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The Korean people and progressive people the world over have celebrated the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung as the greatest revolutionary holiday of the Korean nation and as a grand event for mankind.

The celebrations held to mark the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung were an outburst of our people's boundless reverence for and noble moral obligation to their leader and a grand political festival, during which the world's people sang the praises of the 100-year history of Juche Korea.

Through the celebrations we demonstrated our steadfast faith and will to hold him up as the eternal leader of our Party and people, as well as the revolutionary mettle of the service personnel and people who have turned out in high spirits to achieve final victory, true to the Party's call.

That we have held up President Kim Il Sung, whom

the entire nation and the whole world respect, as our eternal leader is the source of the greatest glory and pride for our people and of the happiness of generations to come.

Our Party, service personnel and people should hold him up eternally as the Sun of Juche, and accomplish his sacred revolutionary cause with credit.

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President Kim Il Sung was the most outstanding leader of the 20th century and a peerlessly great man.

The 20th century was an era of revolutionary changes in the struggle of the masses of the people for their independence, changes that were unprecedented in human history, and an era of fierce struggle between progressives and reactionaries, between socialism and imperialism. In this century of change, many renowned statesmen and personages emerged, who left their marks on the shaping of the masses' destiny and on the political history of the world, but none of them was such a pre-eminent leader, peerless patriot and great revolutionary as our leader who, from his teens to his eighties, forged a century of victory of the cause of anti-imperialist independence, the cause of socialism, by dint of a unique ideology and leadership and ennobling virtue while enjoying the absolute support and trust of the people. The 20th century was, both in name and

in reality, Kim Il Sung's century, resplendent with his imperishable exploits and the personality of the great man.

President Kim Il Sung was the most outstanding leader and an extraordinary veteran statesman who bequeathed imperishable exploits to his country and people and to the times and revolution by means of profound ideas and theories, uncommon leadership ability and gigantic revolutionary practice.

He was a great leader of the people who put forward the masses, once oppressed and exploited, as the masters of history, and raised their dignity and value to the highest level possible.

His was a noble life of a people's leader, who regarded "The people are my God" as his motto, applied it to his ideas and leadership and turned it into reality. For him, the masses of the people were always a teacher, and he was their loyal son. He began his revolutionary activities by going amongst them; he conducted his revolutionary activities always by relying on them, and he dedicated them, from beginning to end, to defending and achieving their independence. Thanks to these activities, the masses' demand and aspiration for independence became ideas, theories, lines and policies, and the most revolutionary and scientific guidelines were set out which were easily understood by them and which indicated the true road for them to take to shape their destiny.

Cherishing as his faith the revolutionary principle that

the masses are the masters of the revolution and construction and they have the strength with which to propel the revolution and construction, he always went among the masses and enlisted their inexhaustible strength and creative wisdom in solving all problems in conformity with their demands and interests.

His absolute trust in the people and devotion to them was the fundamental secret of the successive victories he achieved in the revolution and construction while braving the difficulties and hardships that were unprecedented in history. As he placed his trust in the masses and relied on them, he was able to push forward simultaneously such gigantic undertakings as authoring a guiding ideology of the revolution, forming a vanguard organization, founding an army, awakening the masses to their ideological consciousness and organizing them; thus he created a new history of the Juche revolution and led several stages of the difficult and complicated revolutionary struggle and the work of construction to victory without any mistake in his lines and without any failure.

The invincible socialist country that has been built on this land today and the revolutionary cause of Juche that is gaining victory after victory are precious fruits whose seeds he planted in the soil of the people and developed throughout his life. As they were led by him, the masses, once an object of history, could usher in a new era of history, the Juche era, when they were shaping their

destiny by their own efforts while steering the wheel of the times and history.

President Kim Il Sung was a pre-eminent and seasoned leader of the revolution, who wrote a new chapter in modern history and added brilliance to it by leading our revolution along an ever-victorious road under the banner of independence.

Independence was the revolutionary creed, revolutionary mode and revolutionary practice he cherished and applied throughout his life. In the first days of his revolutionary struggle he displayed uncommon wisdom and insight and clarified the truth of the revolution that independence is the lifeblood of a country and a nation as well as the masses, and that, to achieve it, sycophancy and dogmatism should be rejected and the revolution be conducted independently and creatively. That he held high the banner of independence for the first time, formulated independence as the fundamentals and mode of the revolution and applied it was an epochal event in the history of human ideology and the history of the revolutionary struggle of the masses.

The Korean revolution was a serious political struggle, a class struggle, against imperialism, dominationism, sycophancy, dogmatism and revisionism, and an unprecedentedly complex and arduous struggle that could not be won by means of existing formulae or methods. Free from a past that was stained with sycophancy and

dogmatism, President Kim Il Sung, throughout the whole course of leading the revolution, regarded independence as its lifeline and solved all the problems arising in the revolution and construction in a unique way and in conformity with the demands of our revolution, the interests of our people and the actual situation in our country. By consistently holding fast to the principle of independence, he built a powerful driving force for our revolution, smashed at every step the counterrevolutionary offensive of the imperialists and reactionaries and the interventionist schemes of the “Leftist” and Rightist opportunists, and led to victory two revolutionary wars, two rounds of reconstruction, two stages of social revolution and socialist construction. He continuously developed relationships with foreign parties and countries, based also on the principle of independence. In this way, he exalted the external prestige and dignity of our Party and our state, and rendered a great contribution to accomplishing the cause of anti-imperialist independence, the cause of socialism.

Through his great revolutionary practice, he proved that independence represents the justice of history, the victory of the revolution and the basis of the development of fair international relations, and he guided the historical current of the 20th century along the road of independence, thus opening a new historical chapter, in which the masses, freed from domination and subjugation, wage the revolution in

their respective countries in an independent way.

Great, indeed, was the resolution of President Kim Il Sung to hold high the banner of independence in the previous century, when sycophancy, dogmatism and dominationism were prevalent; more worthy of note in modern political history was his revolutionary practice of never abandoning the principle of independence but courageously propelling the cause of our revolution in the harsh international circumstances in which the imperialists and dominationists were cutting a swathe with their high-handedness and arbitrariness.

Today, independence stands as a vivid symbol of his personality as a peerlessly great man and as a byword for our times praising his sacred revolutionary career and imperishable achievements.

President Kim Il Sung was an ever-victorious, iron-willed commander and military genius who blazed a trail for our revolution and led it along the road of victory by force of arms.

