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Comrades,

Today, just as we have done without fail in each of the past four years, we are holding another groundbreaking ceremony at the start of the new year for the construction of 10 000 flats.

With the 10 000 flats to be built in the Hwasong area this year, the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, which has progressed full steam ahead since the Party congress, will enter the final phase.

At this significant moment, when we are launching the fourth stage of housing construction in the Hwasong area, I am reminded of how strenuously we have worked over the whole course of the past four years to make amazing exploits and step up the schedule of transformation. I also recall with deep emotion the loud cheers that have rung out year after year to celebrate the completion of new streets for the people.

Thanks to your ennobling spirit and devotion to capital city construction, Pyongyang has been transformed into the more splendid city we desired. Its dignified and vibrant features instil great confidence and courage in the people across the country as they

greet a period of massive transformation.

This is a proud record of the times and high recognition of the immortal exploits and glorious feats you have achieved through your determined and vigorous struggle to honour our Party's cherished desire with miracles of creation.

As we see in the reality, the annual construction of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang has been steadily promoted during the eighth term of the Party Central Committee.

In this period, despite the persistent difficulties facing our state, economic sectors have built up their capacities, the overall national economy has entered a phase of sustained growth, and new records have been set in various areas of state affairs thanks to the outstanding successes that are unprecedented in the history of the Republic.

Let me cite a few examples. In the period of the five-year plan put forward at the Eighth Party Congress, the electric power industry has maintained a remarkable trend of increased production while steadily expanding the scope of its upturn; a record high has been attained in cement production; and the agricultural sector has entered a trajectory secure enough to keep a high and stable level of grain production.

Housing construction in Pyongyang has been the most stable and rapidly growing sector, with the perfect and unconditional fulfilment of the ambitious plans that, in consideration of the long-term requirements, were added every year to the goals decided on by the Party congress. In 2024, the growth rate in this sector reached a striking 391%, compared to 2020.

The construction projects that have progressed country-wide over the past four years, particularly the construction of 10 000 flats a year in the capital city, have created a record of great transformation, a record so outstanding that the phrase *groundbreaking* accompanied by *inauguration* has come into common use. This can be called the greatest of successes, which we can be proud of before the world.

I said this in Ragwon County two days ago.

To be frank, these days I have been very tired and busy due to attending so many inauguration and groundbreaking ceremonies that have been scheduled one after another. Such are the moments of drastic change we are facing.

This fact clearly proves how many goals we have advanced and are striving to achieve for the prosperity and transformation of the country.

Amid this strenuous struggle, our belief in our own strength has become firmer, and we have fostered an indomitable fighting spirit and the self-confidence with which to advance our cause.

Belief in our own strength and self-confidence—this is the most important of all, a spiritual asset that is more precious than any physical wealth.

I would like to avail myself of this significant opportunity, when we are launching a new struggle for developing capital city construction onto a higher plane, to extend warm thanks and militant greetings to all the builders as they take a vigorous step forward to attaining more ambitious goals with dignity and pride in having performed brilliant exploits in the worthwhile construction work.

I also express my heartfelt thanks to the officials and workers in the relevant sectors who, by raising the fierce flames of a leap forward and increasing production, are providing a guarantee for the implementation of our Party's construction policy and injecting it with vigour.

Comrades,

Construction has become a major realm of our struggle, and it is expanding its position at the centre of the times.

We are engaged in a struggle to move from a revolution to something more gigantic, and from the stage of development to a higher level of transformation. In the course of this struggle, construction is gaining extraordinary significance and power.

Construction is precisely investment in, and preparation for, the future.

The revolution in construction is the essential prerequisite for our Party's development strategy of bringing about epochal changes on this land, and the implementation of all the key policies of the Party and the state is, without exception, accompanied by construction, regardless of sectors, units and regions.

It can be said that the historic cause of the comprehensive rejuvenation of our state and the improvement of the people's well-being begins with construction, moves ahead with construction and comes to fulfilment with successful construction.

It would be no exaggeration to say that construction is one of the spheres that intuitively expresses our politics, helps us get closer to attaining our ideals of civilization and prosperity, and rapidly increases the wealth of our country.

Construction not only plays the role of a powerful

weapon in the steady advance and development of our state, but also exerts, as an ensemble of the nation's strength, a leading, powerful influence on the efforts to transform the economy, science, technology, culture and all other fields.

