policy of our Party for defence building and the most just strategy for national defence to steadily expand and build up the self-defensive deterrent and war capabilities which we have bolstered up.

The security environment of our state, which has deteriorated without a moment's peace since the founding of the DPRK due to the hereditary and inveterate US hostile policy toward it, is inching close to an unpredictable and dangerous situation as time passes, owing to the enemy states' ever-increasing joint cooperation and military moves accompanied by nuclear elements.

In particular, the expansion and strengthening of the US-led aggressive blocs in the Asia-Pacific region and their military activities going beyond a tolerance limit are clearly bringing about a grave situation that seriously threatens the security of the Korean peninsula and the region.

The military and political situation on the Korean peninsula, where new threats are on the increase, and the new trend of development of the world's military capabilities make us keenly realize that we should make redoubled efforts to always outpace the others while maintaining the perfect and overwhelming defence capabilities feared by the enemy.

We should continue to strengthen the armed forces of the Republic into the world's strongest modern army which overpowers any enemy ideologically, morally, militarily and technically.

It is the steadfast will of our Party to further expand and bolster up the state nuclear forces which are pivotal in the implementation of the war deterrence strategy and war fighting strategy and thoroughly exercise the position of a nuclear weapons state.

The DPRK's position as the nuclear weapons state plays an important role in

detering the potential threat of its enemies and maintaining regional stability, and the state nuclear forces are a basic guarantee and powerful security device reliably ensuring the country's security, interests and rights to development.

From the doctrine that the oppression by imperialism accompanied by nukes should be countered with nukes, our Party overcame all difficulties and obstacles and declared the line of building the state nuclear forces to the world without hesitation. And it pushed ahead with its realization and proudly stipulated the position of our nuclear weapons state in the law of the state.

At present our Party's line of increasing the nuclear forces is correctly carried on through the positive activities and high technical capabilities of our research groups and producers in the sector of nuclear technology, and its prospect is very satisfactory.

We have a long-term plan to strengthen the national nuclear forces on an annual basis in the future and will concentrate on increasing the number of nuclear weapons and expanding the means and space for nuclear operation.

Steadfast is our stand to constantly maintain the readiness of our nuclear forces and continuously conduct tests and drills so as to have confidence in the effectiveness of the operation of components of the state nuclear deterrent.

It is a responsible exercise of the war deterrent to constantly test the reliability and effectiveness of the components of the DPRK's nuclear deterrent and demonstrate their might.

We should make the enemy clearly know that we are capable of making a terrible retaliatory attack at any time if they commit military actions against our state.

We will update additional strike means and their operational support systems to increase the military efficiency of different nuclear weapons, according to their objects and missions, in keeping with the changed capabilities and the prospective goals. By rapidly enhancing the capabilities of the nuclear combat forces for an actual war through tests for the activation and operation of Haekpangasoe (nuclear trigger), an integrated nuclear crisis response system, and various drills for getting familiar with the order of handling nuclear weapons and their operational procedures, we will make full preparations for a war so that our nuclear shield can be operated

promptly and accurately at any moment and in any situation.

The technological upgrading of our nuclear forces, which have steadily evolved in recent years, already provides many possibilities for nuclear counterattack operations.

In other words, the more sophisticated nuclear weapons operation system and sensitive responsiveness have made it possible to mobilize our nuclear forces for implementing various responsive action plans in any nuclear emergency crisis, according to our judgement and purpose.

This is, indeed, a great success.

Our Party and the DPRK government will provide and support all conditions and possibilities for the sustained development of the nuclear technology sector on a top preferential basis and take strong measures to further strengthen the security and alert system for nuclear facilities, thus fulfilling the functions and duty as a responsible nuclear weapons state.

Kim Jong Un set it as an important task for the Party's cause of building a powerful army to push forcefully ahead with the work of upgrading the conventional weapons possessed by our army into world-class powerful weapons.

The report attached a very important meaning to the rapid and continuous upgrading of the Navy's operational capabilities with the nuclear weaponization of its surface and underwater forces as the main.

It also called for further making a revolution in military education and training, the two fronts of building a powerful army, as required by the rapid development of military science and technology and modern warfare, thus bringing about significant progress in strengthening the capabilities of the People's Army to conduct the war.

The People's Army should hold fast to making itself politically and ideologically stronger as the first strategic task for building a powerful army and prepare the armed forces of the DPRK to be a powerful revolutionary army which emerges ever-victorious by dint of ideology.

Measures should be taken to upgrade all military bases to standardization, and long-term plans should be drawn up in detail and carried out on an annual basis to build new military infrastructures.

In particular, the Party's military and strategic policy of fortifying at an early date the southern borderline adjacent to the ROK and reinforcing the alert and

firepower systems should be carried out in a responsible manner.

Kim Jong Un said that the Central Military Commission of the Party set forth important tasks for introducing new secret weapons, special strategic assets, into our army in order to put the military and technical capabilities of the DPRK's armed forces on the world's strongest level during the new five-year plan, carefully examined new national defence development plans drawn up by relevant fields and ratified the long-term plans with confidence and a sense of responsibility.

To summarize, the plans will include the ground- and underwater-launch ICBM systems, which have been more strengthened by integrating the accumulated technologies, various AI unmanned attack systems, special assets for attacking the enemy's satellites in emergency, very powerful electronic warfare weapons systems to paralyze the enemy's command centre, and more evolved reconnaissance satellites.

It is an important task of the forthcoming five-year long-term plan to accelerate the deployment of already-developed new-type weapons for action.

Strategic weapon systems for containing the strategic enemies, particularly the 600mm-calibre multiple rocket launchers and the new-type 240mm-calibre multiple rocket launchers, the main strike means for restraining the ROK area and more operational and tactical missile systems will be deployed year by year in the next five years to greatly increase the density and durability of concentrated attack, thus further strengthening the core part of war deterrent.

If the new plan for the development of national defence is carried out in the coming five years, our national defence capabilities will be remarkably increased and put on the high level that the enemies cannot cope with.

The report called upon the fields of defence science research and munitions industry to continue to wage a dynamic struggle to research and develop and serialize the production of the latest weapons and equipment corresponding to the goal of rapidly developing the military technology of the DPRK's armed forces and putting them on a modern basis, in keeping with the global trend of defence science development, under the uplifted banner of the national defence industry revolution in the new era.

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It also set it as an important task to increase the wartime operation and combat capability and cooperation capability of the Public Security Forces and the Worker-Peasant Red Guards, important components of the armed forces of the DPRK.

In the third part of his report, Kim Jong Un analyzed and evaluated the great changes that took place in the international political and security structure, balance of forces and development of the situation during the period under review.

The world at present is completely different from what it was five years ago, and international relations have been plunged into a vortex of chaos and upheaval.

The US hegemonic policy and arbitrary practices have seriously shaken the foundations of peace and security in different parts of the world and caused a series of armed conflicts, making the present international situation become more and more chaotic and assume a more variable and unpredictable mood with the passage of time.

The open infringement of state sovereignty, wanton violation of international law, the global security crisis which has not been witnessed since the end of the Cold War and political and economic chaos and disorder in different countries—all these are the reality of the present world we are facing.

The Western forces led by the US are just the chieftain that mercilessly destroys the existing international order and the accepted practices and causes instability and confusion while pursuing unilateral hegemony according to the logic that high-handedness is justice.

Under the signboard of the so-called “America first”, the US is unhesitatingly resorting to aggression and use of military force against sovereign states, advocating “strength-based peace” to solely meet its hegemonic ambition, regardless of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests of other countries.

The US arbitrary practices that make the world noisy and uneasy are not new to us as they are only the continuance and extension of the top-class rogue and hegemonic practices we have always witnessed.

Due to the US hegemonic policy, a serious change is taking place in the existing international order and structure of international relations based on the multilateral system, and the standard of justice and the value of strength are being reevaluated.

In the European region, the origin of the two world wars in the last century that took tens of millions of lives, the reckless expansion of the Western alliance system created the worst regional security crisis, exchange of fire, for the first time in 80 years.

The Korean peninsula and the surrounding region have been also exposed to constant instability and tensions due to the US’ and its vassal forces’ persistent policy hostile toward the DPRK and security-destroying measures, and the external environment of the DPRK is still grave.

It is a reality and lesson, seen and drawn by the international community through the present cruel geopolitical situation, that if one is strong, one can survive and develop under any conditions but if one is weak, one will fall victim to sanctions and aggression and, ultimately, will be deprived of sovereignty and territory.

The world realizes though belatedly that as long as imperialism exists, international law and order are nothing but meaningless empty commitments and that the just advocacy of law and order alone can defend nothing.

It is the truth proved by the present world and the law-governed principle in the international arena dominated by the gangster-like logic of the law of the jungle that strength respects strength and that to arm oneself with such powerful force as nuclear weapons is the only means of putting an end to the imperialist ambition for aggression.

What is clear is that the desire of the progressive mankind to oppose domination and subjugation and realize independence, equality and autonomy will grow stronger in direct proportion to the desperate efforts of the hegemonic forces.

This is an irresistible law-governed process and inevitability of historical development.

The independent forces will continue to grow stronger and the building of a fair and just multi-polar world will be further promoted by their progressive struggle in the future, too.

Right at the centre of them stands the DPRK.

During the period under review, the WPK analyzed the essence of the structure of international relations that entered the course of serious change, advanced correct external strategic policies and actively responded to the grim regional situation and the changes in the volatile international relations.

In particular, it permanently fixed the position of the DPRK as a nuclear



weapons state completely and absolutely irreversible, making the enemies clearly realize that the dismantlement of the DPRK’s nukes can never happen unless the whole world changes.

The US remains utterly unchanged in its original hostile view on the DPRK and hooligan nature of habitual high-handedness.

It is just the nature of the aggressor that can be concealed for a while but can never be changed.

We will fully prepare ourselves for the confrontation with the US in the future, too, as now and firmly maintain the toughest stand as the keynote of our consistent policy towards the US.

However, as already clarified, if the US respects the present position of our state specified in the Constitution of the DPRK and withdraws its policy hostile towards the DPRK, there is no reason why we cannot get on well with it.

But if the US is not away from its customary practices towards the DPRK and opts for confrontation to the end, we will be constant in proportional response and we have sufficient means and methods for it.

The prospect of the DPRK-US relations depends entirely on the attitude of the US side.

Whether it is peaceful coexistence or eternal confrontation, we are prepared for everything, and that choice is not made by us.

We have long prepared ourselves to deal with the hostile entity, the US, and will, in the future, too, more courageously and intensively carry out what we have done so far to better prepare for all forms of challenges that can be inferred.

Kim Jong Un pointed out that during the period under review, the WPK put a historic end to the abnormal relations with the ROK, which had existed on the Korean peninsula for nearly 80 years since the founding of the DPRK, and made a final crucial decision to define these relations as the most hostile state-to-state relationship and clarified the invariable principled stand of our Party and government.