The whole historical course of our people's revolutionary struggle was beset with acute military confrontations, including two revolutionary wars when they had to wage a life-and-death struggle against the imperialist forces of aggression. At an early stage he put forward Juche-oriented military ideas and theories, and emphasized strengthening the revolutionary armed forces throughout his revolutionary career; as a result he invariably won

victories in the bloody fights and grave showdowns with the imperialist forces. In the revolutionary war against the Japanese imperialists and the Fatherland Liberation War he defeated formidable imperialist enemies who boasted of their numerical and technological superiority, by dint of political and ideological, strategic and tactical superiority; the world people came to admire and believe in him as an iron-willed commander, outstanding military strategist and symbol of victory in the anti-imperialist struggle.

In human history there has been recorded no such a military leader as President Kim Il Sung, an unparalleled commander possessed of the power of both pen and sword, who always stood on the front line with revolutionary arms in hand and achieved one victory after another in showdowns with the imperialist forces by dint of his brilliant military strategy and art of command.

President Kim Il Sung was a great revolutionary and a great man with an ennobling personality.

He was the greatest of the great, who has no equal in terms of personality both as a revolutionary and as a man.

He was a great revolutionary who devoted his all to achieving the victory of the revolution by displaying infinite loyalty to the revolutionary cause. In the long period after he embarked on the road of revolution he only thought about the revolution and dedicated himself to it, working with devotion for its victory in spite of all the sorrow and agony he experienced. He hardly even rested,

even at the advanced age of over 80, as he gave on-site guidance at factories and rural villages. The world knows no such a great revolutionary as our President who, with devotion to the revolution and his people, finished everything he should do by displaying superhuman energy until the last moment of his life when he passed away in his office.

He was strong in faith and will and had unsurpassed courage. The imperialists persisted in bringing pressure to bear on our Republic and making military threats against it, and our revolution was faced with severe trials on countless occasions. Each time he boldly confronted the trials with the faith and assurance that we will emerge victorious as long as we have the Party, the government, the army and the people and with the matchless courage that there is always a way out even if the heavens crumble; in this way he turned adversity and misfortune to good account, and won victory after victory.

He was the supreme incarnation of revolutionary comradeship. Proceeding from the principle that the revolution means comrades and vice versa, he began his revolutionary struggle by gaining comrades, thus creating the most beautiful history of revolutionary comradeship. In his long revolutionary career he took responsibility for the destiny and future of anyone with whom he had come into comradely relations, and protected them to the last, holding all the revolutionary soldiers in his embrace and

bestowing great trust and love on them. Thanks to his ennobling comradeship, in the initial days of the Korean revolution the ranks of new-type revolutionaries rallied on the basis of comradely love and obligation were formed, and at present the whole society, with his comradeship as the foundation, has turned into a world of comrades with their leader at the centre. The sacred history of his revolutionary activities is the history of comradeship which was opened up and has recorded a series of victories by dint of comradeship.

President Kim Il Sung was a great man with ennobling character and virtue.

He looked after his people with a warm heart and approached them in a simple and unceremonious manner. To his enemies, he was the tiger of Mt Paektu, but to his men and people, he was a kindly and dear father. When talking to children, he became a child and to the elderly, their intimate friend; he cared for their innermost thoughts as a meticulous mother would do. When meeting workers, he held their grease-stained hands, and in a rural village had friendly talks with the peasants at the edge of a field; his speeches were often mixed with jokes, humorous and down to earth. Even though he was held in high respect and admiration by our people and progressive people around the world, he rejected any special favour or privilege for himself, and always led a simple and frugal life with his people. So there was no gap between him and our people,

from children to the elderly, and they admired and supported him with their loyalty.

He was a noble person, magnanimous and broad-minded. His was a wide and benevolent embrace, in which all the people who loved their country and nation were cared for and protected. He embraced and trusted all those who loved their country and nation, regarding them as his eternal companions on the road for the motherland and fellow countrymen. Because he approached and embraced people with such great magnanimity and benevolence, even those who had committed crimes against the nation in the past could make their life brilliant on the road for their motherland and fellow countrymen, following him as the benefactor of their revival and the father of their nation.

Endowed with boundless humanity, he maintained close ties of friendship with party and state leaders as well as a large number of prominent figures in the political, social and academic circles of various countries in the world who aspired after independence. Anyone who ever met him, although they might have different ideologies and political views, expressed boundless admiration and respect for him, having been attracted by his noble personality. That is why he was the richest in like-minded people and friends around the world.

Indeed, President Kim Il Sung was the great leader of the revolution, the benevolent father of the people and a

peerlessly great man admired by everyone, whose equal has never been recorded in history.

2

President Kim Il Sung is the eternal leader of our Party and people and the Sun of Juche who laid lasting foundations for the victorious advance and accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

He ushered in the new era of the Juche revolution by authoring the great Juche idea, led several stages of social revolution towards a brilliant victory and performed imperishable exploits in every field of the revolution and construction by embodying the idea.

The Juche idea he authored and applied to revolutionary practice is the eternal banner of victory for our revolution.

The Juche idea, a revolutionary ideology based on the integrated system of a man-centred philosophical idea, revolutionary theory and leadership method, is a perfect guiding ideology of the revolution which indicates the road for the masses to take in their struggle for independence.

The idea established a man-centred outlook on the world, with the result that it opened the way for man to shape social history and his own destiny in an independent way with the consciousness that he is the master of the

world and of his own destiny.

As a man-centred revolutionary theory and leadership method, it clearly indicates the way for the masses to carry out the revolution and construction successfully and brilliantly accomplish the cause of their independence however complicated the circumstances and conditions by relying on a revolutionary and scientific theory, strategy, tactics and method.

The great Juche idea, as a man-centred view of the world, revolutionary theory and method, is the most reasonable, universal and valid ideology which all those who aspire after independence can readily empathize with and accept as their own. This is evidenced by the glorious history of our revolution which has travelled a proud road of victory under the banner of the Juche idea and the reality of today when the aspiration for global independence is mounting as the days go by under the rays of the Juche idea.

The Juche idea is an encyclopaedic revolutionary ideology representing the entire history of implementing the cause of independence of the masses, the cause of socialism, and a great ideology guiding mankind to the future.

The immortal revolutionary exploits President Kim Il Sung performed while leading the revolutionary struggle and construction work to victory under the banner of the Juche idea serve as the eternal cornerstone providing a sure guarantee for implementing the socialist cause of Juche.

