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“The slogan ‘We serve the country and the people!’ is a patriotic slogan our officials should hold high.”

“The great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is, in essence, the people-first principle, and the mode of existence of our Party is serving the people.

“True to the ennobling intentions of the great President and General who implemented for the first time in history the politics of prioritizing, respecting and loving the people and devoted their all throughout their lives to the good of the people, our Party will, in the future, too, strive to add glory to the sacred history of the people-first principle.

“The whole Party will conduct its building and activities only as instructed by the great President and General, and make selfless, devoted efforts for the benefit of the people by thoroughly applying the people-first principle to its overall work, thereby enhancing its fighting efficiency in every way possible.

“The genuine features of the Workers’ Party of Korea will be expressed in the appearance of the country that is transformed under its leadership and in the looks of the people who are always smiling happily.

“Nothing is more precious than the people, as they constitute the foundation of the country, and nothing is more sacred than their interests.

“Our Party will cherish the people’s sincere loyalty to it as the greatest asset of the revolution and bring earlier everything splendid in the future by shouldering all the burdens and clearing a thorny path for the sake of our brave, resourceful and beautiful people.”

“The spirit of patriotism should be expressed through practical activities designed for the well-being of the country and people. In answering the call of the country and people, one should not use mere words, but devote one’s whole being; this is the proper stance of a patriot. Those who follow the road of genuine patriotism without hesitation or vacillation in any adversity, those who faithfully carry out promptly and to the letter the revolutionary tasks the country and people have assigned them, are genuine patriots.”

“When our officials, who have to serve the people, run until they drop, shedding their sweat, to make our country prosperous and provide the people with abundance in life, the people will cheer the Workers’ Party from the bottom of their hearts at all times, wherever they may be.”

“The people are the root of our socialist State and its foundation; and they are responsible for developing it. All the activities of our Party and government organs should be wholly oriented and subordinated to safeguarding and realizing the people’s demands and interests and faithfully serving them—this is the way to promote the revolution and construction with success and bring the viability and advantages of socialism into full play.”

“As the WPK is fully discharging its responsibility and duty as a motherly party that serves the people, our people, regarding its embrace as a genuine motherly embrace, have entrusted their destiny and future entirely to it, and are displaying their loyalty to prove themselves worthy of its trust and affection.

“The integral whole of the WPK and the masses based on the former’s trust in and affection for the latter and the latter’s absolute support for and trust in the former—herein lies the source of the solidity and might of our revolutionary ranks and the basic guarantee for all our victories.”

“The history of the Workers’ Party of Korea is that of the proud course it has travelled shouldering the destiny of the people and leading the Korean revolution to victory under the guidance of the great leaders.

“President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il built it into an invincible revolutionary party, a genuine political leadership organization, which serves the people and advances in unity with the masses; as such it is the first of its kind in history.

“Having inscribed a hammer, a sickle and a writing brush on its red flag, our Party has never been separated from the people and has always advanced the revolution by believing in them as in heaven.”

“The WPK has been built into an invincible revolutionary party that serves the people and has

formed an integral whole with them.”

“Socialism of our style centred on the masses is genuine socialism in which they are the masters of the country and society and everything in the country and society serves them; it is invincible socialism that has struck deep root in the life and livelihoods of our people.”

“Our socialist motherland is a genuine country of the people, a country of national independence, which fully defends the demands and interests of the working masses, sustains the excellent qualities of the nation and satisfies the requirements and interests of the nation.”

“The socialism that has been built in our country according to the Juche-oriented line of the WPK and under its wise leadership is people-centred socialism whereby the masses have become true masters of the state and society and their demands for independence are fully realized.

“Our people exercise their rights as masters in all spheres of state and social life, and the politics of

respecting and loving them, that of giving absolute priority to their demands and interests, is administered in our country.”

“The General saw to it that everything was subordinated to developing the country’s economy and improving the people’s standard of living, and laid solid foundations for making the people better off and boosting the country’s economy. We should ensure that the priceless assets bequeathed by the General through a painstaking effort fulfil their potential, thus making our people who have invariably trusted and followed our Party the happiest in the world. This was the ardent desire of the General, and is the firm determination and will of our Party.”

“It is the firm determination of our Party to ensure that our people, who are the best in the world and who have remained faithful to the Party in the face of all manner of difficulties, do not have to tighten their belts again, but enjoy all the benefits of socialism.”

“Our people entrust their all to the Party and stand by

it in braving every manner of trial and hardship together with it, so we should provide them as soon as possible with the most comfortable and the happiest life in the world.”