As witnessed in the whole historical process, by committing such grave provocation as violating the airspace of the DPRK in a recent few years and even at the outset of this year, the ROK has clearly shown that it is not a neighbour which we can trust and co-exist with.

From the very beginning, the successive ruling forces of the ROK have not wanted genuine reconciliation and unity with us, but worked hard to spread their

culture within our country by abusing the opportunities for reconciliation and cooperation in a sinister attempt to bring about its change and the final collapse of its social system.

The appeasement attitude outwardly taken by the present regime of the ROK is a clumsy deceptive farce and a poor work.

With an ambition to ultimately turn the whole of the Korean peninsula into the one under the reactionary capitalist system of “liberal democracy”, the ROK is outwardly advocating “reconciliation” and “peace” in a deceptive manner, while seeking to disarm the DPRK under the signboard of the “denuclearization of the Korean peninsula”. It is an anachronistic practice, which must not be continued any longer, to keep dealing with the ROK for the sake of the utterly impossible reconciliation and “reunification”, being captive to the habit of regarding it, a dangerous being, as the same “nation”.

The 13th Session of the 14th Supreme People’s Assembly already made comprehensive and detailed mention of the nature of the ROK as an unchangeable hostile entity and incompatibility between the DPRK and the ROK.

The WPK’s switchover in its approach towards the ROK is the most righteous guideline for the struggle against the enemy as it is based on an exact analysis of the history of the DPRK-ROK relations, which have failed to escape from the vicious cycle of confrontation and détente, and the objective reality of the Korean peninsula. It is not a temporary tactical measure but a historic option for defending our national interests and prestige and firmly guaranteeing the present and future security of the state and the people.

Accordingly, we took immediate state measures to eliminate the remnants of outdated ideas and legacies of the past era and to label the ROK as the out-and-out first hostile state and immutable arch enemy in the realms of political, ideological, spiritual and cultural life of our people.

We also reorganized the agencies and organizations which had existed for the unrealistic goals—dialogue, negotiations, exchange and cooperation—and abrogated the relevant laws, agreements and enforcement regulations. And we took legal and administrative measures one after another to completely and physically block all the channels and spaces of contact in our southern border areas, and are taking decisive steps to fortify them militarily.

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In fact, the DPRK and the ROK have existed as separate states for nearly 80 years, and joined the UN as different two states with their own seat.

Some people of the ROK are still calling into question the just sovereign decision of the DPRK which defined the DPRK-ROK relations as the ones between the two different nations. This only shows that they unilaterally deny the current situation of the relations between the DPRK and the ROK which have been recognized as two different nations both legally and internationally, and that they do not abandon their wild ambition to absorb the other party in any way.

Whatever the enemy state, which is fundamentally standing against us, says about us and tries to do against us will be no more than a challenge to the DPRK.

Our position on the ROK is clear.

We clarify once again through the Party Congress, the supreme leadership of the ruling party which sets forth the lines and policies of the state.

The DPRK has nothing to discuss with the ROK, the most hostile entity, and will exclude the ROK from the category of compatriots forever.

We will perpetuate the present state, in which the conditions of contact with the ROK have been completely eliminated. And we will not revive the misguided past in any case.

Nothing remains in the relations with the ROK and, if there is any, it is only a cool-headed calculation and strict response for our national interests.

The only way for the ROK to live safely is to abandon everything related to us and refrain from irritating us unless it can evade the geopolitical conditions in which it borders our Republic.

The ongoing confrontational acts of the ROK which takes issue with and violates the inviolable sovereignty and constitutional rights of the DPRK will never be tolerated any longer.

No matter whom the ROK concludes an alliance with and no matter how much it increases its military expenditure, the dynamic structure of the Korean peninsula built by the nuclear weapons state will never change.

The ROK must awake from the absolutely impossible dream of overwhelming someone by force of arms and completely give up their unilateral attempt to change the status quo in a bid to weaken the current position of the DPRK. And the ROK is well advised to stop unnecessary moves most likely to break the existing stability which has

been barely maintained.

Now that the particulars of consideration in favour of the ROK have been nullified, the standard of our military counteraction, maintained for a long time, has changed in essence and our deterrent's mission of preemptive strike stipulated by national law and the use of all other physical power against a hostile state are to be fully executed in light of theory and technology.

If the ROK's mischievous acts conducted on the doorstep of a nuclear weapons state are recognized as an act of doing harm to our security environment, we are allowed to launch any action.

The possibility of the ROK's complete collapse in the extension of that action cannot be ruled out.

On this principle, we will remain tough and conclusive in our will and determination to treat the ROK just as a very hostile state and eternal enemy in the future, too.

Necessary measures, clearer and more practical, will be taken to exclude the ROK in view of the line conforming with the dignity, rights and interests we deem most sacred.

Our Party and government will never be fixated on the dialogue and cooperation with the ROK, the so-called rationales, all of which have proved unscientific and unrealistic with the lapse of a very long time, but always remain faithful to the cool-headed and correct option driven by history.

Kim Jong Un referred to the remarkable achievements which made important changes to the position and influence of the DPRK during the period under review, and appreciated them as the brilliant fruits of the Party's unyielding struggle for defending the sovereign rights and development interests of the state and the people's rights and interests under the uplifted banner of independence, justice and socialism, and set forth fundamental principles to be adhered to in the external affairs field and the strategic and tactical tasks to this end.

The external affairs field should make sure that external activities are conducted in a proactive and tactical way, regarding it as its first mission and foremost principle to defend the national interests under the leadership of the Party Central Committee, and thus expand and strengthen the external prestige and influence of our state more broadly.

To our revolution, the leadership of the Party Central Committee is a decisive guarantee of all victories and successes.

Now that the international position of our Republic has been remarkably

enhanced, its external activities have become more important and all the external activities of the state are to be carried out in a unified way without any deviation. That's why the leadership of the Party Central Committee is essential.

Under the current circumstances, in which the objective environment of the revolution is grim and the international situation is unprecedentedly acute, it is essential for the Party Central Committee to engage directly in the external activities of the state.

Therefore, all the external activities of our state will have to be carried out through and through under the direct guidance and engagement of the Party Central Committee.

Now our enemies don't know what we are planning to do and what we are taking account of.

They cannot know and they should not, either.

That gives them unrest and fear they cannot get out of.

The DPRK will as ever take the firm initiative in the trend of the international situation while thoroughly deterring its adversaries through the direct engagement of the Party Central Committee and its strategic and tactical external activities.

The dignity of the Party precisely means the prestige of the state, and the interests of the revolution are just the interests of the state.

The external affairs field should ensure that all external activities are thoroughly conducted on the principle of defending the national interests.

National interests are the criterion of thinking and viewpoint on international relations in the present era characterized by fierce international competitions, and to defend the national interests is an invariable principle our state adheres to in its external activities.

We should steadily develop the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation with neighbouring countries onto a higher stage and proactively conduct political and diplomatic activities, exchange and cooperation to expand and strengthen the relations with the anti-imperialist independent countries.

We need to keenly and closely watch the landscape of international relations, mutual relationship and changes in situation and make a correct analysis and assessment of them, and, on the basis of it, take various countermeasures and employ them in an active manner.

To this end, it is necessary to make strenuous efforts to train the officials in the foreign affairs sector to be true diplomatic soldiers firmly armed with

our Party's Juche-oriented diplomatic ideology and talented persons possessed of great diplomatic art and high practical ability, thus bringing about a qualitative change in the ranks of diplomatic officials.

The international situation that we are facing is still grave and the hostile forces will pose more challenges, but we are sure to win as our victory is guaranteed by the correct foreign strategic policy and leadership of the Party Central Committee and our powerful military deterrent.

Our Party and government will always remain faithful to the adherence to the Constitution of the DPRK, which permanently stipulates the position of the nuclear weapons state, and work towards ensuring peace and security in the region and the rest of the world and promoting the building of a multipolar world aspiring after independence and justice in the future, too.

Kim Jong Un in the fourth part of the report referred to the fact that the leadership ability and fighting efficiency of the socialist ruling Party have been further enhanced in the period under review to usher in a new era of Party building, a great heyday of strengthening the whole Party.

The most important success achieved in Party building in the period under review is that a firm foundation, a great programme, has been provided to steadily strengthen our Party into an invincible guiding force and preserve forever its nature as a revolutionary Party responsible for the destiny and future of the people.

On the basis of a comprehensive and scientific analysis of the tragic lessons drawn from the world socialist movement and the subjective and objective conditions of our revolution, the current situation of Party work in particular, our Party set forth the five-point Party-building orientation, which should be taken as guidelines for perfectly solving all the issues arising in Party building, theoretically formulated and systematized it and directed great efforts to training the backbone who will shoulder its implementation, thus laying a solid foundation for the sacred work of guaranteeing and realizing the glorious succession and development of our Party.

Kim Jong Un clarified the tasks for bringing about a fresh turn in strengthening the whole Party and developing Party work.

The core task to be fulfilled in Party building during the ninth term of the Party Central Committee is to take scientific, realistic and meticulous

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measures for applying all the principles and requirements of the five-point Party-building programme in the new era to Party work and activities and perfectly implement them, thus making a radical improvement in the development of the Party.

First of all, we should channel efforts into political building so as to further develop our Party into the General Staff of the revolution with a high leadership position and guiding ability.

In order to maintain its dignity and might as the ruling Party with absolute prestige and mature leadership ability forever in the future, too, our Party should pay primary attention to firmly maintaining and consolidating its unique political climate with the oneness of ideology and leadership as its core.

At the same time, it should take it as an important task in political building to strengthen the functions and role of the Party committees at all levels which realize the Party's political leadership in all fields of the revolution and construction, and to enhance the political consciousness and political activity of Party members.

By steadily intensifying the organizational building of the Party, we should further consolidate our Party into an integral whole in which Party members and Party organizations are firmly united organizationally and act as one in accordance with one organizational discipline.

Personnel administration, growth of the Party membership and management of Party ranks, the three main thrusts of strengthening the whole Party, should be steadily intensified.

It is necessary to increase the might of ideology and the penetration ability of ideological work to the maximum and thus dynamically usher in a great new era of strengthening the whole Party and developing the state.

The ideological work for preparing all members of society to be true loyalists and ardent patriots, who cherish our Party's revolutionary ideology as an element of their faith, should be conducted without a moment's interruption, while boosting its effectiveness and degree to the maximum as required by the times and the developing revolution.

We should establish a habit of voluntarily observing discipline throughout the Party, wage the struggle against violations of discipline more intensively, and establish a strict system and order whereby Party organizations at all levels work only in accordance with their functions.

We should intensify the building of a good working manner to usher in a new era of Party building so that the revolutionary and people-oriented style of work and sound spiritual and moral traits prevail throughout the Party as its unshakable climate.