A revolutionary party, government and army are the most powerful political weapon for guaranteeing a revolutionary cause—its beginning, progress and victory. History shows that the destiny of the revolution, the destiny of socialism, is decided by how the party, government and army are built and how the people are prepared politically and ideologically.

Because it has the Workers' Party of Korea, a Juche-type revolutionary party which was founded and developed by President Kim Il Sung, the Government of the Republic which is genuine people's power, the invincible People's Army and our people who were trained to be strong in ideas and faith, our revolution today is making vigorous progress in spite of unimaginable trials and hardships while working historical miracles in all fields of socialist construction, just as it did in the previous century. The Party ensures the leader's guidance over the revolution and construction, and leads the masses to fulfil their responsibilities and role as the masters of the revolution and construction in loyal support of the Party and the leader. Our people's government, shouldering the responsibility for the country's economy and the people's livelihood, is defending and ensuring the masses' right to and interest in independence and guiding and managing in a unified way the efforts to build a thriving nation and improve the people's standard of living. The People's Army, having grown into a powerful revolutionary army of

Mt Paektu, is displaying, as the hard-core unit and main force of our revolution, the honour of a performer of miracles and feats at all the most challenging and important posts of defending and building up socialism and of a creator and disseminator of Songun culture.

The sure guarantee for firmly safeguarding our socialism and achieving the prosperity of the country and nation consists in further developing the Party, state and army of President Kim Il Sung and giving ceaseless and full play to the infinite mental and creative strength of our people.

Socialism of our style, the greatest patriotic legacy bequeathed by President Kim Il Sung, constitutes the everlasting foundation on which to push ahead dynamically with building a thriving socialist nation in the new century and accomplishing the socialist cause of Juche.

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. When socialism collapsed in several countries in the previous century, the imperialist reactionaries made a big fuss about the “end” of socialism, but socialism of our style is here to stay even amid the worldwide political turmoil, and further, it is bringing about epoch-making changes in all the political, military, economic and cultural fields.

Our socialism is invincible socialism in which the leader, the Party and the masses are united with a single heart.

That all the people are firmly rallied around the leader in ideology, purpose and moral obligation and the whole society has turned into a great family in which all its members help and lead one another forward in a comradely manner is the essential feature of socialism of our style and the source of its inexhaustible strength. The single-hearted unity of the whole Party, the entire army and all the people around the leader constitutes today a sure guarantee for the political stability and solidity of our state and society and a powerful force for defending the socialist country and dynamically propelling the revolution and construction.

Our socialism is independent socialism that is strong in the Juche character and national identity.

The Juche character is the nature of socialism, and independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence are the road to achieving the eternal victory and prosperity of socialism of our style. Independent politics makes it possible to formulate lines and policies in keeping with the fundamental principles of the revolution and the people's demand for and interest in independence and consistently implement them, however difficult and complicated the situation may be, so as to lead the revolution and construction to victory; it also makes it possible to exercise complete sovereignty and equal rights in external relations

so as to exalt the dignity and might of the country. The self-supporting national economy and Juche-oriented national culture enable us to go past the cutting edge and build a scientific and technological power, a knowledge-based economic power, in the 21st century by dint of our strength, technology and resources, and to usher in a new golden age of culture and the arts. The self-reliant defence capabilities with the Korean People's Army as the core defend the socialist motherland from imperialist aggression, provide a strong military guarantee for building a thriving nation and ensure peace and security on the Korean peninsula and in the rest of Asia.

To preserve the national identity, together with the Juche character, of the revolution and construction is a fundamental principle in implementing the socialist cause. President Kim Il Sung ensured for the first time that the socialist cause was combined with the cause of national independence and the whole course of socialist construction was turned into the course of bringing the excellent traditions and culture of the nation into bloom. 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.

By successfully solving the problem of carrying forward the revolutionary cause, President Kim Il Sung provided a

sure guarantee for inheriting and completing the revolutionary cause of Juche with credit through the generations and the centuries.

He regarded this issue not simply as that of handing over the leadership when one generation of the revolution is being replaced by another, but as an important matter for preserving and developing the revolutionary ideas and cause of the leader through the generations and deciding the future destiny of the revolution. From this point of view, he paid special attention to solving this issue.

He made clear that what is fundamental in ensuring the continuity of the revolutionary cause is the issue of the successor to the leader, and solved it perfectly. Along with this, he directed great efforts to the work of inheriting and developing the revolutionary traditions in their pure form and preparing the younger generations as stalwart heirs to the revolution, and ensured that the work came to brilliant fruition. His extraordinary foresight and sagacious leadership created a brilliant example of solving the problem of carrying forward the revolutionary cause.

Today, the officers and men of our People's Army, the youth and other people are waging a worthwhile struggle to build a thriving socialist nation and accomplish the Juche revolutionary cause along the road of Juche that the forerunners of the revolution pioneered at the cost of their blood, and are full of confidence in achieving an even brighter future.

Having set national reunification as the supreme patriotic cause of the nation, President Kim Il Sung devoted his all to strengthening and developing the movement for national reunification, and passed down brilliant exploits for realizing this long-cherished desire of the nation.

By formulating the three charters for national reunification, he laid solid foundations on which all the Korean people in the north, in the south and abroad could form a powerful driving force for national reunification, and put an end to the interference by outside forces and hasten the independent reunification of the country through a concerted effort. Thanks to his priceless bequest, the national reunification movement today is advancing vigorously along the road of independent reunification even in the grave situation created by the extreme anti-reunification manoeuvres by the separatist forces within and without.

Through his energetic external activities, President Kim Il Sung made a great contribution to achieving the cause of global independence. He worked actively under the banner of independence, the banner of international justice, to check and frustrate the dominationist moves of the imperialist reactionaries, to strengthen and develop the worldwide socialist movement, to achieve the victory of the cause of anti-imperialist independence, to establish independent and fair international relations and to achieve peace and security in the world.

History proves that only when President Kim Il Sung's ideas and achievements are held fast to, can the cause of the independence of the masses, the socialist cause of Juche, advance victoriously and be implemented with success.

President Kim Il Sung, who authored the guiding ideology of the era of independence and laid a lasting cornerstone for the accomplishment of the cause of the independence of the masses, the socialist cause, will always live as the great leader of the people, as the Sun of Juche.

3

That President Kim Il Sung is the eternal Sun of Juche and the 100-year history of Juche Korea shines together with his august name is the fruition of the efforts made by General Kim Jong Il to defend his ideas and cause and wisely lead the struggle to realize them.