“Improving the people’s standard of living radically is a matter of greatest importance for our Party and state.”

“Bearing full responsibility for the political integrity and material and cultural life of the people and taking care of them has been a matter of paramount importance for our Party and a mission it cannot neglect even for a moment.

“Our Party, even in the worst situation when the country’s destiny was in the balance, has prepared precious seeds and socialist assets for the happiness of the people through painstaking efforts and invariably pursued people-oriented policies; this is an expression of the politics of love for the people that can be administered only by our Party that has shouldered the responsibility for their destiny.”

“Our Party has always channelled primary efforts

into building invincible military might with which it can fully defend the security of the people and their lives and property.”

“With a view to carrying forward and holding high the ennobling ideas and intentions of the great leaders, who believed in the people as in heaven and devoted their lives to the interests of the people, our Party defined the essence of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the guiding ideology of our revolution, as the people-first principle; it then gave absolute priority to applying the Juche-oriented view on the people, a people-oriented philosophy, in the activities of the Party and the State.

“The slogan ‘Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!’ encapsulates the people-first principle maintained by our Party and the government of our Republic. In all spheres of State and social life we have given top and absolute priority to that which is oriented to the people and popular among them; and we have spared no investment in their wellbeing. In recent years our State has launched gigantic construction projects in a bold manner. This is not because there is a surplus of funds in the country’s coffers; these projects

are aimed at providing our people, who are the best in the world, with better conditions for leading a happy, cultured life.”

“Whatever wind may blow and whatever challenges and difficulties may lie ahead, our Republic will, in the future, too, make no concession or compromise where the fundamental interests of our State and people are concerned. It will resolve everything on the strength of self-reliance and self-development, as it steps up the building of a powerful socialist country in our own way and by our own efforts.”

“Cherishing the view of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il on the people, all officials should believe in them as in heaven, give prominence to them and become their faithful servants who always go deep among them, share weal and woe with them and work with devotion for their benefit.”

“Those who acquire the President’s and the General’s outlook on the people, who make tireless efforts for the people’s good, who rid themselves of the old ways of

thinking and old attitudes and make ceaseless innovations in their work, and who rouse the masses to make breakthroughs on the advance, can rightly be called the genuine officials our Party needs at present. Officials should strive with devotion, upholding the slogan ‘Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!’”

“Officials should devote their all to the people. The people do not exist for the sake of officials, but officials exist for the sake of the people.

“By learning from the President’s and the General’s view of the people, all officials should go among the people, sharing good times and bad with them, and make tireless efforts for their good. They should always put the people first in their consideration, direct primary concern to their livelihood, always think and work sincerely to solve the problems in their lives and do more for their benefit. They should be true servants of the people who know nothing other than working for the people, are faithful and effective in undertaking it and find pleasure and pride in the efforts they make for them.”

“We should boundlessly respect the people, regard their interests as supreme and take care of them with maternal affection.

“True to the noble will of the President and the General, who regarded ‘The people are my God’ as their motto, we should regard the people as our God, boundlessly respect them, give prominence to them and conduct every undertaking with their demands and interests at the centre. Party organizations, out of maternal feelings, should always value and love the people, guarantee their political integrity to the last and help them add lustre to it.”

“Regarding as its guiding light the noble ideas and achievements of the great President and General who devoted their whole life to training the people by believing in them as in heaven and exalted the brilliance of Korea, our Party will continue to love the people and fight for them, and strive to translate their beautiful dreams and ideals into reality.”

“We should ensure that our people’s government and socialist system are further strengthened and that the

people's government fully discharges its responsibilities and role as the representative of the people's right to independence, the organizer of their creative abilities, the administrator responsible for their livelihood and the protector of their independence and creativity.”

“The Korean People's Army should continue to hold high the slogan ‘Help the people!’ presented by General Kim Jong Il.

“The officers and men of the KPA should fulfil their duty as the army of the people by doing many more things for the benefit of the people with the feeling that they are doing them for their own parents and brothers and are taking care of their own homes.”

“Officials should work to the best of their abilities with a high sense of responsibility, eagerness and an enterprising approach to their work so that their loyalty and performance can be judged by the Party and the people.”

“Officials should immerse themselves in the reality in order to inspire the masses and to conduct every undertaking in a revolutionary and scientific way. They

should also become true servants of the people and able leading personnel of the revolution who make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people with the ennobling view on life that they have nothing more to wish for, even though their bodies may be scattered like grains of sand on the road for the good of the people.”

“Officials should throw themselves into doing any challenging task, burn the midnight oil pondering on how to bring benefit to the country and people, and find the worth of their work in the people’s happy laughter.”

