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With your ardent love for and unshakable conviction in socialism, you have turned out to work bravely for the revolution, defying the trials and sacrifices; I highly appreciate your laudable patriotic action and extend warm congratulations and militant greetings to you, our young people.

I offer warm thanks to the excellent parents and teachers who supported the praiseworthy resolve of their beloved children and students and encouraged them without hesitation, and also to the organizations and officials of the youth league who helped the young people turn their worthy decision into patriotic resolve, and inspired them.

I would like to extend warm congratulations also to all the other young people across the country, who have marked Youth Day by demonstrating the stout mettle of the Korean youth with their hot blood and soaring passion in every corner of the land.

Although you come from different places and harbour different dreams, you are still holding fast to the same desire and ideal of supporting the Party's intention and have settled down at worksites where others dare not go and in other places that are strange to you. You are the true pride of socialist Korea and a source of its great strength, and also young patriots of our era who are beloved of your country and fellow people.

Your deeds are an expression of your total commitment to sharing your destiny for ever with socialism, your ardent love for your state and your outlook on a beautiful life in which honour and worth are found on the road of working for the Party and revolution.

Amid the remarkably high enthusiasm demonstrated, in deed and not word, by our young people in response to the call of the times and their motherland, the ranks of young people volunteering for the most difficult and challenging sectors have

expanded rapidly since the Eighth Party Congress. This highlights the outstanding ideological and spiritual state of our young men and women today.

In other parts of the world, young people flock to their capital and other cities in pursuit of personal gain and pleasure. Only Korea's young people who have grown up in the embrace of the socialist motherland do not hesitate to exchange their capital residence permits for notes of dispatch to remote coal mines, cooperative farms, construction sites and islands.

In your beautiful and laudable spiritual world, our Party identifies the patriotic soul and revolutionary spirit which remain unchanged and yet alive no matter how many generations have passed.

You have volunteered to serve at posts where you knew you would experience extraordinary hardship away from your dear homes, brightly-lit cities and beloved families. With your lofty spirit you have splendidly inherited the ennobling spirit of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters who fought, shedding their blood, in the blizzard-swept wilderness after parting from their families.

The red blood of the anti-Japanese forerunners who launched the revolution under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung is now coursing through the

veins of the rising generations. This proves without doubt that the lineage of the revolutionary cause of Juche which started on Mt Paektu is being soundly inherited.

This powerful current and spirit cause our enemies to tremble with terror.

The imperialists' anti-DPRK moves to degenerate and undermine the ranks of our young people by means of vicious sanctions and pressure and relentless ideological and cultural infiltration have dissipated like mist in the face of this strong current.

Any attempt to demolish the bulwark of socialism by breaking our younger generation away from the revolution, is doomed to failure.

The revolutionary advance that you, hot-blooded young people, are undertaking is lifting the morale of the general onward march ever-higher with each passing day and inspiring the whole country with confidence in sure victory as well as youthful vigour.

Looking back, every upsurge in our revolution has begun with the sweeping enthusiasm of the young people for volunteering, and this enthusiasm, by invariably giving rise to revolutionary and patriotic zeal, has ushered in a new, stirring era.

Thanks to the boundless loyalty and devoted

passion of the young people who settled on rugged mountains and wild seas and shed their precious sweat, true to the appeal of the Party that had summoned young people to the mountains, seas and areas undergoing development, monumental edifices of the era sprang up in desolate areas and this land welcomed the great golden age of the legendary Chollima era and WPK era.

Young people courageously volunteered to work on the front lines designated by the Party and revolution when the country was going through trials and requiring another leap forward, and they performed undying exploits that shook heaven and earth. These legendary tales are never a thing of the past, living only in the memory; today they serve as a driving force encouraging our revolution's vigorous advance.

A state with a vast army of young people stoutly carrying forward the revolutionary spirit and fighting stamina created by the generations that came before, advances by leaps and bounds, full of youthful vigour without ever growing old.

The communist society which the hot-blooded young revolutionaries pictured in their minds 94 years ago at the outset of the Korean revolution, does not belong to the distant future, but will become the

reality without fail thanks to the unflinching struggle of the patriotic young people who are boundlessly loyal to the WPK's call.