We should learn from the Party spirit, revolutionary spirit and people-oriented spirit displayed by the generations who pioneered the cause of building the Party and conduct a substantial campaign for acquiring a skillful method of working with the masses, so that the officials can possess the Party principle, devotion to the people and noble moral traits as their natural disposition.

The Party should give purposeful

political guidance over the economic work and positively encourage working people's organizations to conduct dynamic organizational and political work to inspire their members to the implementation of the new long-term plan. In particular, it should pay attention to strengthening its guidance over the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, a mass political organization of the new generation who will shoulder the future destiny and future of the Party, the revolution, the country and the people.

Kim Jong Un said that the fighting goals and tasks to be fulfilled during the ninth term of the Party Central Committee are huge and difficult, but there can be no unconquerable fortress and unachievable cause as we have the scientific line and policy, the people and army who support the policies of the Party and the state with their single-minded efforts and the self-supporting economy with great potential for development. He affirmed that the mode and spirit of our advancing revolution making greater successes and changes will continue to be carried forward in the future, too, and all fields of socialist construction will reach a higher stage of development.

When Kim Jong Un finished the report on the review of the work of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party, stormy cheers of the participants reverberated through the venue as a token of deep reverence for the extraordinary thinker-theoretician and prominent political leader.

All the participants in the Congress expressed full support for his historic report which proudly reviewed the successes achieved in the period under review, in which the era of new changes was boldly opened up in the face of all challenges and trials, and indicated the most scientific fighting orientation, goals and practical tasks for confidently giving a boost to the overall development period of Korean-style socialism.

The essence of his important report is to put overall socialist construction on the track of sure qualitative development and epoch-making leaps forward in the period of the new five-year plan by dint of redoubled fighting efficiency and offensive mode of progress prevailing throughout the Party on the basis of the valuable results gained through the arduous struggle and review of them.

The report serves as a powerful fighting programme indicating the bright path for bringing about more comprehensive and innovative progress in all spheres of the revolution and construction with the honour of victors who opened up a new trend of prosperity, irretrievable and irresistible any longer, despite the worst-ever crisis and challenges.

The Congress continued its discussion to harmonize the will and pace of the whole Party and confirm scientific ways in the course of attaining new long-term goals on the basis of the essence of the important report made by Kim Jong Un.

Nineteen delegates of Party organizations at all levels made speeches or presented written speeches.

Fully and unanimously supporting the report made by Kim Jong Un, the speakers expressed their firm determination to fulfil their duty as the core elements of the Party in discharging the important responsibilities they have

shouldered for the times, the revolution and the people.

The Congress discussed the second agenda item "On the Revision of the Rules of the Workers' Party of Korea".

Discussed there were the issues of significance in further consolidating the organizational and ideological foundations peculiar to our Party and thoroughly ensuring the Party work and activities in a standardized way, and a decision on stipulating them in the Rules of the WPK was adopted.

The Congress discussed the third agenda item "Election of the Central Leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea".

It declared that the eighth-term Party central leadership successfully completed its term according to the WPK Rules, and held the election of the members of the ninth-term Party central leadership.

It held in high esteem Kim Jong Un as a member of the Party Central Committee, representing the unanimous will and desire of all the Party members and the delegates to the Party Congress.

Through the relevant nomination and election procedures according to the Party Rules, it elected 138 members and 111 alternate members of the Party Central Committee, appreciating that they are the core elements of the Party who have firmly armed themselves with the Party's revolutionary ideas and programme and are fully ready to powerfully push ahead with the advance of the revolutionary cause by playing the vanguard role with noble Party conscience.

The delegates faithfully discharged their honourable mission and rights assigned by the Party, revolution and people in the crucial event of electing the general secretary of the WPK, the leader representing and guiding our great Party.

The venue of the Congress was wrapped in a solemn atmosphere as it faced the moment when the most correct conclusion carrying the absolute conviction should be made for the sake of the state and people of the DPRK, the cause of socialism and their destiny and future.

Breaking into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!", all the participants fully supported and approved the courteous proposal for entrusting again the important duty of general secretary, the supreme post of the WPK, to Kim Jong Un, in reflection of the unanimous desire of all the Party members and other people, for the strengthening and development of the WPK and the successful implementation of its grand fighting programme, for the prosperity of our state and for the rosy future of socialism.

The delegates adopted with unanimous approval the decision on invariably holding Kim Jong Un in high esteem as general secretary of the WPK, representing the general will of the whole Party.

The venue was filled with an outburst of the absolute faith and fervent single-minded loyalty that as we hold him in high esteem as the centre of unity and leadership forever, we will always go along the road of justice and truth, our ideal and ambition are sure to be realized and our future will be beautiful and rosy forever.

According to the Party Rules, the general secretary of the WPK becomes a member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, a member of the Political Bureau and

the chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK.

The enlarged meeting of the First Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK was held at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee on February 23.

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

The meeting elected the members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau.

Pak Thae Song, Jo Yong Won, Kim Jae Ryong and Ri Il Hwan were elected members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Elected as members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee were Pak Thae Song, Jo Yong Won, Kim Jae Ryong, Ri Il Hwan, Jong Kyong Thae, Kim Song Nam, Sin Yong Il, Ri Hi Yong, Ju Chang Il, Jo Chun Ryong, An Kum Chol, Kim Jong Gwan, Kim Sung Du, Choe Son Hui, No Kwang Chol, Kim Song Gi, Kim Tok Hun and Pak Jong Gun. Kim Yo Jong, Pak Kwang Ung, Han Kwang Sang, Ju Chol Gyu, Jon Hyon Chol, Pak Hun, Ri Chol Man, Ri Yong Gil, Ri Chang Dae, Pang Tu Sop and Kim Chol Won were elected alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK.

The secretaries of the Party Central Committee were elected and the Secretariat was formed.

Kim Jae Ryong, Ri Il Hwan, Jong Kyong Thae, Kim Song Nam, Sin Yong Il, Ri Hi Yong, Ju Chang Il, Jo Chun Ryong, An Kum Chol, Kim Jong Gwan and Kim Sung Du were elected secretaries of the WPK Central Committee.

The Central Military Commission of the Party was elected.

Jong Kyong Thae was elected vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea and Jo Chun Ryong, No Kwang Chol, Kim Song Gi, Ri Yong Gil, Pang Tu Sop, Choe Chun Gil, Kim Jong Sik, Yu Kwang U and Ri Chang Ho were elected members of the commission.

The chairman, vice-chairmen and members of the Central Inspection Commission of the WPK were elected.

The plenary meeting discussed the work for the inner-Party structure essentially needed in implementing the Party's political guidance and unanimously approved a relevant decision.

Department directors of the Party Central Committee and chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the Party were appointed.

Commanding officers for the key posts of the KPA were appointed.

The meeting decided to discuss the 2026 work plan for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress, make a joint study of draft decisions reflecting this year's plan at the sectional study and consultative meetings for drawing up a new five-year plan to be carried out in the period of the Party Congress, and bring together opinions to submit them for deliberation at the newly-elected Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

It also decided to discuss the agenda

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item on the revision of the collection of slogans set forth by the Party Central Committee and the guide to the WPK Rules and distribute them throughout the Party after the study of the relevant drafts by the members of the Party Central Committee and the deliberation by the Political Bureau.

The plenary meeting decided to examine and adopt a proposal for recommending the cadres related to the formation of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly and the Cabinet and refer it to the new-term Supreme People's Assembly.

Kim Jong Un said that we are now facing the new five years which will be a part of the glorious Party history and whether or not the ninth-term Party Central Committee fulfils the heavy mission entrusted by the supreme leadership entirely depends on the high sense of responsibility and activity of the members of the Party central leadership. He added that the members of the Party central leadership should do their utmost to fulfil their heavy and sacred duty with a high sense of the Party spirit, the revolutionary spirit and the spirit of serving the people so as to live up to the deep trust and expectations of the Party members and other people.

The subjective and objective conditions and environment of the Korean revolution will not be smooth even in the period of implementing the new long-term plan but we should take the strategic initiative firmly and remain proactive in making redoubled efforts on full alert in order to bring about marked growth in the might of the Party and the state and provide the people with greater wellbeing, he stressed.

The agenda items and relevant decisions discussed at the enlarged meeting of the First Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK were submitted to the Congress.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, made an important concluding speech.

He said that the general analysis at this point of today of the struggle of the past five years has given us an instructive occasion to take a due pride in the fruits of our persevering efforts and clearly understand what are the valuable experiences we should maintain and enrich in the future, the deviations we should put to rights and the lessons we should draw, and to make all the delegates have an overall understanding of the changes and level of development in socialist construction and Party building in the period under review and a correct estimation of the current level of development of their sectors and units.

He said that the newly elected Ninth Party Central Committee will be faithful to its responsible leadership role true to the high confidence and expectation of all the Party organizations and the entire membership and will work hard to speed up the development of our great state and bring more substantial benefits to our people at an earlier date, and this will bring it a fair and square assessment of its work.

Saying that our socialist construction has been run through with the three revolutions, and it has made progress in the course of the struggle to carry out the

line of the three revolutions, he stressed that the great cause of comprehensive development, too, can be carried out much faster and more effectively only when the Party's guidance and the state's leading role are strengthened in conducting the three revolutions, and only when the masses of the people are involved in these revolutions with an attitude befitting masters.

He affirmed that just like we did in the past five-year struggle in which we pioneered the era of comprehensive development of socialism, we will completely rely on our internal force, the great might of our people, in the new upcoming five-year struggle, too, and invariably uplift the ideals of "The people are god", single-hearted unity and self-reliance as the banner of struggle and advance.

Noting that neither challenge nor change in situation can ever delay or check our advance, he ardently called on all the participants to fight vigorously for bringing earlier the day when our people's ideals and long-cherished desires will come true by redoubling our enthusiasm and fighting spirit, full of confidence in the future of the socialist cause.

All the delegates responded with stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" to the ardent appeal of the General Secretary who called on the whole Party to stand in the vanguard of the sacred struggle for bringing about the steady prosperity of our state and the rosy future of socialism and his concluding speech full of revolutionary will.

The sectional study and consultative meetings were held for two days to take correct measures for implementing the new five-year plan and reflect them in the decisions of the Congress.

The newly-elected members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK guided the study and consultative meetings.

Realistic and constructive opinions were actively proposed to ensure that all plans were fully based on feasibility and firmly oriented to laying the foundations for pioneering and prosperity.

The first meeting of the Political Bureau of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK was held at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee on February 25.

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

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK listened to and studied the opinions raised at sectional study and consultative meetings for drafting the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress.

The Political Bureau confirmed the amended and supplemented draft decisions and decided to submit them to the Party Congress.

The Political Bureau also deliberated on the draft decision on the 2026 work plan and adopted it as the decision of the First Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK.

The Political Bureau examined and perfected the draft collection of slogans set forth by the Party Central Committee and the draft guide to the WPK Rules and decided to distribute them to the whole Party.

The draft decisions on the first agenda item deliberated on at the Politburo meeting of the Party Central Committee

were submitted to the Congress.