General Kim Jong Il was the closest revolutionary comrade and the most faithful revolutionary comrade-in-arms of President Kim Il Sung, who held the latter in high esteem. He regarded it as his lifelong mission to defend his ideas and cause and exalt their brilliance.

He formulated President Kim Il Sung's revolutionary ideas as Kimilsungism and presented modelling the whole society on Kimilsungism as the highest programme of our

Party and revolution. In this way he brought about a revolutionary change in accomplishing the Juche revolutionary cause.

He ensured that Kimilsungism shone more brilliantly as an immortal revolutionary ideology with great vitality and eternal life by continuously developing President Kim Il Sung's revolutionary ideas as required by the times and the developing revolution through energetic ideological and theoretical activities. He sagaciously led the efforts to model the whole society on Kimilsungism so as to develop our Party and army into the ever-victorious party and army of President Kim Il Sung, and significantly strengthened the motive force of our revolution by rallying the masses closely behind the Party. The efforts made under his leadership ushered in the golden age of the Workers' Party in the political, military, economic, cultural and all other fields.

He brilliantly carried out the cause of immortalizing a leader for the first time in history, with the result that our Party and people could add lustre to the sacred revolutionary career and undying revolutionary exploits of President Kim Il Sung through the generations, holding him in high esteem as their eternal leader. Proceeding from the fundamental requirements of our revolution and with the noblest moral obligation, he ensured that our Party and people held President Kim Il Sung up as their eternal leader, as the eternal President of the DPRK, and, regarding

his instructions as the Party's programme, roused the whole Party, the entire army and all the people to implement them. Thanks to his ennobling loyalty, moral obligation and great devotion, President Kim Il Sung is always with our people and his revolutionary career continues without letup on this land.

General Kim Jong Il defended the dignity and supreme interests of our country and nation, and developed our country of Juche, our socialist motherland, into an invincible socialist country by relying on powerful weaponry under the banner of Songun.

In the 1990s, when our country was faced with severe ordeals, he formulated Songun politics as the basic mode of socialist politics and, by dint of Songun, not only safeguarded our country and socialism but raised our country to the position of a politico-ideological power and a military power and opened up a new era of building a thriving socialist nation. Songun politics is ever-victorious politics which fully guarantees the triumphant advance of the socialist cause of Juche by realizing President Kim Il Sung's political ideals of socialism—independence, democracy, unity and benevolence—even during the most serious showdown with the imperialist reactionaries, and a mighty sword that makes it possible to speed up the revolution and construction, true to his instructions.

Regarding military affairs as the most important of all state affairs, the General developed our army into

formidable revolutionary armed forces and our motherland into a self-defensive military power that no aggressive forces dare attack. And by turning our army into the main force of the revolution that takes the lead in supporting the Party's leadership, he achieved a harmonious whole comprising the Party and the army and great unity between service personnel and people, thus consolidating the foundations of our society and making them rock-solid.

He continued his forced march of field guidance without resting for a moment for the sake of the prosperity of the country and the well-being of the people, in the course of which he kindled the flames of a new great revolutionary upsurge across the country. Thanks to his tireless and energetic leadership, the national economy was put on a Juche-oriented, modern and scientific footing at a higher level, foundations were laid for bringing about an improvement in the people's living standards, and a socialist culture was built to greet a new golden age.

It is a miracle wrought by General Kim Jong Il's Songun politics that our small country could firmly defend socialism and is exalting its dignity and might as a political and military power and charging forward towards becoming an economic giant of our own style in the grim situation, in which the imperialists and other reactionaries are intensifying their manoeuvres as never before to isolate and stifle it.

True to President Kim Il Sung's instructions, General

Kim Jong Il through his strenuous leadership opened the June 15 reunification era and a new phase in the development of foreign relations.

Thanks to his remarkable wisdom, unexcelled leadership ability, iron will and superhuman devotion, our socialist country, Songun Korea, is emitting its brilliance all over the world along with the august name of President Kim Il Sung, and our people have become a dignified people who are shaping their destiny on their own terms, filled with infinite national pride and self-confidence.

Because of General Kim Jong Il, President Kim Il Sung can live forever in the hearts of our people and the progressive people of the world as the Sun of Juche, and the 100-year history of Juche Korea shines more brilliantly.

The 100-year history of Juche Korea is the most sacred and glorious history resplendent with the august names and immortal revolutionary exploits of President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il, the great leaders of our Party and people.

The historical course Kim Il Sung's nation, Kim Jong Il's Korea, has travelled is a glorious course during which our revolution has won continuous victories ever since its start on Mt Paektu, and it is the road to eternal victory and national prosperity, the road which we must continue to follow to achieve final victory.

To hold President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il in high esteem for all ages and creditably

carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche bequeathed to us by them is the revolutionary duty and noble moral obligation of our Party and people.

Times may change and we may encounter ordeals, but we must unswervingly advance along the road of independence, the road of Songun and the road of socialism, which President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il followed throughout their lives, and thus fulfil the mission and duty as befits the descendants of President Kim Il Sung and soldiers and devoted followers of General Kim Jong Il.

Cherishing the absolute and immutable faith that Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il will always be with us, we must staunchly safeguard their ideas and achievements and add eternal brilliance to them.

We must raise Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the one and only guiding ideology and permanent guidelines of the revolution, and advance the revolution and construction as demanded by it.

We must continuously develop our Party, state and army into the party, state and army of President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il. In building up the Party, state and revolutionary armed forces, we must carry forward their ideas and achievements in their entirety, and build them up, from beginning to end, in the way they did.

All sectors and units must add brilliance to the leadership exploits of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il associated with their respective sectors and

units and carry out their instructions so as to translate their lifetime intentions and wishes into reality.

We must achieve a fresh victory in building a thriving socialist nation by waging a general offensive under the leadership of the Party.

We need to firmly defend and consolidate rock-solid the single-hearted unity of the Party and the revolutionary ranks, so as to demonstrate the might of our political and ideological power, strengthen the People's Army further and build up the country's defences so that they are impregnable.

All sectors and units of the national economy must bring about a fresh upsurge in production and construction by making the flames of Hamnam and the flames of the industrial revolution in the new century kindled by General Kim Jong Il blaze more fiercely and, in particular, bring about a decisive turn in the efforts to improve the people's standard of living.

We must carry forward the ideas of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il on building Juche-oriented culture and the exploits they achieved in this regard, so as to display to the full the superiority and validity of the socialist culture of our own style.