We are currently facing the severest trials since the founding of our state. Yet we are overcoming the unprecedented difficulties with our indomitable spiritual strength.

In this situation, the news that our young people volunteered, in groups and individually, to work at the major fronts of socialist construction is more encouraging than that hundreds of thousands, even millions, of tons of steel and fertilizer or tens of thousands of sets of machinery have been produced.

I was particularly delighted that young people who had been lagging behind reached the excellent decision to devote themselves to their motherland, as befits members of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, which is rallied on the strength of patriotism, and turned over a new leaf by volunteering to work in the most difficult and challenging sectors.

When youthful hearts burning with patriotism ignite millions of others and this fire consumes all the lingering feeble and impure elements that hinder our advance, the victory of the Korean revolution will be hastened.

The Party expects you to raise still higher your patriotic zeal and fighting spirit that are already running high so that you become standard-bearers and fighters who achieve breakthroughs in the vanguard of the advancing ranks.

Many difficulties and trials may lie on the road ahead of you.

Of course, when you set out on this road you were mentally prepared to brave difficulties; whenever you vacillate, even if for only a moment, you should invariably follow the road of patriotism to the end, recalling the pledges you made on the day when you volunteered and reflecting yourselves on the spiritual world of the generations who came before you.

When all of you transform the whole country, including remote villages, along communist lines by turning the outposts of socialist construction into theatres of struggle and success and demonstrating the mettle of the youth shock brigade and youth death-defying corps, our revolution's advance will be further accelerated and our politico-ideological and class position will be further consolidated.

I am of the belief that all the young people who have volunteered to work in the most difficult and challenging sectors and are unstintingly devoting their loyal and patriotic sweat at such an early age in doing all they can to ease the anxiety and pain of the Party and the state, will exalt the honour of being heroic youth who are loved by their collective and comrades as treasures of their workplace and performers of great deeds who will long remain in the memory of their motherland and fellow people.

As the saying goes, suffering borne in youth is more precious than gold; so, the worthwhile legacy of our young people who have devoted their youth, accepting trials with pleasure, in the most difficult and challenging sectors will be their priceless life-long wealth that cannot be bartered for anything else and a precious asset which they can bequeath with pride to the coming generations.

Recently, youth league officials have, in line with the Party's intention, been emphasizing the league's internal work and ideological education, which has brought about a turn in the spirit and manner of their work. As a result, a visible change has been evident in the political consciousness and mental state of our young people.

Youth league organizations and officials should further enhance the climate of the positive begetting another positive by drawing on this experience, and they should be effective in their work to understand the sentiments and feelings of young people. In this way, they can mould the ranks of our youth into a collective of steadfast patriots, a reliable special detachment of our Party that works with devotion for the prosperity of our socialist motherland.

It is our Party's firm determination to lead each and every young man and woman born on this land to a communist society.

Party organizations should direct special efforts to the work with young people, regarding youth league work as an element of Party work, so that all our young people can display their youthful wisdom and courage in the struggle to achieve a fresh victory in socialist construction.

Party organizations should take maternal care of the work and life of the young volunteers in their respective areas and units, and should lead them to live with honour at every step on the road of loyalty to the Party.

They should also regard the families who have sent their children to the most difficult and challenging sectors as patriotic families, and should take good care of them.

The millions of our young people are a firm

cornerstone which our Party relies on at all times, and a strong force that becomes more formidable the harder the times are.

The cause of our Party will record victory after victory by dint of the ardent loyalty of our proud and dependable young people and of the full support and trust of all other people.

My earnest request is that you should remain in good health at your new worksites in unfamiliar locations and add lustre to your beautiful life by creating new innovations and performing uninterrupted feats, true to the expectations of your parents, siblings, teachers, organizations and comrades.

I wish our beloved young people a bright future.

Let us all struggle dynamically for the fresh victory of our revolution and the bright future of our great state.

I firmly believe that you will fully demonstrate to the whole world the heroic mettle of the Korean youth, as befits true sons and daughters of the motherly Party.

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