Reflected in them are the more innovative goals and tasks for the struggle in all fields including the economy, national defence, culture and state and social administration, set up in conformity with the requirements of the times when the socialist construction enters a new higher stage of transformation.

Specified in them are the action programmes for all the economic sectors to achieve gradual qualitative development while stabilizing and consolidating the foundations for development laid during the eighth-term of the Party Central Committee, and expand and accelerate regional development and the creation of rural civilization and steadily promote the people's well-being during the five-year plan for national economic development.

The draft decisions also include the positive and offensive work plans of relevant sectors to expand and strengthen external relations with the building of powerful national defence capabilities and defending of the national interests as the basic principle and guarantee the immutable keynote of the struggle against the enemy and the fresh and enterprising goals and ways for developing in depth the Party building and work.

The Congress admitted that the draft decisions, amended and supplemented on the basis of the wide and in-depth study and discussion by the delegates at the sectional consultative meetings, reflect a new five-year goal with perfect scientific accuracy, practicality, purposefulness and mobilization.

The Ninth Congress of the WPK adopted with unanimous approval a decision "On Thoroughly Carrying out the Tasks Set forth in the Report on the Review of the Work of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK".

The report of Kim Jong Un on the review of the work of the Eighth Party Central Committee and the relevant decisions will be published as inner-Party documents and distributed to the Party organizations at all levels.

Kim Jong Un made a closing address at the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Saying that the current Congress drew great interest at home and abroad as it was convened in the period when our socialist construction is being pushed ahead vigorously and the global political situation is experiencing a serious and rapid change, he noted that the millions of our Party members and all other people across the country extended their loyal and patriotic minds to the Congress, which made a sacred review of our past arduous yet grand five-year struggle, and their absolute support to its work through a more intense struggle for creation, a labour struggle.

Expressing his gratitude to all the delegates who, on behalf of all the organizations of the Party and all its members, devoted as one sincere, proactive and responsible efforts to conducting successful discussions of the agenda items, he extended his warm thanks to all the Party members, other people across the country and all the service personnel of our army, who injected great encouragement and strength into the Congress and guaranteed its successful work by dint of their unique mettle of supporting the Party with single-hearted loyalty and steadfastness.

He said that we are now faced again with a serious remoulding struggle, a struggle for achieving transformation, which we must surely wage in the course of advance towards an ideal society in which the independence of the masses of the people has been fully realized, and it is an indispensable struggle for carrying out more formidable tasks and gigantic projects than those we have done up to now, but clear is the road ahead of us and definite is our success.

He said that the main idea and main spirit of the Ninth Congress of the WPK is, in a word, to consolidate the successes of the struggle for pioneering the era of comprehensive development and continue to lead them to a greater result.

Expressing conviction that, thanks to the soaring revolutionary spirit and undaunted struggle of all the delegates and other members of the Party, the people across the country and the service personnel of the People's Army, the lines, policies and decisions put forward at this Congress will surely be carried out with credit and a new historic turn will be brought about in the development of our Party and revolution and in socialist construction, he declared the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea closed.

The song "Internationale" was played.

The venue of the Congress brimmed with conviction and confidence that victory and glory are always in store for us, thanks to the wise leadership and sacred revolutionary activities of Kim Jong Un, the outstanding political strategist and great designer of socialist state building who is ushering in a new heyday of the revolutionary cause of Juche and firmly consolidating the eternal foundations for comprehensive national rejuvenation with a high sense of responsibility for the destiny of the country and people, the present rejuvenation and the future prosperity.

All the delegates were filled with the revolutionary enthusiasm to devote themselves to fulfilling their duty befitting the vanguard of the Party shouldering the destiny of the Party's decisions and the successful national rejuvenation, solemnly recollecting the importance of the great revolutionary tasks they pledged before the people to unconditionally carry out at the most important and decisive time in the history of development of the WPK and the DPRK.

An all-people grand march, which is to be launched on the immutable principle of self-sustenance and in an offensive way under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, will broadly open up a new proud period of national prosperity surpassing the past five years, with the Party Congress as an accelerated start.

The Ninth Congress of the WPK, recorded in the history as a great review of the arduous struggle and the start of a new journey, will be immortal as a political event that demonstrated the outstanding leadership ability and absolute prestige of the WPK which has always won victories on the road of the Juche revolution, and as a militant banner which powerfully encouraged our state and people to advance towards the brilliant peak of the construction of powerful and highly civilized socialism.

Military parade held with splendour in commemoration of Ninth WPK Congress

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At the watershed when a new era of building a powerful and prosperous nation is being ushered in on the road of the Juche revolution, the heroic Korean People's Army celebrating the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea as the great one of victory and glory proudly stood on the starting line of the revolutionary journey,

in which new grandeur and prosperity are in store, with absolute trust and self-confidence in the goal of new victory set by the Party.

The invincible revolutionary army of the WPK, which assumed the great mission and heavy duty that no other army in the world can carry out, has fulfilled its role and made boundless devotion for the state and people in the forefront of the struggle for pioneering and transformation which has accompanied harsh trials and challenges every year, translating all the plans, decisions, long-cherished desires and ideals of the Party into a proud reality. The Party takes great pride in the army as it represents the Party's strong courage,

sacred dignity and inexhaustible might.

As trust and expectations of the Party and the people grow stronger, the KPA makes more dynamic march of loyalty and feats under the uplifted glorious colours bearing the emblem of the WPK. A grand military parade demonstrating the spirit and original features of the army rocked the square of victory and advance.

The military parade took place with splendour at Kim Il Sung Square on the night of February 25 in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

The square was as bright as day with many light decorations. The most powerful elite army was going to launch a dynamic march to signal the new-stage

struggle for transformation, aimed at the advance of the socialist cause, with deep emotion and joy of invariably holding in high esteem Comrade Kim Jong Un, the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution and symbol of all victories and glory, as the general secretary of the WPK.

Attending the parade were 50 foot columns and flight parade columns, including those of the honorary cavalrymen and different services, arms and special corps of the armed forces of the DPRK.

Members of the orchestra of the State Merited Chorus in charge of playing music for the parade took their seats.

From the sky over the square, reliable

paratroopers glided down with very difficult collective parachuting skills, letting off fireworks and flying the national flag and the flag of the Party shedding brilliant light.

The combined military band consisting of the Central Military Band of the Ministry of National Defence, the military bands of the combined units at all levels of the KPA and the women's brass band of the Ministry

of Public Security gave a ceremonial performance with dynamic music and rhythmic movements showing the specific characters of the services and the prestige of the powerful army.

Then the columns of the military parade entered the square in a dignified manner with the pride and honour of being the revolutionary armed forces which reliably defended the Ninth Congress of the WPK politically and militarily.

The dignified prestige of the army, which has always defended the state and the people firmly and implemented the Party's ideas and intentions with loyalty,

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Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech at the military parade held in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the WPK



army, who have supported the lines and policies of their Party staunchly, invariably and with strong confidence in them, and had there been no precious gains of their struggle, we would have been unable to expect the great review of our Party's activities and the high-spirited start towards a more ambitious goal.

Today's military parade will fully demonstrate their soaring spirit and revolutionary enthusiasm for pioneering another new great path full of dignity in having proudly reviewed the very arduous

struggle. be called representatives, symbolic ranks, who are fully qualified to stand at the forefront at this moment of honour when the watershed in our Party's history and the starting line for another stage converge.

Parade units and all officers and soldiers of the People's Army,

This route of military parade represents the invaluable position the times and the revolution have presented to the armed forces of our Republic, and it means the one of advance they should follow steadfastly with loyalty and feats in the lead of the revolution.

The People's Army should continue to play the main role in good faith in our great times befitting the faithful revolutionary armed forces of our Party, hardcore of the defence capabilities of the state, pioneers of dramatic transformation and artists of the people's happiness.

The international peace mechanism has been demolished to bits and the overuse of military muscles has resulted in ceaseless devastation and slaughter all around. In this world of today, it is the topmost, overriding task of our state and the duty of our armed forces, which no one else could perform for them, to reliably defend the rights to existence and development of our state and people.

Our armed forces are fully ready to cope with any circumstances.

Our army will deliver terrible retaliatory attacks to any forces the moment they commit hostile military acts of infringing upon our national sovereignty and security interests.

It should be the permanent goal of our army to foster the ideological spirit for breaking the enemy's will to fight a war and annihilating them, possess overwhelming military and technical potentials capable of winning any battles and establish steely military discipline with which the whole army moves as one. In this way, our army can steadily grow strong into an entity of strength striking fear into the enemy.

The socialist construction sites where a heyday of creation and construction will be unfolded are the bases of honourable service to be permeated with the

All the people and Party members across the country, Officers and soldiers of the heroic Korean People's Army and officers and soldiers of the parade units,

Delegates to the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and Pyongyang citizens,

Comrades,

Opening here at Kim Il Sung Square is a grand ceremony in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea that has set a new goal of advance on the road of our glorious revolution and injected fresh vitality into our fighting ranks.

Just here five years ago we made a start full of determination to blaze a trail, and having achieved the desired results, we are here again today to start the sacred struggle that should be continued.

Greeting this glorious moment, I am full of emotion as I am reminded of the painstaking efforts the people of this country, its sons and daughters, have made for the Party Congress that had to make a victorious review only, and of the imprints they have left day and night to this end.

For this moment of today, all the citizens, families and service personnel of this country have worked 24-7 strenuously and devoted all their precious things without hesitation for over 1 800 days, etching in the annals of history really valuable records.

The record of such a noble, patriotic and sacred struggle can be created only by our people and army that are the most righteous, tenacious and resourceful in the world.

Had there been no heroic struggle of the people and

struggle.

Availing myself of this meaningful opportunity, I offer warm thanks to all the Party organizations and members, the working class, other working people in all sectors and the reliable young vanguard of our Party, who have vigorously embarked on the road of struggle towards the new long-term objectives with the honourable recollection of having resourcefully gone through the most crucial and key stage of the revolution by following our Party through the arduous yet glorious struggle of overcoming the challenges and difficulties of history, and with soaring self-confidence as well.

Recollecting once again that the best and brilliant fruits symbolic of the prestige of our Party and state are the results of the bloody struggle and strenuous efforts our army has made, I also pay heartfelt tribute to all the officers and soldiers of our army who are devoting everything precious to our sacred cause.

Comrades,

This square, as a witness to the victorious history of our Party and every stride of our army, is hosting a military parade of our army to mark the first of the significant ceremonies in honour of the Ninth Congress of the Party.

As the Congress has made a review with pride, the intrinsic nature of our army that is absolutely loyal to the ideology and cause of the Party has been verified once again in the era of the most gigantic undertakings, and this eloquently confirms the steadfastness of our cause and the inevitability of its victory.

Those proud and dignified columns of paraders can

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was reflected on the faces of the paraders, the elites representing the armed forces of the Republic, and in their weapons.