In the general offensive for building a thriving socialist nation, the Party, working people's organizations and power organs must decisively enhance their role, and all officials must fulfil their responsibilities and duties as the

commanding personnel of the revolution.

We must carry out the ennobling patriotic intentions and behests of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il so as to realize the historic cause of national reunification without fail. We must expand and develop the country's external relations under the principles of independence, peace and friendship and render active contributions to the cause of global independence.

Our Party, army and people will faithfully carry forward the ideas and cause of President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il and accomplish their revolutionary cause of Juche by holding high the banner of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

The great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il will always be with us.

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With deep respect for the great Comrade Kim Jong Il and firm confidence in the victory of the revolution, our service personnel and people are greeting the 53rd anniversary of the start of his leadership of the Songun revolution.

The Day of Songun, when General Kim Jong Il started his leadership of the Songun revolution, is, together with the day of the founding of the KPA (Korean People's Army), a historic day when an important milestone was established in the history of building up our revolutionary armed forces and the history of our country. Thanks to this significant day, a historic turn could be brought about in developing our revolutionary armed forces and implementing the cause of the Juche revolution, and the history and traditions of our sacred and victorious Songun revolution which had been pioneered and developed by

force of arms could be carried forward.

Songun is a proud tradition of the Korean revolution which was pioneered by Comrade Kim Il Sung and led by him and Comrade Kim Jong Il, and also a banner of victory and glory.

The great Generalissimos blazed the trail of the Songun revolution, thus creating a new history of Songun and ushering in the era of Songun.

Having clarified in his early days the truth of the revolutionary struggle that one can emerge victorious against an armed enemy only when one fights him with arms in hand and having advanced the idea and line of attaching importance to arms, to military affairs, the great Comrade Kim Il Sung identified building up the armed forces as a fundamental aspect of the revolution, directed primary efforts to organizing and developing the armed ranks and achieved the historic cause of national liberation with the Korean People's Revolutionary Army as the main force. In reliance on the armed force of the revolution, he wisely led two revolutionary wars, two stages of social revolution and socialist construction, and thus built on this land our style of socialism that is centred on the masses of the people, and demonstrated the dignity and honour of the country.

Comrade Kim Jong Il, who was faithful to Comrade Kim Il Sung's ideas and cause, led our revolution along the glorious road of victory, braving the severe historical trials and adversities by dint of his unique leadership of

the Songun revolution.

His visit to Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of the KPA on August 25, 1960 was a historic event that proclaimed his succession to the cause of the Songun revolution and the start of his Songun-based leadership.

Songun was the General's revolutionary idea, his practice in the revolution, his political ideal and his political mode.

During the long period of more than half a century from the day when he started his leadership of the Songun revolution, the great General visited one KPA unit after another, strengthening the army into an invincible revolutionary army, and led the revolution and construction to victory by force of Songun.

Regarding the strengthening of the KPA as the most important task in the Songun revolution, he raised the KPA as the buttress, the main force, of our revolution, and achieved the historic victory in the grim anti-imperialist, anti-US showdown in defence of the country's security and socialism by training the KPA into the army of the leader that is boundlessly faithful to the cause of the WPK (Workers' Party of Korea), into an invincible revolutionary army. He defined the spirit of defending the leader to the death, the spirit of implementing his instructions whatever the cost and the heroic self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the service personnel as the

revolutionary spirit symbolic and representative of the Songun era, as the revolutionary soldier spirit, and led all the service personnel and people to live and struggle in that spirit, thus ensuring that a great transformation was brought about in all sectors of the revolution and construction.

In order to consolidate the successes of his Songun-based leadership and introduce Songun politics in a comprehensive way, he saw to it that the First Session of the Tenth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea adopted a Socialist Constitution embodying the idea and principles of the Songun revolution. He established a new state administration structure the backbone of which is the National Defence Commission, and led all state affairs on the principle of giving precedence to military affairs.

The history of his leadership of the Songun revolution is an unprecedented history of complete anti-imperialist independence, a history of infinite patriotic devotion; it is also a history of ennobling trust and affection, filled with absolute trust in and paternal affection for the service personnel and people.

Thanks to the General's leadership of the Songun revolution, our revolution could win victory after victory, surmounting every manner of historical vicissitude; thanks to the General's super-intense forced march of patriotic devotion, our service personnel and people could work

historic, never-before-seen miracles.

Songun was, indeed, our General's immutable revolutionary creed, which he cherished and applied throughout his life, and a great revolutionary undertaking during which he adorned the history of the country with brilliant victories and imperishable achievements.

In the course of his Songun-based leadership, the General formulated and developed the idea of the Songun revolution, thus creating a guiding principle and ever-victorious banner for our people and the revolutionary peoples of the world to adhere to in accomplishing the cause of independence.

The basic idea of the Songun revolution is to give importance and precedence to military affairs in implementing the masses' cause of independence, the socialist cause, and to push ahead with the overall revolution and construction with the revolutionary army as the core force.

From the starting point of the Juche-based revolutionary principle that the victory of the revolutionary cause is decided by force of arms, the idea gives scientific and practical answers to the key questions arising in winning victory in the revolution.

It clarifies the revolutionary theory on building up the arms of the revolution, the revolutionary army, strengthening the driving force of the revolution with the revolutionary army as the core and, by relying on it,

advancing the revolution and construction victoriously.

Its most important requirement is that the army should be developed into the army of the Party and the leader, into an invincible revolutionary army capable of defeating any enemy however formidable, by attaching importance to military affairs and directing primary efforts to building up the army.

If the masses are to carve out their destiny and accomplish the cause of socialism amid a sharp confrontation with the imperialists and the constant threat of war, they must, before anything else, firmly hold up and strengthen the arms of the revolution. It is a serious lesson taught by the history of the world socialist movement that when the arms of the revolution are weak or waver, they can defend neither the destiny of the masses nor socialism.

That one must consolidate the driving force of the revolution with the revolutionary army as the main force and propel the revolutionary struggle and construction work by relying on its leading role is a new revolutionary theory elucidated by the Songun idea.

The revolution is a do-or-die struggle to decide who prevails over whom between the revolutionary forces and the counterrevolutionary forces, so the destiny of the revolution depends on how the driving force of the revolution is strengthened and how its role is enhanced.

Among the social groups that form the revolutionary forces in a socialist society, the masters of which are the

masses, the group that is the strongest in the revolutionary sense, organization, discipline and fighting capability is the revolutionary army under the guidance of the leader. The revolutionary army, thanks to its revolutionary idea, great spiritual strength and revolutionary temperament, is capable of leading the society as a whole and propelling the revolutionary struggle and construction work. If the revolutionary army stands in the vanguard and all the people struggle with its revolutionary spirit and temperament by forming an integrated whole with the service personnel, their power is incomparably great.