“We should direct our primary efforts to improving the people’s living standards in line with the plan and intention of the WPK, so as to ensure that they enjoy the benefits of socialism to their heart’s content and lead a happy life with nothing to envy in the world.”

“Our Party will, in the future, too, endeavour to fulfil its heavy yet sacred mission as a motherly party that, full of infinite vitality and untiring zeal, invariably works with affection for the people and devotes its all to their interests. It will also remain boundlessly faithful to its

basic duty of taking full responsibility for their destiny, whatever the storms.”

“The Party respects and believes in the people as in heaven and regards them as its mentors, and they boundlessly trust and follow it as they would do their own mothers—this single-hearted unity is precisely the true appearance of Korea and the great foundation of the Songun revolution.

“Our officials should instill in their hearts the Party’s intention of respecting the people and its affection for them, be infinitely courteous to them and clear a path, whether it be snowy or muddy, to realize all their wishes. In this way they can ensure that cheering for the Workers’ Party, for the single-hearted unity and for socialism resounds throughout the country.”

“Party organizations and state organs should give absolute priority to the demands and interests of the people by thoroughly applying the politics of prioritizing, respecting and loving them, and take responsible care of their political integrity and material and cultural life to the end.”

“Party and government organs and working people’s organizations should give top and absolute priority to the people’s interests whatever they plan and whatever they conduct; they should lend an ear to their sincere opinions, prioritize their wants and anything beneficial to them, and strive to translate them into reality without any conditions attached. Anywhere, anytime and under any circumstances, they should make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people, direct primary attention to their livelihood, and ensure that everybody benefits from the politics of affection and trust, the one of embracing and taking care of them all.”

“People’s government organs should, as appropriate to their basic duty, establish the trait of making selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people.

“They should always pay heed to the people’s opinions, plan and organize their work to reflect their demands, find out what can be done for them and carry it through to completion, and enlist them in carrying out the Party’s lines and policies. They should give top priority to the people’s interests and comfort, and take responsible care of their livelihood.”

“Since builders are engaged in challenging and labour-consuming work away from home for a long time, Party organizations should regard them as their revolutionary comrades-in-arms and take warm care of them with maternal affection, to ensure that they devote their creative wisdom and zeal at construction sites out of genuine attachment to their job.”

“Juche-oriented socialist architecture is, in essence, based on the principle of giving first and foremost importance to the masses of the people, who are responsible for the country’s architecture. It is the people themselves who create it and benefit from it. So it is a natural requirement in construction to give top priority to the aspirations and demands of the people and their convenience and to ensure its perfect ideological and artistic value and usability in conformity with their emotions and aesthetic sense. In construction we should preserve the Juche character by applying the principle of giving first and foremost importance to the masses of the people, combine national identity properly with modernity, and build at an extraordinary speed monumental structures that will surpass global standards

and remain immaculate even in the distant future. This is the basic principle which we must abide by in construction and the core of the Juche-oriented idea on architecture.”

“In drawing the designs for a structure, primary attention should be paid to providing the people, its users, with convenience for their comfort and then to creating an environment and conditions with the highest levels of safety, hygiene, sanitation, culture and aesthetics. It is also important to constantly update the formative and artistic features of architecture.”

“Cherishing deep in their hearts the true meaning of our Party’s affection for the people, they should be infinitely courteous to them and become their faithful servants, at all times sharing weal and woe with them and working with devotion for them.”

“Let us all make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the great people!”

By Relying on the People

“Our revolution advances and wins victories on the strength of the unity of the Party, the army and broad sections of the working masses.”

“Just as the masses cannot forge their destiny independently if they are separated from the leadership of the party and the leader, so the party cannot become a powerful political organization or satisfactorily perform its role as a political guide if it is separated from the masses.”

“Resolving all the problems arising in the revolution and construction by relying on the masses of the people, the motive force of the revolution, and on their efforts is the WPK’s traditional leadership method, created and applied by the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

“The might of the masses is immediately that of ideology and collectivism. The WPK has consistently

adhered to the principle of formulating its lines and policies by understanding the demands and opinions of the masses and carrying them out by stimulating their thinking. It has applied the Juche-oriented theory that ideas are a key aspect of the revolution and construction and ideological consciousness decides everything. By doing so, it has given definite precedence over all other types of work to ideological work aimed at giving free rein to the people's spiritual strength and creativity, and ensured that the might of their collectivism and mass heroism are displayed to the full by launching mass movements of various forms on a wide scale at every stage of the developing revolution.