The colours of the combined units at all levels of the KPA entered the square with due ceremony, displaying the dignity of the revolutionary armed forces.

The colours of honour, associated with the proud feats and traces of loyalty of the powerful revolutionary army which glorified its sacred appellation

and wrote the legendary heroic epics at the forefront of the campaign to defend national sovereignty and the people and the campaign for creation in defence of the flag of the WPK, lined up on the track of parade.

When 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, arrived at the square of the parade, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" shook the earth and sky and colourful fireworks lighted up the

night sky of the capital city.

Comrade Kim Jong Un was courteously greeted by the commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and the services and large combined units of the KPA.

When he took the platform of the square together with commanding officers of the KPA, enthusiastic cheers swept the square again.

He waved to the columns of the military parade and the audience.

He received fragrant bouquets from

members of the Korean Children's Union.

Taking the platform were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and other senior Party and government officials, chief secretaries of provincial committees of the WPK, leading officials of ministries and national agencies and heads of the congratulatory groups of Koreans in Japan and the General Association of Koreans in China.

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ennobling blood and sweat of our army, and the theatres of no retreat where it should continue to build up its invaluable reputation.

Our army should become the banner of advance in all spheres of socialist construction and the shock brigade that breaks through the obstacles, and proudly present models of the new era to the country and the people through perfect practice.

When the Party's ideology and leadership becomes the lifeblood of the whole army, the Party's lines and policies become the primary criteria for its military activities, and the execution of the Party's order becomes the foremost duty of all the service personnel, our army will emerge victorious forever.

I am firmly convinced that the Korean People's Army will give full play to its absolute loyalty, burning

patriotism, staunch pioneering will and great might in the future struggle to defend the self-respect and honour of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our motherland that represents our lifeline, and provide our people with a beautiful life.

Comrades,

We have again turned out in the struggle to achieve our ennobling ideals.

The achievements we have made so far are precious, yet, in view of the standards of wellbeing to be enjoyed by our great state and our most excellent people, this is no more than a beginning. Our Party will take on all burdens, however heavy, and brave all trials, however severe, to bring the beautiful future of the country earlier.

The source of our self-confidence that has soared in this glorious struggle, which will propel us to advance forward with greater courage, is the absolute loyalty

and extraordinary mental strength of our army, whose service personnel regard it as their raison d'être and natural duty to realize the Party's long-cherished desires and the people's ideals.

All the people across the country will march bravely along the road to be pioneered by the steel-strong units of our army and all its service personnel, and the time of Korea will advance non-stop towards high aims.

As we go on this sacred journey, we will experience evident changes that are different from what we are witnessing today, and this square will greet the ranks of victors again.

Let us all start our bold march.

Let us all launch a vigorous struggle for the new era opened up by the Ninth Party Congress for the dignity and prosperity of our great state and for the invincibility of the socialist cause.

Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!



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Seen on the reserved seats for guests were the participants in the Ninth Congress of the WPK, meritorious persons and labour innovators.

Veteran cadres who had worked for a long time at the Party, government and military posts were invited to the platform as special guests for the commemorations of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Seen in the seats were officers and men of the KPA, youth shock brigade members, officials and working people in the city and students of revolutionary schools.

There was a ceremony of hoisting the national flag of the DPRK.

The guard escorting the national flag solemnly marched toward the flagstaff, receiving salute from the colours of the combined units at all levels of the KPA.

The sacred national flag was hoisted amid the solemn playing of the DPRK national anthem.

A 21-gun salute boomed in

commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

The boom of the guns touched the heartstrings of the participants making them recollect the five-year course that they covered with lightning speed from the Eighth Congress to the Ninth Congress of the WPK and giving them confidence in their new journey.

Kim Jong Un made a meaningful speech.

Expressing his impression of greeting the glorious moment of facing the start of the sacred struggle that should be continued again at Kim Il Sung Square where the Korean people made a start full of determination to blaze a trail five years ago, he said that such a noble, patriotic and sacred struggle that etched in the annals of history really valuable records by devoting all the precious things without hesitation for this moment of today can be carried on only by the Korean people and army that are the most righteous, tenacious and resourceful in the world.

Today's military parade will fully

demonstrate their soaring spirit and revolutionary enthusiasm for pioneering another new great path full of dignity in having proudly reviewed the very arduous struggle, he said, expressing warm thanks to all the Party organizations and members, the working class, other working people in all sectors and the young vanguard who have vigorously embarked on the road of struggle towards the new long-term objectives with the honourable recollection and soaring self-confidence.

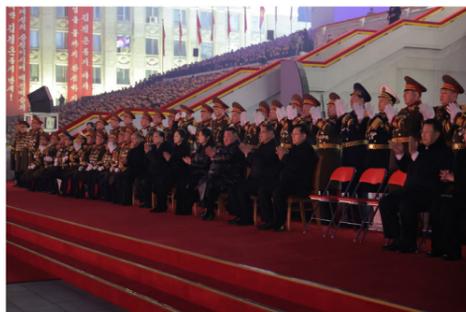
This square, as a witness to the victorious history of our Party and every stride of our army, is hosting a military parade of our army to mark the first of the significant ceremonies in honour of the Ninth Party Congress, he said, adding that the route of military parade represents the invaluable position the times and the revolution have presented to the armed forces of the Republic and it means the one of advance they should follow steadfastly with loyalty and feats in the lead of the revolution.

He stressed that the People's Army should continue to play the main role in good faith in the present great times befitting the faithful revolutionary armed forces of the Party, hardcore of the defence capabilities of the state, pioneers of dramatic transformation and artists of the people's happiness, and referred to the duty of the DPRK armed forces which no one else could perform for them.

Noting that all the people across the country will march bravely along the road to be pioneered by the steel-strong units of the army and all its service personnel, and the time of Korea will advance non-stop towards high aims, he ardently called for launching a vigorous struggle for the new era opened up by the Ninth Party Congress for the dignity and prosperity of the great state and for the invincibility of the socialist cause.

All the paraders chanted in unison slogans of loyalty reflecting their solemn pledge to powerfully lead the new historic

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advance of the WPK in the spirit and mettle they displayed in ushering in a heyday of great changes of their state.

Then there was an inspection of the preparations for the military parade.

No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, inspected the columns of the parade units.

He courteously reported to Kim Jong Un on the completion of the preparations for the military parade in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

The parade columns of the armed forces of the DPRK began their grand march.

Committee headed by the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, the supreme General Staff of the Korean revolution which gives the revolutionary armed forces vitality of a strong army, great glory and invincible strength, and the columns of the corps impregably defending the front line on the southern border of the country.

Led by their commanders, the columns of the Navy and the Air Force safeguarding the forefront of national defence marched past the square with the strong will to dedicate themselves to defending the country.

Following the column of the Special Operations Forces, the ranks of

political and ideological superiority and mightiness peculiar to the KPA regarding absolute loyalty to the WPK as its life and soul.

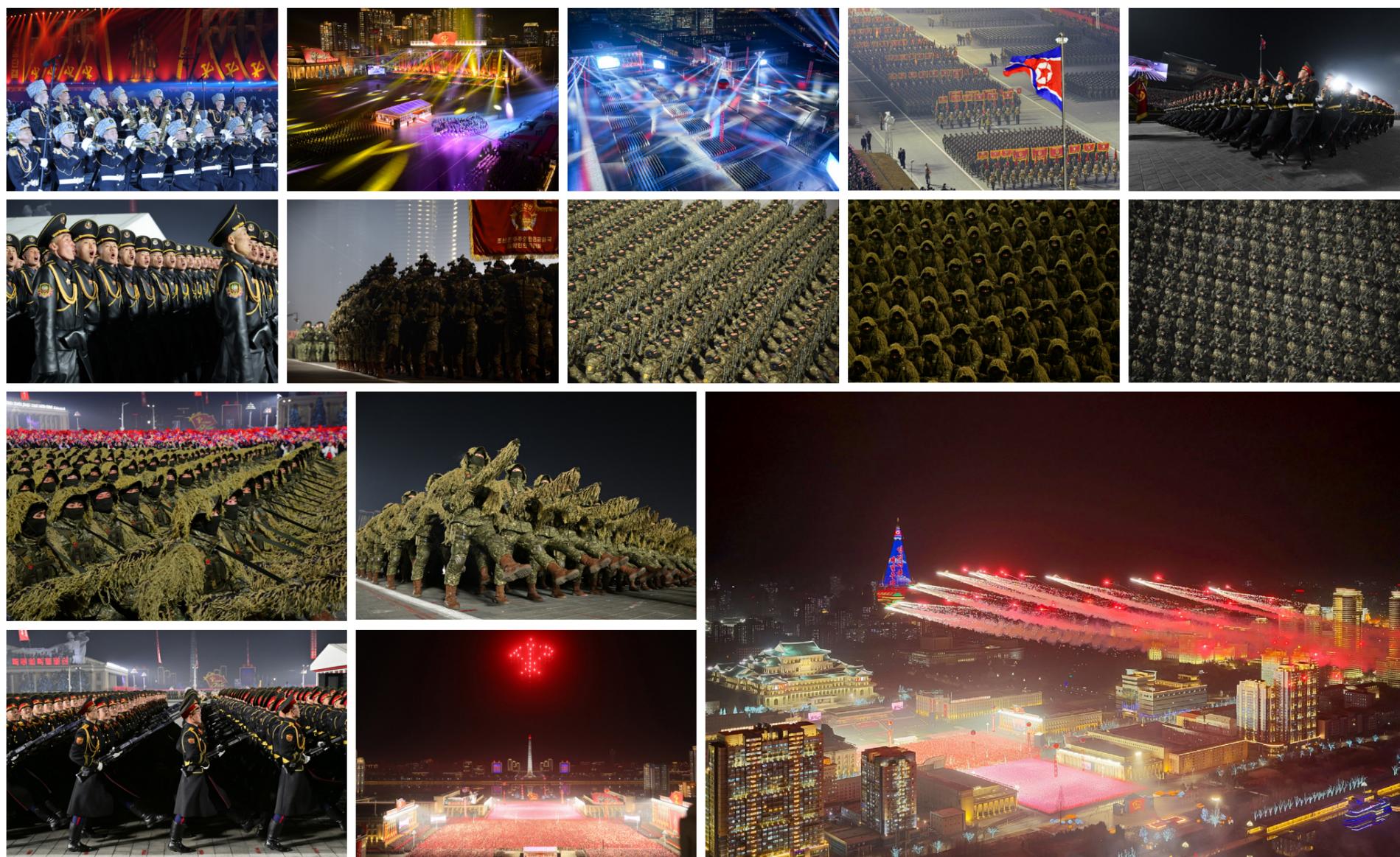
The paraders loudly shouted "Hurrah!" as a token of their reverence for General Kim Jong Un who created gigantic miracles of eternal significance in accomplishing the cause of building the Juche-oriented army and clearly etched the concept of a powerful army and the law of war victory in the era and history.