The idea of the Songun revolution has opened up a new road, a road to victory, for successfully advancing the masses' cause of independence, the socialist cause, by consolidating the driving force of the revolution and enhancing its role.

The General's idea of the Songun revolution throws a new light on the political theory that Songun politics is the most powerful politics and the basic mode of socialist politics.

Ideas and ideals are translated into practice by politics, which in turn decides the destiny of the masses and the rise and fall of the country and nation.

The great General elucidated for the first time in history that socialist politics for fully realizing the independent demands and interests of the masses should be Songun politics which gives importance and precedence to military

affairs, and formulated Songun politics as the basic mode of socialist politics.

As he said, Songun politics is a mode of socialist politics that presents military affairs as the most important of all state affairs, and defends the country, revolution and socialism and accelerates overall socialist construction with the KPA as the core, as the main force. It is a mode of independent politics that fully embodies the fundamentals and principles of the Songun idea.

Formulating Songun politics as the basic mode of socialist politics has brought about a fundamental change in the history of mankind's politics and the history of socialist politics and created a priceless sword with which to achieve the ideals and principles of socialism successfully.

The General's Songun idea is a revolutionary idea and theory embodying a comprehensive anti-imperialist, independent stand and the spirit of ennobling love for the country, nation and people, and which is based on an iron faith and willpower.

Songun, a new term in our era, was coined to reflect the unshakeable faith, willpower and great fortitude of Comrade Kim Jong Il who, taking full responsibility for the destiny and future of the country and people amid the long-drawn-out, sharp confrontation with an imperialist power, solved all problems in our own way and in conformity with the demands and interests of our people and nation. Thanks to the idea of the Songun revolution, a

great idea of Comrade Kim Jong Il, we have been able to defend the dignity of the country, the independence of the people and the gains of socialism with credit and open the way for the prosperity of the country and the rosy future of the nation by our own strength, that is, by force of arms.

As an idea enriched and developed in the course of the practical struggle to apply the Juche idea, the Songun idea is a scientific revolutionary theory which makes it possible to satisfy the requirements of the Juche idea in an ideal and comprehensive manner.

The formulation and development of the idea and theory of the Songun revolution by the great Comrade Kim Jong Il further enriched the ideological and theoretical treasure-house of our revolution and significantly increased the appeal and vitality of the Juche idea.

The Juche idea is the roots of the Songun idea and the latter is the brilliant embodiment of the former.

Thanks to the Songun idea, the Juche idea could be splendidly applied to the revolutionary practice and shine more brightly as a great guiding ideology which guarantees the victorious advance and accomplishment of the masses' cause of independence.

The General, through his outstanding leadership of the Songun revolution, performed undying exploits for the country and revolution, for the times and history.

He honourably safeguarded the Juche-oriented socialism

which Comrade Kim Il Sung had established, and guaranteed the solid continuity of the revolutionary cause of Juche, the revolutionary cause of Songun, by dint of his leadership of the Songun revolution.

Juche-oriented socialism is a precious gain of our revolution to which Comrade Kim Il Sung devoted his life, and it is our people's lifeblood and the cradle of their true life and happiness. The 1990s, when the reckless anti-DPRK moves of the allied forces of the US and other imperialists to check the victorious advance of our revolution and stamp out our socialism went to extremes, was a period of the severest ordeals for our revolution. When our army and people were at the crossroads of whether to remain an independent people and guardians of independence thus becoming victors or be reduced to the imperialists' colonial slaves again, Comrade Kim Jong Il determinedly held up the banner of Songun, and defended Juche-oriented socialism with honour and achieved brilliant victories. This was a historical miracle which only our General could have brought about.

By dint of his leadership of the Songun revolution he laid a firm foundation for the prosperity of the country and the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche and provided a sure guarantee for victory.

The most important guarantee for victory in the revolution is to strengthen the Party, the General Staff of the revolution, and consolidate the driving force of the

revolution by uniting the service personnel and people around it.

A fundamental principle which the great General consistently adhered to in Party building was to build our Party into the party of the leader. He defined imbuing the entire Party with Kimilsungism as the ultimate objective in building it and wisely led the effort to establish a monolithic ideological system and a monolithic leadership system firmly throughout the Party. As a result, our Party could be developed into a revolutionary party which is unfailingly faithful to the ideology and guidance of its leader and possessed of a strong sense of organization and discipline, and into an ever-victorious party with solid mass and military foundations, one that could discharge its mission and role as the guiding force in implementing the cause of the Songun revolution. The General held up single-hearted unity as the greatest foundation of the revolution and realized the single-hearted unity of the Party, army and people centred on the leader, thus significantly strengthening the driving force of the Songun revolution.

By strengthening the KPA into an invincible army and consolidating the military capabilities of the country to the maximum with the KPA as the core, he provided a sure military guarantee for the victory of the cause of the Juche revolution.

Under his energetic guidance, the KPA developed into a

vanguard detachment which regards defending the leader to the death as its lifeblood and takes the lead in implementing the orders of its Supreme Commander at all costs, and into a trailblazer in the struggle to accomplish the cause of the Songun revolution. A forceful drive was waged to make the defence industry Juche-oriented, modern and informatized, enabling us to produce the most sophisticated military equipment by relying on our own efforts and technology. Thanks to the General's outstanding leadership of the Songun revolution, the KPA could be developed into an invincible revolutionary army, our country could produce and launch satellites and become a nuclear state, fully demonstrating its dignity as the powerful Paektusan nation, and we could reliably defend the dignity of the country and the sovereignty of the nation by frustrating the imperialists' moves of aggression and their challenges at every step.

The great General laid firm material and technological foundations for building a thriving socialist country.

Under his leadership a grand plan for building a prosperous country was unfolded during the days of the Arduous March and forced march, when our revolution was undergoing grim trials, and a warm wind of creating fresh miracles and innovations swept across the country. The fierce flames of the industrial revolution in the new century flared up, ushering in the era of the knowledge economy, monumental structures symbolic of the era were

built in all parts of the country and model works representative of Songun culture were created in large numbers. The wealth and edifices our service personnel and people created in the Songun era under his guidance constitute a valuable asset for the prosperity of Kim Il Sung's nation and Kim Jong Il's Korea.