The obvious signs of our country improving its appearance and the rapid succession of remarkable changes in different fields of state and social life, the like of which have never been seen in the history of our nation building, are directly associated with the miraculous development our architecture has achieved amid the flames of a new revolution in construction.

With the extensive construction projects now underway across the country, the trend of irreversible change and upturn is becoming increasingly dominant, and our cause is gaining greater momentum for its dynamic advance.

When construction comprises the main front decisive of the advance of our revolution, the major factor in its successful implementation is how we understand and confirm once again the purpose and character of our construction struggle.

This groundbreaking ceremony serves as an important occasion for refreshing our understanding of what is the true aim our Party and state is pursuing in

dynamically pushing ahead with gigantic construction projects with such great efforts, and how we are achieving the dynamic advance of our struggle and our own style of change and development.

This housing construction site in the Hwasong area bears vivid testament to our people-first politics and is a clear sign of how our cause is making a more vigorous advance and a greater leap forward towards the goal of a powerful country with each passing day.

This is the core and character of the grand construction campaign that will stir the Hwasong area.

The fourth stage of the project in the Hwasong area will include various modern amenities, as well as the 10 000 flats.

To build the Hwasong area into a model administrative district in Pyongyang, where everything the residents need is fully provided—this is the idea I have put forward and maintained since the beginning of this whole project.

Therefore, I have ensured that the master plan and designs for construction in the Hwasong area were drawn up through a greater effort, with a concept different from that of previous street formations, and that the construction itself has also been carried out to this end.

The fact is that the amenities to be built here this year are functional buildings which are large in scale and demand high technical requirements. To build them, together with 10 000 flats, is by no means an easy task.

But this plan is linked with the people's demands, so we must put it into effect without fail, and we will do so.

This is our Party's consistent principle of struggle.

If the Hwasong area, with its wonderful new flats, is furnished with these splendid amenities, it will be turned into a model urban-block formation, and a beautiful and magnificent place where formative and artistic beauty and advanced civilization are in good harmony.

Comrades,

Housing construction in Pyongyang should continue until the Party's plan is turned into reality and its citizens are furnished with perfect conditions for leading a civilized and happy life without any inconvenience.

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity today to outline some of our Party's policy-oriented plans for capital city construction.

We plan to implement with serious intent the policy

of extending the Pyongyang streets towards Kangdong as the second stage, after winding up the construction in the Hwasong area.

Since major scientific research institutes, technical colleges and military academies are to be built in Taesong District, we are going to have tens of thousands of modern flats built between the Hwasong area and Songmun-dong in Samsok District.

This will form another wonderful scientific, cultural and housing area in Pyongyang.

In addition, we will transform such culturally backward metropolitan areas and suburbs as Tungme-dong in Songyo District, Wolhyang-dong in Moranbong District and Hadang-dong in Hyongjesan District, and thereby eliminate and renovate all the elements that are unbecoming of a capital city.

These initiatives will be reported to the Party congress and submitted to the next Party Central Committee as a major task.

Comrades,

The fourth stage of the project in the Hwasong area, which our Party has courageously shouldered for our most precious people, is the crystallization of the unyielding offensive spirit of us, revolutionaries, who are faithful to our unchangeable mission. The

whole construction area here is the epitome of the spirit peculiar to the Workers' Party of Korea that wages the revolution without interruption, and of the onward march of our state that is advancing to the future with a great ambition.

The enthusiasm for creation and vigorous fighting spirit to be displayed in the Hwasong area will encourage a redoubling of the unrivalled strength and courage at construction sites across the country and further boost our state's advance.

Although this project is large in scale, I am convinced that it will bear great fruit thanks to the strong drive and practical abilities of the commanding personnel and the self-confidence and soaring morale of all the builders.

The Hwasong area will soon become more famous not only as a cradle of the happy and civilized life of the people but as a historic land telling fresh miraculous tales of indomitable socialist Korea.

Elite capital city builders, a source of pride and dignity for our Party,

The 80th founding anniversary of our glorious Party and its Ninth Congress, which will go down in history, will witness the immortal exploits to be performed by you, who are boundlessly loyal to the

Party's ideas and cause.

Our capital city should be the most beautiful and greatest in the world.

For the wonderful appearance and eternal prosperity of our capital city,

For the civilization of our state and for the happy life of our people,

Let us turn out with even greater courage in the great struggle.

Long live Pyongyang, the great capital city of our motherland—our beloved, proud, dignified and glorious city!

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