The columns of the corps in charge of the defence of the capital city of Pyongyang, the columns of the corps safeguarding the coastal areas and the depth of the

Reconnaissance and Intelligence Bureau, snipers, mountain warfare infantry and signalmen were filled with the matchless stamina of the most powerful army which the enemies dare not provoke at the mere mention of their names, the ranks of strong soldiers that win victory in every battle.

The columns of the unit for mountain warfare in the enemy's rear, the naval snipers unit, the paratroopers unit and the seaborne assault unit and the column of the transport operation unit undertaking major logistic support marched past the square.

Rocking the square were the shouts



The column of honorary cavalymen marched past the square first, representing the steel-strong will of the service personnel of the KPA to glorify the advance of loyalty for implementing the decisions of the Party Congress with brilliant military feats and great achievements.

It was followed by the columns of the lifeguards units standing in the vanguard of devotedly defending the Party Central

honourable guards and elite spearheads of the Republic, the columns of the overseas operations units and the overseas engineers regiment marched past, full of pride in being victors, to be reviewed by the great brilliant commander.

Kim Jong Un extended warm militant salute to the elite units which performed undying feats that would shine forever in history, demonstrating to the world the

rear of the country and the column of the General Border Guards Bureau defending the border vigorously passed through the square brimming with the modernity, advanced nature and strong spirit of the revolutionary armed forces.

The columns of the Tank and Armoured Division, the Mechanized Infantry Division and the Firepower Attack Division and the columns of special corps members including those of the General

of loyalty raised by the columns of Kim Il Sung Military University, Kim Jong Il Military and Political University, Kim Il Sung Political University and Kang Kon Military Academy, prestigious military educational institutions that firmly guarantee the eternal mightiness and invincibility of the revolutionary armed forces.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has photo session with participants in Ninth WPK Congress



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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, had a photo session with the participants in the Ninth Congress of the WPK on February 26.

The delegates and observers were filled with deep emotion and joy as they would have a photo taken with Comrade Kim Jong Un, symbol of all victories of the Korean people and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, against the background of the venue of the glorious

Party Congress where they invariably held him in high esteem as the general secretary of the WPK.

When the General Secretary arrived, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers of "Hurrah!" extending the highest glory to him, who has energetically led the WPK to fulfil its historic mission and role as the guiding banner of the socialist cause and as the genuine leading political organization, while working heart and soul and day and night for national prosperity and the people's well-being.

He gave warm encouragement to the participants who displayed a high degree

of Party spirit and revolutionary spirit and great creative initiative in the responsible discussion to reflect the unanimous will of all the Party members and other people, always mindful of the deep trust and expectations of their Party organizations and the important mission entrusted to them by the times and history.

Expressing his expectations and conviction that all the participants would play a vanguard role in the sacred struggle for national prosperity and the people's well-being to carry out the important policy-oriented tasks set forth by the Party Congress, he had photos taken with

them.

All the delegates and observers made a solemn pledge to fulfil their revolutionary duty as the core of the Party in the honourable struggle for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress by upholding the ideology and leadership of the Party Central Committee with the faith and will of absolute loyalty, deeply cherishing the noble intention and ardent affection of Kim Jong Un who repeatedly places deep trust in them calling on them to become the vanguard of the revolution serving the people while in their lead.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun



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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, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on February 26 with the members of the newly-elected

ninth-term Party central leadership.

The participants were filled with a solemn feeling as they visited the sacred supreme temple of Juche with a high sense of responsibility for the heavy duty they have assumed as members of the Party central leadership thanks to the deep trust and expectations of all the Party members at the Ninth WPK Congress, an important

political event in guaranteeing the eternal dignity and development of the WPK.

A basket of flowers in the name of the WPK Central Committee was laid before

the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, the founder, builders and eternal leaders of the glorious WPK.

The General Secretary, together with the members of the Party central leadership, paid high tribute to the statues of the great leaders.

The members of the Party central leadership solemnly hardened their firm will to fulfil their heavy duty in the responsible journey for brilliantly carrying out the fighting programme of the WPK, closely rallied in one mind around Kim Jong Un who is the most loyal successor to the cause of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and symbol of the absolute prestige of the WPK and its matchless mightiness.

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The columns of the Ministry of Public Security and the Special Task Force for Public Security which perform the honourable mission of defending the revolution, social system and people, true to the ideology and cause of the Party, marched past with redoubled courage.

The column of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards, powerful militia firmly based in all parts of the country by thoroughly implementing the Party's policy on arming all the people and fortifying the whole country, marched past to be followed by the column of students of revolutionary schools who are firmly preparing themselves as pillars of the Juche revolution to dynamically push forward with the growth of the state and army, decorating the end of the march of the foot columns.

Kim Jong Un expressed firm belief that the five years of the future struggle for

implementing the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress will be also the ones when the outstanding role of the KPA, which no one else can play in its place, will be further enhanced. He extended warm encouragement to all the paraders, hoping the militant course of the armed forces of the Republic will shine with proud feats and fame.

Then, aircraft made demonstration flights in the nocturnal sky of the capital city.

Airplanes depicting the Party emblem and the figure "9" symbolic of the Party Congress flew over the square, letting off spectacular fireworks, with the honour of having glorified the appearance of the WPK in the colours of glory and etched legendary feats and heroic epics in the history of the Party.

And aircraft buzzed the square, performing stunts of sudden rise, while letting off sparks.

The square of the military parade turned into a sea of flowers presenting the

greatest glory to the great WPK which raised the absolute dignity and immortal fame of the DPRK to the highest level of the century.

A distinctive performance was given in the square, enlivening the atmosphere of the military parade.

The performers sang high praises of the immortal exploits of the Party which developed the most beautiful country in the world into a matchless powerful country with the dignity and might looking down the world and trained the people into a heroic people with staunch pioneering spirit, ardent patriotism and strong mettle.

The audience enthusiastically responded to the songs reflecting the strong will and ardent desire to demonstrate to the world how the Korean people bring earlier the future of the most powerful country in the world and realize all dreams of prosperity under the guidance of the great Party.

When the performance was over, the

stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" raised in reverence for Kim Jong Un swept the square again, resounding endlessly in the nocturnal sky of February.

Kim Jong Un warmly acknowledged the enthusiastic cheers of the crowd.

The square overflowed with the thoughts and feelings of all the people to trust and follow only Kim Jong Un, bearing in mind the creed of life that all the dreams and ideals of the people and all the glories and happiness of their lives can be brought into full bloom only under the red Party flag of Juche.

The military parade in commemoration of the Ninth Party Congress will be recorded in history as a significant political and military festival which powerfully demonstrated the invincibility of the revolutionary cause of Juche, the cause of the WPK, which is shaping a rosy future with confidence by putting the elite revolutionary armed forces absolutely loyal and obedient to the cause of the Party in the vanguard.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has photo session with officers and soldiers of parade units



of the Korean People's Army who fully demonstrated the absolute support of the armed forces and all the people of the DPRK for the WPK's fighting programme and their confidence in sure victory through their vigorous stride in the military parade in commemoration of the Ninth Party Congress.

The square was filled with great joy and deep emotion of the participants in the

the historic Party Congress and then came to get the immense love and encouragement from the great brilliant commander.

When Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" resounded far and wide.

He was greeted respectfully by senior officials of the Ministry of National Defence and the commander of the parade units.

All the participants extended highest glory to the great brilliant commander who further exalted the honour and reputation of the Korean People's Army by arranging a grand military parade at an important time when a watershed in the history of the WPK and the new start of another stage converged.

Warmly acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers, Kim Jong Un paid tribute to the officers and soldiers of the parade units who demonstrated their absolute loyalty to the orders and

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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, on February 27 met the officers and soldiers of the units and departments at all levels

military parade who exercised the greatest privilege of making a vigorous stride of the revolutionary army of the WPK on the track of glory opened by

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present great era by displaying its great heroism, strong mettle and indomitable fighting spirit in all theatres of gigantic struggle indicated by the Ninth Party Congress.

fame.

At the end of the photo session, all the participants, who received his great trust and warm encouragement, broke into stormy cheers, chanting slogans of “Kim Jong Un” and “Death-defying defence”.

The participants in the military parade were full of militant enthusiasm to wage a dynamic struggle for achieving a new



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instructions of the Party and the heroic fighting spirit as the representatives and symbols of the elite army of KPA and further convinced every Korean of the victory in their cause that will be accelerated by the vanguard and core role of the revolutionary armed forces.

He said that the outstanding role and valuable feats the KPA played and performed, which no one else could do in its place, in the crucial courses, in which the destiny of the national sovereignty and the revolution was determined by each step, served as a powerful driving force that pushed the Korean revolution straight in the same direction as indicated by the Party. It is a source of the strongest power and great pride of our Party to have such

invincible armed forces, the elite ranks of patriotic loyalty that share with it destiny, intention, will, ideals and aspirations, he added.

He met the officers and soldiers who participated in the military parade commemorating the Party Congress after performing the brilliant military feats of demonstrating to the world the honour of the country in the overseas military operations. He asked about the state of recovery of the wounded soldiers, warmly encouraging them to continue their dynamic march of patriotic loyalty for the Party, the revolution, the country and the people in the future, too.

Today, our army is entrusted with the historic mission and responsibility, more important and heavier than ever before, he said, adding that it should continue to reliably play the leading role in the

He expressed expectations and belief that the new dynamic march the KPA bravely began with the military parade at the square of victory would be replete with proud feats and

great victory, further demonstrating the dignity and honour as the guardians of the most righteous cause, state and people under the leadership of the Party Central Committee.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un presents gifts to major cadres

KCNA

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, on February 27 met with major cadres and military commanding officers at the headquarters building of the



Party Central Committee and gave them the gifts he specially prepared.

After presenting a new-type sniper's rifle to each of them, Comrade Kim Jong Un said:

“Over the past five years, you have remained faithful to the historic mission

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and duty entrusted to you by the Party and the revolution and by the country and the people.

“Greeting the Ninth Congress of the Party, I personally prepared special presents for you.

“As was already made public, this new-generation sniper’s rifle our Academy of Defence Science developed and produced is really a wonderful weapon.

“These presents represent my appraisal of your extraordinary devotion for

the country and the people and an expression of my absolute trust in you.

“I hope that you will, in the future too, discharge your official duties in a responsible manner for the victorious advance of our cause.”

The meaningful gifts were presented to the members of the WPK Central Military Commission, major commanding officers of the armed forces organs of the DPRK, commanders of the large combined units of the Korean People’s Army, commanding officers of bodyguard

units, Jo Yong Won and Kim Jae Ryong, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Yo Jong, director of the General Affairs Department of the WPK Central Committee, and other leading cadres.

Kim Jong Un personally awarded the relevant certificates to them one by one.

The leading cadres, who unexpectedly received the gifts bearing special meaning, could not repress their delight as they stroked the presents associated with his great expectations and

trust.

