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The Sixth Conference of Cell Secretaries of the Workers' Party of Korea is convening at a time when the whole country is in remarkably high spirits amid the efforts to implement the decisions of the WPK's Eighth Congress and the Second Plenary Meeting of its Eighth Central Committee.

You comrade cell secretaries are living and working at all times with Party members and the other working people, all of whom are boundlessly faithful to the Party and the revolution. I would like to take this opportunity, when I'm meeting you, to extend, in the name of the Party Central Committee as well as my own name, warm thanks and greetings to those of you who are participating in this conference and to all other Party cell secretaries and Party members for your devotion to making our Party stronger and our country more prosperous and developed.

Dear comrade cell secretaries,

The duties you have assumed in this pivotal period, an important phase in the strengthening of our Party and the development of our revolution, are truly heavy. This is because the cells, the grass-roots organizations of the Party, play the key role in the implementation of the decisions of the Party Congress aimed at advancing our style of socialism at a higher level by achieving tangible changes and development in economic work, in the improvement of the people's living standards and in all other fields, despite the worst-ever situation in which we are facing more challenges than ever before. It is also because the fighting efficiency of Party cells depends on their secretaries.

The fighting programmes and policies put forward by the Party Congress and the plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee can be executed to the letter and bear rich fruit only when all the organizations of the Party, its cells to be concrete, accept them correctly and turn out in a fierce struggle to implement them.

Cell secretaries are replaced quickly across the Party, and there are many cell secretaries who have only just taken up their post.

Given this situation, it is the intention of the Party Central Committee to meet the cell secretaries of the Party at regular intervals. It will discuss cell work and offer them guidance and assistance in a consistent effort to strengthen the cells.

With this in mind, the Party Congress prioritized the work of preparing cell secretaries politically and practically, since they are in charge of the grass-roots combat units responsible for executing the Party's lines and policies. It also stipulated in the Party Rules that a conference of cell secretaries should be held every five years, just as the Party Congress is.

There are many Communist and Workers' parties around the world, but our Party alone holds a conference of the leaders of its grass-roots organizations on a regular basis, when its Central Committee can discuss their work with them face to face.

Consolidating itself by strengthening its grass-roots organizations is a principle of its building that is inherent and unique to, and a proud tradition of, our Party.

Since cell secretaries are always among Party members, our Party Central Committee, in order to communicate with the broad sections of Party members and other working people and lead the revolution and construction in line with their opinions and requirements, meets them frequently, listens to their opinions and passes instructions to them. Cell secretaries are our Party Central Committee's blood ties with the masses, who organize and enlist Party members and other working people to implement its lines and policies, and the most important activity it undertakes is to ensure that they are thoroughly prepared.

This is why the Party Central Committee considers a conference of cell secretaries to be just as important as a Party Congress and directs such great efforts to ensuring that it is a success.

Although some successes have been achieved in strengthening Party cells and enhancing their role since the Fifth Conference of Cell Chairpersons of the Workers' Party of Korea, several shortcomings have also been revealed.

Putting immediately to rights any shortcomings evident in the work of Party cells is an essential course of action our Party must undertake in the interests of its healthy and sustainable development. It is essential if our Party is to carry out with credit its mission of leading the revolution and construction as the militant General Staff with roots deep among the masses of the people.

Shortcomings, however small and limited, must never be neglected.

It is a key objective, in convening this conference on such a grand scale, to identify practical means for turning all cells, which are the Party's grass-roots organizations, into united and militant collectives; as such they can then work actively towards shortening the short cut to increasing the Party's overall strength and dynamically advancing socialist construction. You must take this to heart.

Comrades,

Cell secretaries are hard-core members of our Party and standard-bearers in implementing Party policy.

The Party Central Committee expects you to work in a more proactive and responsible manner to strengthen your cells.

This conference will comprehensively review and analyze the work done by cell secretaries since the Fifth Conference of Cell Chairpersons of the Workers' Party of Korea. It will also discuss tasks for and ways of decisively improving and intensifying the work of its cells at present.

In participating in this conference you should demonstrate a high level of political consciousness and enthusiasm. You should conduct a serious study of how you can inspire Party members and other working people to implement the decisions of the Party Congress, and how you can possess the qualities befitting primary political officials of the Workers' Party.

While reflecting on your work as it relates to the issues to be discussed at this conference and your past achievements, experiences, shortcomings and lessons learned, it is vital that you find a methodology for turning the work of Party cells decisively into the work of understanding people's minds, feelings and emotions and uniting Party cell members and other working people with different personalities and qualifications into a family that is as close-knit as your own.

Among the 10 000 participants in this conference there are Party cell secretaries from various sectors, mainly model ones working at production sites. There are also senior officials of provincial Party committees and other Party committees that perform equivalent functions, chief secretaries of the Party committees of cities, counties and industrial complexes, and relevant officials of the Party Central Committee.

Fully convinced that this conference will be a significant occasion in further consolidating the

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foundations of the Party, making our revolutionary ranks invincible and bringing about major progress in implementing the decisions of the Party Congress and promoting socialist construction, I declare the Sixth Conference of Cell Secretaries of the Workers' Party of Korea, open.

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