The great General brought about a fresh turn in the struggle for the independent reunification of the country and firmly defended global peace and security on the strength of his leadership of the Songun revolution. He ushered in the June 15 era of reunification by our nation itself, provided a precious asset for the reunification of the country and the common prosperity of the nation and safeguarded peace in Asia and the rest of the world by smashing the imperialists' uninterrupted schemes to unleash a war.

The great exploits Comrade Kim Jong Il performed for the country and revolution, for the times and history for more than half a century by dint of his tireless Songun-based leadership will shine for ever, along with the triumphant advance of our revolutionary cause.

We should faithfully carry forward his great idea of and achievements in the Songun revolution and add eternal brilliance to them.

The idea of the Songun revolution is a great guideline for our revolution and his Songun-based leadership exploits are a motive force for victory.

It is the unshakeable faith and unbreakable will of our Party, army and people to carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche, holding aloft the banner of Songun.

We should follow to the end the road of Songun, the road of independence and the road of socialism that the great General travelled throughout his life, translate his instructions into brilliant reality and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche, the revolutionary cause of Songun, with credit.

All officials, Party members and other working people should arm themselves firmly with the General's idea of the Songun revolution, closely study his great Songun-based leadership achievements and thoroughly apply and add lustre to them in the revolutionary struggle and construction work.

The line of giving importance to arms, to military affairs, should be implemented to the letter in order to make the defence capabilities of the country as strong as steel.

The KPA should be prepared more firmly as an army that is strong in ideology and faith, a powerful Paektusan revolutionary army.

The Party's leadership is the lifeline of the KPA, and its might is inconceivable without the Party's leadership. The sole general direction for the KPA is to advance straight forward with guns levelled precisely in the

direction our Party indicates. Our armed forces must serve as an eternal cornerstone and guarantee for the Party and its cause.

The officers and men of the KPA should feel their hearts burning with a single idea, a single determination, to support the Party and the leader alone and safeguard them to the death, whatever ordeals they may face and however the situation may change. They should equip themselves firmly with the revolutionary ideas of our Party and cherish the steadfast faith that they will defend to the end the red flag of the revolution, the Juche flag of the Party, even at the cost of their lives.

They should intensify their training, as the anti-Japanese guerrillas did on Mt Paektu, so as to prepare themselves into a-match-for-a-hundred combatants possessed of Kim Il Sung's and Kim Jong Il's military strategy and tactics, heroic combat spirit and fighting capability, establish rigid discipline in their units and assume the appearance of a perfect regular army.

Military posts and barracks should be laid out as if they were the service personnel's own homes, and satisfactory material and cultural living conditions provided so that they can lead a good service life.

While discharging their basic duty of defending the country, service personnel should achieve breakthroughs in various other sectors and major projects of socialist construction; they should never rest content with doing

things for the people but always take the lead in this regard.

Great efforts should be channelled into developing the defence industry. The defence industry should concentrate on making bigger strides in building our country into an invincible military power, and thus produce more and better-quality military hardware of our own style that is precise, light, unmanned and intelligent.

The Worker-Peasant Red Guards should enhance their combat capability through intensive combat and political training and reliably defend their respective provinces, counties and villages in times of emergency.

All the sectors of socialist construction should bring about a great leap forward and great innovations.

We should radically improve the people's standard of living by giving a spur to the efforts to build an economic giant, holding aloft our Party's line of simultaneously promoting the two fronts.

We should make innovations in the sectors of agriculture and light industry, key areas in building an economic giant, and promote housing construction, so as to ensure that the people lead an affluent and happy life.

We should focus our efforts on the priority sectors of the national economy, basic industries, to ensure that the existing self-supporting foundations pay off, and vigorously push ahead with the effort to modernize them and normalize production. We should direct strenuous efforts to the electric-power and coal-mining industries in

particular, and develop all sectors of the national economy based on the twin pillars of the metallurgical and chemical industries.

By rapidly developing science and technology and educating all the people so that they are well-informed about science and technology, we can raise the national economy onto a more modern and higher CNC level and perfect the economic structure of the country in keeping with the requirements of the era of the knowledge economy.

We should accelerate the construction of a cultured socialist nation. It is important to make all the members of society artists and people who enjoy socialist culture, and to bring about a fresh turn in all the sectors of cultural construction. By doing so, we can translate into reality the people's desire for a wholesome and cultured way of life.

In order to bring about a decisive turn in the construction of a thriving socialist country, the militant functions and role of Party organizations should be further heightened.

Party organizations are the vanguard organizations of the Songun revolution, and the Party's ideology and leadership are implemented through them. They should regard it as the main line of Party work to establish the monolithic leadership system of the Party, and ensure that all officials, Party members and other working people support the leader's ideas and leadership with loyalty and conduct every manner of work in line with the Party's

ideology and intentions.

In the current general offensive, Party organizations should give fullest play to the spiritual strength of officials, Party members and other working people. The mother of miracles is the spiritual strength of the masses, and the key to ushering in a new golden age in the building of a thriving nation is to inspire them.

Party organizations should scrupulously educate officials, Party members and other working people to study the greatness of the General's idea of and achievements in the Songun revolution and exalt their brilliance. They should intensify the frontline-style political work among the masses so that all officials, Party members and other working people make it part of their lives to learn from the service personnel's spirit of defending the leader and carrying out his instructions to the death and their fighting spirit, and make strenuous efforts to create the Masikryong speed by displaying Kim Jong Il's patriotism.

The service personnel and people should propel grand socialist construction on the strength of working together.

Working together is a powerful mode of struggle for the service personnel and people in waging an unyielding offensive with one mind and purpose. The commanding personnel of the KPA and leading civilian officials should scrupulously organize and command their working together and enlist their spiritual strength and every other means so that they perform unfailingly and in time the revolutionary

tasks assigned to their respective units.

True to the instructions and lofty will of the great Generalissimos, we should make proactive efforts to open a new phase of national reunification, prevent aggression and war and defend global peace and security.

The idea and cause of our Songun revolution are invincible.

Because the great Juche idea and the Songun revolutionary idea are illuminating the road ahead of us and we have the wise leadership of the Party, the single-hearted unity of all the service personnel and people and the invincible KPA, the victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche and the revolutionary cause of Songun is guaranteed.

As in the past, so in the future and for ever, we will achieve only victory, upholding the great banner of Songun.

The Cause of the Great Party of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il Is Ever-Victorious

On the 70th Anniversary of the Founding
of the Workers' Party of Korea
October 4, 2015

The members of the Workers' Party of Korea and other people are celebrating in a meaningful way the 70th anniversary of the founding of the WPK as the most auspicious, revolutionary holiday.