He then spent time with the leading cadres, firing the sniper’s rifle at a firing range.

He had a photo session with the leading cadres who received the gifts that day.

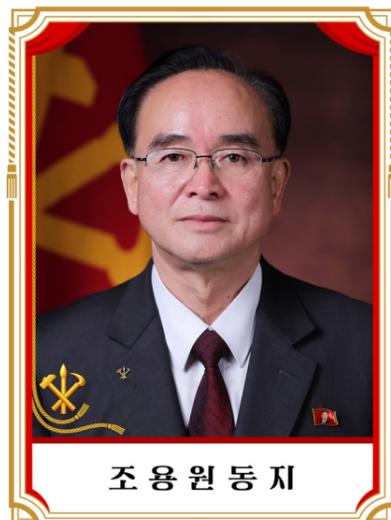
The cadres, who received the special gifts from him, made a pledge of single-minded loyalty to lead a worthwhile life as the number one loyalists who support and defend the country and the people without an inch of deflection or deviation, deeply cherishing his great trust and expectations.

Members of Presidium of Political Bureau of WPK Central Committee



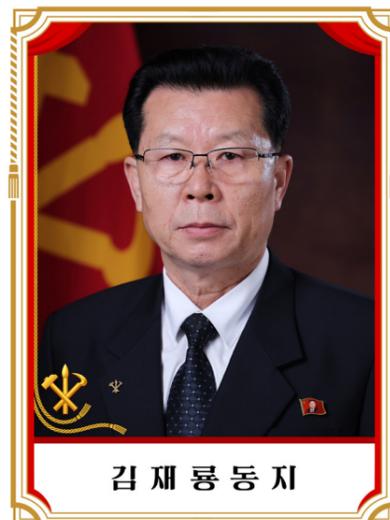
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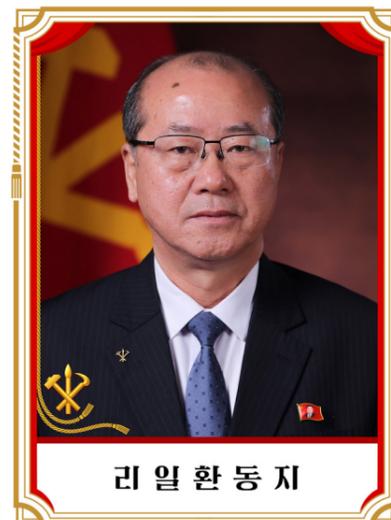
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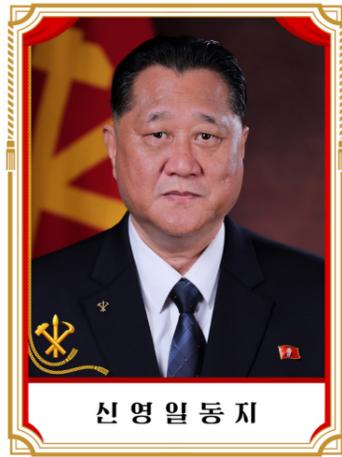
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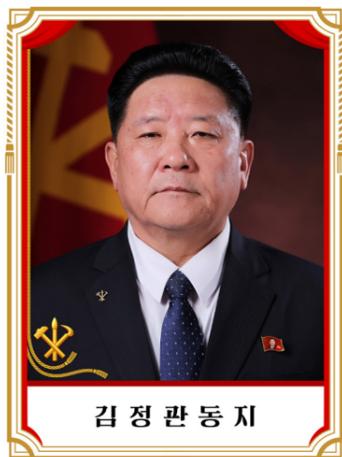
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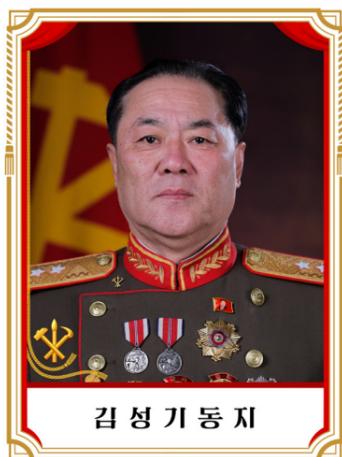
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Kim Tok Hun



박정근 동지

Pak Jong Gun

Alternate members of Political Bureau of Party Central Committee



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Kim Yo Jong



박광웅 동지

Pak Kwang Ung



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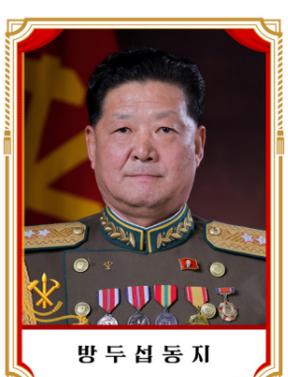
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Kim Chol Won

Fireworks display held in commemoration of Ninth Congress of Workers' Party of Korea

KCNA

The great joy and strong emotion of the DPRK people significantly celebrating the glorious Party Congress, which marked another milestone in the history of the sacred struggle for the development of the great Workers' Party of Korea and the victorious advance of socialist construction, are filling the whole country.

The fireworks display "Do Prosper, My Motherland" was held with splendour at Kim Il Sung Square in the

capital city of Pyongyang on the night of February 25 at the end of the military parade to commemorate the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The venue of the fireworks display was full of ardent reverence for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who leads the revolutionary cause of Juche along the road of one victory after another with his gifted ideological and theoretical wisdom and extraordinary leadership and gives the Party and the people the dignity and honour to

shine forever.

Amid the playing of the song "Glory to General Kim Jong Un", fireworks depicting a large flower basket were displayed in the sky above the square, reflecting the greatest respect for the great Party Central Committee leading the country and people to the steady victory and success and bright future.

The night sky of the capital city was beautifully decorated with colourful fireworks set off to the tune of famous songs of the times reflecting

the intense will, thoughts and feelings of all the people across the country who are shaping a brighter future with redoubled confidence and exertion, faithfully upholding the ideas and leadership of the WPK.

Looking at the splendid sparks, the spectators recollected with pride the days when they rushed toward the venue of the Ninth Congress of the Party, performing proud miracles and innovations at their workplaces and posts.

The atmosphere of the

fireworks display was at its height, with the thrilling sound of fireworks rising successively like the bouquets of congratulation to the motherly Party and the stormy cheers of spectators.

Giving the immutable truth that all dreams and ideals of the people and all glory and happiness of their lives can be realized only under the red Party flag of Juche, the letters "Strength of a powerful nation" and the emblem of the Party were displayed in the nocturnal sky of the capital city, redoubling the

revolutionary enthusiasm and indomitable faith of all the participants to dynamically advance along the path of the new struggle indicated by the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

The fireworks display held in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the WPK fully demonstrated the spirit and will of all the people who have turned out in the struggle for the steady prosperity of the great state under the uplifted banner of patriotism, rallied closer around the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.



The fireworks display is held with splendour at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on the night of February 25.

Grand art performance given to commemorate Ninth Congress of Workers' Party of Korea

KCNA

A grand art performance was given at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on February 26 in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The venue of the performance was filled with great joy and excitement of the audience as it would be

saturated with all-people praise for and trust in the great Workers' Party of Korea which set a new goal for the steady prosperity of the DPRK and its advance and leap forward after reviewing with pride the sacred five-year journey that brought about victories and glory through heroic pioneering and indomitable struggle.

Among the audience were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and other members of the ninth-term Party central leadership, delegates to and observers of the Ninth Congress of the WPK, special guests and members of the congratulatory groups of Koreans in Japan and the General Association of

Koreans in China.

Put on the stage of the performance, which began with the prelude "Song Dedicated to the Motherly Party", were songs reflecting the ardent loyalty and reverence of the Korean people and service personnel of the People's Army for the WPK, the great mother to whom they entrust their destinies and future and follow to the last, and famous songs on the theme of patriotism.

The performers, through the numbers, paid high tribute to the great exploits of the Party which brought the centuries-old desire of the people into reality and put the prestige and reputation of the country and the people on the highest level in history.

Colourful numbers were filled with the spirit and pride of the DPRK where the Party

and people are confidently ushering in a new era of comprehensive national rejuvenation welcomed by the people by breaking through the upheavals of history, united as one organism sharing one destiny, intention and affection. They excited the audience to make them feel tender sentiment and boundless joy.

The performance reached the climax with famous songs reflecting the iron truth that only eternal dignity and glory are in store for the DPRK and its people as they are led by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is bringing earlier the bright future of a rich country with a strong army by carrying forward the great tradition of unity, advance and victory as the eternal blood vessel of the Korean revolution.

The performance, which fully displayed the revolutionary enthusiasm and single-hearted devotion to realize all dreams and ideals on the road of following the glorious Party Central Committee, ended with an all-people hymn "Dear Father".

The art performance commemorating the Ninth Congress of the WPK powerfully demonstrated the iron faith and mettle of all the Party members and other people to give full play to their loyalty and patriotic enthusiasm in the course of struggle for the great new victory with redoubled self-confidence and vital power by cherishing the boundless glory and pride of invariably upholding the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as the general secretary of the WPK.



A grand art performance is given at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on February 26 in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Receptions given to commemorate Ninth WPK Congress

KCNA

Receptions were held in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, on February 26 in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The venues of the receptions including the Mokran House, the People's Palace of Culture, Okryu Restaurant and Chongnyu Restaurant were filled with excitement of the participants who are to advance toward a greater victory with redoubled confidence and

optimism, after receiving a new fighting programme for dynamic heyday of the great Party and comprehensive prosperity and development of the state at the glorious Party Congress.

Present there were Pak Thae Song, Jo Yong Won, Kim Jae Ryong and Ri Il Hwan, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other members of the ninth-term Party central leadership and the delegates to the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Invited to the receptions

were the members of congratulatory groups of Koreans in Japan and the General Association of Koreans in China visiting the socialist homeland on the occasion of the Ninth WPK Congress.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Speeches were made at the receptions.

Speakers said that the receptions are of significance as the participants are filled with the honourable mission and will to make steady innovations and advance, as well as their great excitement

and joy and high pride of having glorified the Ninth Party Congress as a great watershed for the developing revolution, holding the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un at the top post of the WPK.

They referred to their highest honour of standing at the forefront of implementing the Party's decisions by bearing in mind the noble trust and honour of being representatives of the great Party in a new historic period when they will steadily record gigantic and sacred pages in the course of struggle of the

DPRK and its people.

They called for displaying the strong Party spirit, innovative creation traits, professional qualifications and thoroughgoing executive ability in the new struggle, bearing in mind that the revolutionary work should be conducted with the cleanest conscience for the country and the people, absolute responsibility and full dedication.

They stressed that when all delegates think in a forward-looking manner and continue to advance, always placing their mind at the venue of

the glorious Congress and making high demands on themselves, record-breaking successes and miracles will be made one after another in all sectors, regions and units and the dignity and decisions of the Party Congress will be perfectly defended.

