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Dear members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade who are bringing with them to this major site of capital city construction, the mettle and spirit of sacred Paektu,

Dear young volunteers who, true to the ennobling duty and calls of the times—“For the victory of our cause!” and “For our capital city of Pyongyang!”—have come here from across the country,

When I see you, gathered here, as the embodiment of the vigour, bravery and passion of the millions of young people across the country, I feel rejuvenated and immensely encouraged.

I have come here today to get a personal sense of the mettle of our proud young people who, filled with ardour, a fighting spirit and confidence for achieving a decisive advance, are standing at the forefront in the construction of the capital city, and to encourage you.

I feel particularly delighted to be proclaiming with you the breaking of the ground for this important project to build a new, modern street, a project which will write another proud chapter in the annals, resplendent with courage and exploits, of our country's youth movement.

Now as I stand here, I am reminded of the unforgettable day when, eight years ago in the lead-up to the 70th anniversary of the founding of our Workers' Party of Korea, I celebrated with the young fighters born of Mt Paektu the commissioning of a majestic new power station which had been built at the foot of Mt Paektu, with the words *Hero Youth* written on its dam.

This power station is a solid fortress of our young people's faith, built with youthful vigour and warm, untainted patriotism and loyalty in defence of our cause; it is also a monument dedicated by them to their motherland. The immortal feats performed by the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade are etched in golden letters in the history of our Party and of the Korean youth movement.

The spirit of the heroic Paektusan youth was carried forward solidly in the vigorous battles to splendidly transform the city of Samjiyon, a place sacred to the revolution, and to rebuild the railways in the northern mountainous area, and has spread like a prairie fire to every site of struggle across the country. This spirit has become a symbol of the indefatigable characteristics and fighting mettle of the young builders of our era and an element in the invincibility of socialist Korea that is rising in a unique way in the face of trials.

With the conviction that, if this great spirit is elevated to a higher level, any project, however enormous, can be carried out briskly, our Party has decided to arrange a new theatre of activity, a grand theatre for our young people, where they can fully display their burning patriotic zeal once again in the course of spurring the comprehensive development of socialist construction.

More specifically, it has decided to entrust the Socialist Patriotic Youth League and Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade with the whole of the key project to build a unique street of more than 4 000 flats at the northern gateway to the capital city of Pyongyang, which is being carried out in addition to the project to construct 10 000 flats in the city during 2023.

The Party's intention is to help our young people to demonstrate more powerfully at the grand construction site in the capital city the heroic spirit and patriotic devotion unique to the Korean youth and to prepare them better as successors to the revolution, the reserves of the Workers' Party and able builders of socialism.

No sooner had the Party called on them, than as many as 100 000 young men and women from all the Youth League organizations across the country volunteered to help build the capital city. Amid the

warm encouragement and a send-off from everyone around them, they immediately left for Pyongyang. Seeing this, the whole country was deeply moved.

In the course of this, our laudable Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade has been expanded and reinforced several times.

I have no doubt that our young builders will create, at the northern gateway to Pyongyang, a proud and world-startling symbol of the development of socialism and its future by displaying the mettle of the Korean young people who are prepared to brave fire and water in response to the call of the Party and motherland and who love nothing more than to carry out the revolution and to work.

Dear young builders,

At a time when the golden age of construction in Pyongyang is reaching its zenith, you have joined in it as honourable builders.

The importance of the tasks assigned to you young builders does not lie only in the fact that you will help to increase by several thousands the number of flats for the capital's residents.

The new street you will build is truly a worthwhile and proud project, which is geared to ushering in a new phase in the development of Juche-oriented architecture.

A grand street axis and residential quarters will be formed, consisting of super-high-rise apartment blocks and other homes of various designs standing in good harmony with the public buildings. It will serve as a model and provide important experience for the development of Juche-oriented architecture and, in particular, for the construction of the capital city.

The vast group of structures in this unique street will vividly illustrate the prestige of our country which is advancing by leaps and bounds, and will clearly and proudly demonstrate to the world the dynamic progress our struggle is making by developing in a more extensive and vigorous manner in the face of the harshest ordeals and difficulties.

In this sense, this is not simply a construction project, but a form of political campaign indicative of the character of our revolution.

It is a revolutionary mission of crucial importance, and it has been entrusted to you.

I believe that I will be able to witness, in your energetic endeavours here at this site, the fact that the mettle and fighting spirit which pulsated among the young people of the preceding generations, of performing, in whatever they did, feats which would represent the times and be recorded in history, is still

pulsating among the young people of the current generation.

As you all know, it is not only the project for building 4 100 flats here that has been launched on the construction front in the capital city this year, but also the second-stage project for building 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area and the construction of the Kangdong Greenhouse Farm.

Because all these construction projects are designed for the wellbeing of the capital city's residents and for motherly Pyongyang, our glorious capital city, our Party attaches equal importance and is giving strong impetus to them. Even so, I emphasize that it is paying particularly close attention to the construction of the new street, for which you are responsible.

This is partly because the completion of this street is of great significance, but more importantly because it is highly meaningful and precious in that the 100 000-strong contingent of young people who have come from every part of the country will be tempered in a revolutionary manner and grow up in the course of the work.

Construction of the new street will be a challenge, as you must complete this colossal project in a short period of time. So, once the project is launched, you are

likely to encounter difficulties from the outset.

However, the strength of hot-blooded young people who are burning with loyalty and patriotism can overcome any trials and hardships.

Because you lack experience and skills and you are unaccustomed to hard work, you may waver or lose heart. But you must courageously prevail by relying on your organization, the collective and your comrades and by recalling the pledges you made when you volunteered.

By learning from and assisting one another you can make collective innovations in carrying out the project and devote your pure conscience and sincerity to ensuring that every element of the project is of high quality and can be bequeathed with pride to posterity.

In the structures rising floor by floor, the whole country will see how our young people are growing stronger and wiser with each passing day, and in the grandeur of the wonderful new street at the gateway to the capital city, it will see how their ideals, ambitions, lofty dreams, courage and daring are growing beyond recognition.

Like the generations of your grandfathers and grandmothers, fathers and mothers, you will share the youthful pride and honour of having shed your precious

sweat in the construction of the capital city, and will record in your personal accounts meritorious deeds which entitle you to refer with pride to my capital city, my Pyongyang.

Moreover, with the mode of struggle and approach to creation they have acquired in the capital city construction, the huge contingent of young people who have grown up here will, after returning to their home towns and villages, take the lead in the efforts to bring about radical change. This is the greatest outcome our Party prioritizes over anything else in the construction of the new street.

Praiseworthy young builders,

The time has come for you to work a miracle.

In the present era of successive struggles, we are pinning our hopes on your spirit.

It is time for you to prove your true worth.

The people of Pyongyang are encouraging you, young builders; the Youth League organizations that have recommended and dispatched you and your parents who have willingly let their beloved children take leave of them are watching you; and all the other people across the country are looking forward to the successful outcome of your struggle.

Besides them, the whole world is watching to see

what the heroic mettle and unyielding struggle of our Korean young people can achieve.

I am fully convinced that the laudable Socialist Patriotic Youth League and Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade will, through an indomitable and heroic struggle, prove themselves worthy of the call of the times and the expectations of the people, and will thus build here without fail in 2023 a splendid new street reflecting our young people's heightened temperament, incomparable heroic spirit and precious honour.

I hope that every one of you will overcome the trials in good health and emerge as honourable victors without fail.

Comrades,

For the dignified honour of the young people of Korea, for the eternal prosperity of our socialist state and our capital city of Pyongyang, for our parents, siblings and friends, let us all mount a courageous struggle.

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