“In the course of bringing about a continuous leap forward in the revolution and construction by relying on the masses and enlisting their spiritual strength, the WPK has developed into a seasoned revolutionary party possessed of unexcelled organizing ability and art of leadership.”

“In the whole period of leading the revolution, our Party has, whenever it was trying to identify the course it must follow and whenever it faced grave trials, called on

the people first, listened to their opinions, though simple, and drawn unquenchable courage from their sincerity.

“The creative strength of the omnipotent masses was the source of the great miracles our Party worked while building a powerful socialist bulwark that was independent, self-supporting and self-reliant in national defence, on this land where centuries-old backwardness and poverty prevailed and ushering in a new era of building a powerful country in the face of the pernicious blockade imposed by the imperialists.”

“As our Party has always regarded the masses of the people as the root of its life and as the source of its inexhaustible strength and given top and absolute priority to their interests, our people have followed it, believing in it as the genuine guiding light of their destiny and as their mother, and a grand flower garden of single-hearted unity has made its proud appearance on this land.”

“It is our Party’s traditional method of work to propel the revolution and construction by means of mass-based movements.”

“Our Party demands that the whole country be completely enthusiastic about Kim Jong Il’s patriotism. Then, with the surging might of patriotism and single-hearted unity, final victory in building a thriving socialist country will be brought forward. Just as the President opened up the path of building a new country after liberation by kindling the flames of patriotism in his historic speech on his triumphant return in which he appealed for the building of a new, democratic Korea with those with strength giving strength, those with knowledge offering knowledge and those with money donating money, and just as the General overcame severe trials and opened the way to building a thriving socialist country by kindling the flames of patriotism in his letter in which he appealed to all the people to work energetically and with one purpose to make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous, so our Party is going to establish a new milestone in building a thriving socialist country by stoking the flames of patriotism with Kim Jong Il’s patriotism as the initial spark. This is our Party’s unshakable will and determination.”

“The Korean revolution is advancing not by dint of

any mysterious divine power but on the great strength of our people, including the heroic working class of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, who are following and safeguarding their Party with a single mind.”

“The great leaders called on the working class first whenever difficult and daunting tasks arose in the revolution, and ushered in fresh golden ages of the revolution by relying on them. Under their warm affection and trust and their wise leadership the working class and other trade union members could be trained into heroes of the times and the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea could follow the road of loyalty alone, without changing course even when confronted with the whirlwind of history.”

“As the working people exist eternally, so lasting justice and victory will be ensured by the struggle for the people and together with the people.”

“The entire WPK should hold high the slogan, ‘Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!’”

“It is none other than the masses of the people that constitute the motive force and are responsible for carrying out Party policy, and they know actual conditions better than anybody else. Officials should always immerse themselves in the pulsating reality, seeing everything with their own eyes and conducting a comprehensive analysis of how matters stand; they should go deep among the masses, sharing board and lodging with them and motivating them to resolve bottlenecks if any.”

“Party organizations should listen to the opinions of the people, promptly solve any problems they raise, and wage a struggle against the practices of slighting or neglecting the public sentiment.”

“All officials, Party members and other working people should cherish Kim Jong Il’s patriotism deep in their hearts and turn out in the effort to achieve the prosperity of their country, their motherland. This effort is a worthwhile struggle to materialize our people’s centuries-old desires and a sacred patriotic struggle to implement the instructions of President Kim Il Sung and

General Kim Jong Il. We should become genuine patriots of the Songun era and build a thriving socialist country for others to see, like the generation who, upholding the patriotic appeal of Kim Il Sung, built a new, democratic Korea shortly after its liberation, and like the heroes in the Chollima era who, despite being empty-handed, built a people's paradise on the debris in the post-war days.”

“The driving force of the construction campaign is the mental strength of the masses of the people. Party organizations should positively encourage and lead the officials and working people in the construction sector so that they cherish Kim Jong Il's patriotism and devote their patriotic zeal and sincerity to fulfilling on time the tasks assigned to them. They should encourage them all to become performers of feats in the ongoing grand construction campaign by learning from the heroic fighting spirit and revolutionary traits possessed by the elder generations who brought about great innovations and changes by dint of the Chollima spirit and high-speed work in every decade of our revolution.”

“That the Party and the State make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people, and the people support their Party and State whole-heartedly, entrusting their destiny and future entirely to them, is the genuine features of our State, which embodies the people-first principle.

“The government of the Republic will invariably hold fast to the people-first principle as the core of its mainstay, and, by relying on the strength of the people, strive to hasten the bright future of socialism that they aspire after.”