The participants in the receptions toasted the eternal dignity and prosperity of the DPRK, their beloved country, and the dynamic upsurge of and success in the comprehensive development of socialism to be surely achieved by their vigorous efforts.

Congratulations to Comrade Kim Jong Un on his election as WPK General Secretary

From foreign party leaders, political parties and personages

KCNA

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un received congratulatory messages from Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, D. Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party, and To Lam, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, and a congratulatory message and flower basket from Thongloun Sisoulith, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, and a congratulatory message from Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba,

on his election as general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

In the congratulatory messages, heads of the political parties extended warm congratulations to Kim Jong Un as regards his reelection as the general secretary of the WPK.

And they wished that the relations of friendship and cooperation between their parties and the WPK would further be consolidated and developed, hoping that the WPK and the Korean people would achieve great successes in accomplishing their cause under his leadership.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un received a flower basket and a congratulatory letter from the diplomatic corps in Pyongyang in congratulation

of his election as the general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un received flower baskets and congratulatory letters from Vietnamese and Iranian ambassadors to the DPRK and a congratulatory letter from the Cuban ambassador to the DPRK.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un also received a message of greeting from the chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and flower baskets from the United Russia Party, the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation.

Comrade Kim Jong Un received flower baskets on

February 25 from S. M. Mironov, chairman of the Socialist Political Party for Just Russia, Giancarlo Elia Valori, president of the International Group of Italy, and Vice-Chairman Sai Tiejun and Director Cui Tongwen of the Board of Directors of the Kim Il Sung-Kim Jong Il Foundation, and members of the foundation Jin Chengwu, Gao Fenglin and An Pingnan, in congratulation of his election as the general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

He received a flower basket from Ogami Kenichi, secretary general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea, on February 26 as regards the successful holding of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

From overseas Korean organizations

KCNA

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un received a congratulatory message from the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) on February 24.

Saying that the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un was again held in high esteem as the great leader of the dignified Workers' Party of Korea, the message said it is a manifestation of the unshakable support and trust, unanimous desire and loyalty of the whole Party, all the people and the entire army and a great noteworthy revolutionary event surely guaranteeing the victorious advance of Korean-style socialism and promising

the eternally rosy future of Juche Korea.

It is the highest honour and boundless happiness of all the officials of Chongryon and Koreans in Japan to hold in high esteem the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un again at the top post of the WPK, it added.

Kim Jong Un also received a congratulatory message from the General Association of Koreans in China (GAKC) on February 25.

The message said that it is the greatest fortune of the Korean people and overseas compatriots and a significant great political event of giving confidence in a new great victory of prosperity to hold in high esteem again the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un at the top post of the WPK.

Congratulations on Ninth WPK Congress

Congratulatory messages from foreign political parties

KCNA

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam sent congratulatory messages to the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a message of greeting from the president of the United Russia Party on the occasion of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea received congratulatory messages from the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation.

Comrade Kim Jong Un received congratulatory messages and letters from the chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia, the chairperson of the Party for Peace and Unity of Russia, the chairman of the Socialist Political Party "For Just Russia" and the chairman of the Mozambique Liberation Front Party.

He also received congratulatory messages and letters from personages of political and social circles in

Russia, Germany, Bulgaria and Sweden and from those of political circles and representatives of Juche idea study organizations and organizations for friendship and solidarity with the Korean people in Russia, Cambodia, Kazakhstan, Türkiye, Norway, Denmark, Moldova, Belarus, Belgium, Switzerland, Britain, Austria, Iceland, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Brazil, Peru and Argentina, including the chairman of the Hungarian Workers' Party, the chairman and the international secretary of the Communist Party in Sweden, the general secretary and concurrently international secretary of the Serbian Communist Party, the general secretary of the Algerian National Liberation Front Party, the chairman of the Socialist Workers' Party of Egypt, the chairperson of the Egyptian youth party, the general secretary of the People's Front of Workers, Peasants and Students of Peru, the international secretary of the Finnish Communists' League, the secretary general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea and the general secretary of the International Alliance of Societies for the Study of the Juche Idea in East European and Central Asian Regions.

Meanwhile, the general secretary of the Democratic Party of Equatorial Guinea, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Portugal and personages of political and social circles and representatives of organizations for friendship and solidarity with the Korean people in Pakistan, Italy and South Africa sent congratulatory messages to the Central Committee of the WPK, and the first secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communists' Party, the personages of various circles in Georgia, Pakistan, Armenia, Croatia and Poland and those of various political parties, social and economic circles and Juche idea study organizations and organizations for friendship and solidarity with the Korean people in China, Russia, Romania, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Britain and Spain including the Central Committee of the People's Party of Cambodia, the National Leadership of the Workers' Party of Mexico, the Central Committee of the People's Socialist Party of Mexico, the chairman of the Socialist Party of Romania and the general secretary of the Communist Party of Switzerland, sent congratulatory messages to the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Congratulations from friendly parties, overseas Koreans' organizations

KCNA

The Central Committee of the Korean Social Democratic Party and the Central Committee of the Chondoist Chongu Party sent congratulatory banners to the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Through their banners, the friendly parties extended the highest glory and the warmest congratulations to the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un, who is leading the era of the comprehensive development of socialism, the era of our-state-first principle, to victory, on the occasion of

the glorious Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Congratulatory banners also came from the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) and the General Association of Koreans in China (GAKC).

The Chongryon Central Standing Committee, the GAKC, the Central Association of Korean Nationals in Russia and the International Social Confederation of Koreans sent flower baskets to the WPK Congress.

The respected Comrade

Kim Jong Un received congratulatory messages from the Chongryon Central Standing Committee and the GAKC.

In the congratulatory messages, the overseas Koreans' organizations paid the noblest tribute to the great Generalissimo Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, the founder and builders of the WPK, and extended the highest glory and warmest congratulations to the great Marshal Kim Jong Un, symbol of the dignity and invincibility of the WPK, on the occasion of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Flower baskets from foreign political parties, personages

KCNA

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un received flower baskets from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, the Maritime Territorial Branch of the United Russia Party, the Maritime Territorial Branch Council of the Socialist Political Party "For Just Russia", the Central Council of the Communist Parties-the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Armenian Communist Party, the Party of Communists of

the Moldovan Republic, the United Communist Party of Georgia, the Communists' Party of Kyrgyzstan, the Communist Party of the Republic of Southern Ossetia, the Communist Party of Abkhazia, the Communist Party of Pridnestrovye and the Communist Party of Tajikistan on the occasion of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Flower baskets also came to the Congress from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Germany, the Socialist Workers' Party of

the United States of America, the Workers' World Party of the United States of America, the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), the chairman of the Socialist Party of Romania, the general secretary of the Algerian National Liberation Front Party, the chairman of the Romanian National Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea, the chairperson of the Romania-Korea Friendship Association and the chairwoman of the Women's International Democratic Federation.



Hwasong area in the evening

Top 10 coaches of DPRK for 2025 (2)

By Kim Hak Chol PT

True to original ambition

Jong Song Hui, who has been chosen as one of the top 10 coaches of the DPRK for the second time, is a lecturer at the weightlifting department of the Combat Sports Faculty and an instructor at the science research department of Central Sports School.

After learning weightlifting at the school, she proved successful at national sports contests including the National People's Games.

After becoming a lecturer, she devoted herself to sports education, without giving up her original ambition to win at international games, and trained her student Ri Suk to be a world-class weightlifter.

Ri Suk won 20 gold medals at international events by 2025 and, especially, set six new world records at them from 2023 to 2025.

From first step of success

Kye Song Il is a weightlifting coach of the April 25 Combat Sports Team.

Honoured with the title of People's Athlete, he has been selected as one of the top 10 coaches of the DPRK five times.

Born into a farmer's family in Ryongchon County, North Phyongan Province, he

played as a weightlifter at the then April 25 Sports Club and, after graduating from Korea University of Physical Education, worked as a women's weightlifting coach at the then sports school of the Korean People's Army.

In only a few years after becoming a coach, he trained Ri Su Yon to triumph at a series of international games held in 2012 and 2013.

Since he made the first step of success as a coach, he continuously added to his achievements, which became most evident through the success of Ri Song Gum.

Under Kye's guidance, Ri has been on a winning streak at international games.

At several international events, Ri lifted surprisingly great weights so that her rivals could not keep up with her.

In the course of her career, Ri Song Gum was awarded the Kim Il Sung Youth Honour Prize and the title of People's Athlete and became a twice world champion.

With painstaking efforts

Kim Song Chol, People's



Jong Song Hui

Kye Song Il

Kim Song Chol

So Un Hak

Athlete and weightlifting coach of the April 25 Combat Sports Team, was born in a farmer's family in Sangwon County, North Hwanghae Province.

He began weightlifting at the then Pyongyang Sports School and proved successful at national events while

playing at the then April 25 Sports Club.

After becoming a coach, he made painstaking efforts to train promising players and thus produced several excellent players like Song Kuk Hyang.

Song Kuk Hyang, a twice world champion and People's

Athlete, has proved successful at many international games from 2017 to 2025.

Talented coach

So Un Hak is a weightlifting coach of the April 25 Combat Sports Team.

He has been chosen as one of the top 10 coaches of the DPRK six times.

He is most proud of Kim Il Gyong among those he has trained during over 20 years of his coaching career.

Thanks to So's effort, Kim Il Gyong was successful at international games only a few years after starting her career and has made remarkable achievements at international events every year since then.

Kim won gold medals at several international events held in 2024, including the 2024 IWF World Championships where she set new world records in the women's 59kg category jerk and total and also won first place in snatch to secure the MVP award of the championships.

She also triumphed in the 2025 Asian Weightlifting Championships and the 2025 IWF World Championships.

Char in Lake Chon a living monument

By Pang Un Ju PT

In the City of Samjiyon of Ryanggang Province there is Mt Paektu, which is 2 750m above sea level.

Various kinds of microorganisms came into being in the water of Lake Chon on the mountain with the passage of long time, but there was no fish in it with no watercourse flowing into it.

In July 1960 ichthyologists

of the DPRK put in the lake chars from the Tuman River and goldfish from Lake Samji for the first time. Later they put various other kinds of fish in it several times to acclimatize them to its severe weather and climatic conditions and the ecological environment peculiar to it.

Afterwards, the chars living in the lake were called Chonjisanchono (*Salvelinus malma chonjiensis*).

The fish is usually 40-50cm long, 85cm at the maximum, and weighs about 0.5kg, or 7.7kg at the maximum, being incomparably bigger than the ordinary char.

As a strong fierce fish with slight feeding preference, it preys on all sorts of insects, ground insects blown off by the wind and even small birds.



Females spawn in September and October, and a female usually lays 600-700 eggs, over 1 000 eggs at the maximum.

The fish is of great academic significance as it is distributed in the highest place in south of the Eurasian continent among the habitats of the same species.