The WPK founded by the great Comrade Kim Il Sung is the glorious party of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, which has developed into an invincible revolutionary party and led the revolution and construction along the road filled with victory under their outstanding and seasoned leadership.

The cause of the WPK is a sacred historic cause for fully realizing the independence of the masses of the people, the cause of the Juche revolution.

The 70-year history of the WPK is a history full of proud victories, which has demonstrated the justness and invincibility of the cause of the party of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

Amid the historic struggle to accomplish the cause of the Juche revolution in this long period after its founding, it has developed into a revolutionary party of Juche, into the great party of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, and wonderfully performed its role as the organization that guides our people to all victories.

Success in the revolution and construction depends on how a party, the General Staff of the revolution, is built and on how its leadership role is enhanced.

Thanks to the ideas of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il on building a party of a Juche type and to their wise leadership, the WPK has been built and developed into a party of the leader, a revolutionary party of the Juche type, in which the unitary character and inheritance of the leader's ideology and leadership are definitely ensured.

A revolutionary party is, in its essence, the party of its leader that carries out his ideology and cause, and the main thing in its building is to ensure the unitary character and inheritance of his ideology and leadership.

What is important in ensuring the unitary character of his ideology and leadership is to model the entire party on the leader's revolutionary ideology, achieve its unity and cohesion centred on the leader and ensure that the entire party moves as one under the leader's unified leadership.

Guided solely by the revolutionary ideology of the great

Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, the WPK has conducted its building and activities as required only by Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, thus developing itself into a powerful body, ideologically pure and organizationally integrated, with the leader as its one and only centre.

Achieving unity centred on the leader presented itself as an increasingly grave task for the WPK from the first day of its founding owing to the complicated and arduous character of the Korean revolution. It achieved its unity by overcoming factionalism and opportunistic ideological trends of all hues, which had done tremendous harm to the unity of the revolutionary ranks historically, and intensified the struggle to achieve the single-hearted unity of the revolutionary ranks centred on the leader.

It established a system whereby the problems arising in its building and activities were resolved according to the unitary conclusion by the leader and a revolutionary climate in which its organizations and members carried out without an inch of deflection the lines and policies put forward by the leader.

That the great Comrade Kim Jong Il advanced the line of modelling the entire WPK on Kimilsungism and ensured that the work of establishing its monolithic ideological system was intensified constituted an occasion for a radical turn in ensuring the unitary character of the leader's ideology and leadership. Development of the WPK into the party of the leader, into the party of Comrade

Kim Il Sung, both in name and in reality is a great exploit performed by Comrade Kim Jong Il.

The WPK solved the problem of inheriting the leader's ideology and leadership in a correct way, so that the unitary character of the leader's ideology and leadership could be inherited from generation to generation.

Inheriting the leader's ideology and leadership is a serious problem that has a bearing on the destiny of a party and revolution; it is also a fundamental problem in building a revolutionary party.

History has taught a bitter lesson that a party, even though it has advanced the revolution successfully under the correct leadership of its leader, becomes degenerate and in the end leads the revolution to frustration if it fails to inherit his ideology and leadership correctly.

Looking to the distant future with far-sighted acumen, Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il laid organizational and ideological foundations and established the leadership system of the leader who would inherit the cause of the revolution, thus ensuring that the leader's ideology and leadership were inherited brilliantly down through generations.

That it has been led by outstanding leaders generation after generation and ensured the unitary character and inheritance of their ideology and leadership has been the basic factor in the militant might and invincibility of the WPK.

As it definitely inherited the unitary character of the leaders' ideology and leadership generation after generation, the WPK, even in the whirlwind of ideological degeneration and frustration of the ruling parties in socialist countries, was able to maintain invariably its revolutionary features as the party of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and provide effective leadership over the revolution and construction, thus effecting gigantic social changes.

The WPK has been built into an invincible revolutionary party that serves the people and has formed an integral whole with them.

The leader, the party and the masses form a community in which they share their destiny in implementing the cause of independence of the masses. Just as the masses cannot carve out 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 nor satisfactorily perform its role as a political guide if it is separated from the masses.

Comrade Kim Il Sung ensured that the WPK was built as a mass-based party with workers, farmers and intellectuals as its component elements, oriented all its activities to defending and realizing the demands and interests of the masses, and thus struck its roots deep among them and formed an integral whole with them.

Comrade Kim Jong Il ensured that the WPK developed

into a genuine motherly party that takes care of the destiny of the masses on its responsibility, administered in a comprehensive way benevolent politics and all-embracing politics based on affection for and trust in them, and thus formed inseparable ties of kinship with them.

The WPK has strived to take responsibility for the people's destiny and look after them with motherly affection and to provide our people, who have supported it with single-hearted loyalty, with a rich and happy life. It has also led officials to eliminate practices of abuse of authority and bureaucratism and work as true servants for the people.

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 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 victories. As it has been backed up by the might of this integral whole, the WPK has been able to advance with confidence in sure victory against the trials and difficulties facing the revolution and wonderfully perform

its sacred mission.

It has developed into a revolutionary party that leads the revolution and construction to victory in a seasoned manner by a Juche-based leadership method.

Leadership method is the basic factor that decides the leadership ability and fighting efficiency of a party.

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 the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il created and applied.

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 comprehending the demands and opinions of the masses and carrying them out by motivating their ideas. It has applied the Juche-oriented theory that ideas are the main thing in the revolution and construction and ideological consciousness decides everything. By doing so, it has given definite precedence over all other types of work to the ideological work aimed at giving free rein to the people's spiritual strength and creativity, and ensured that their might of collectivism and mass heroism are displayed to the full by launching mass movements of various forms on a wide scale in 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.

The WPK's Songun-based revolutionary leadership is a unique revolutionary leadership method of our style that gives precedence to military affairs and that sets the Korean People's Army as the core and main force of the Songun revolution.

On the basis of the original fundamentals of the Songun revolution that the army means the party, the state and the people, the WPK has developed the KPA into a-match-for-a-hundred revolutionary armed force that is unfailingly loyal to it and the leader and strong in ideology and faith. In the course of the struggle to model the entire KPA on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the WPK's undivided leadership over the army has been established and the KPA has developed into a powerful revolutionary Paektusan army that takes the lead in implementing the WPK's lines and policies to the death. This consolidated the WPK's political and military foundations rock-solid.

Under its Songun-based leadership the revolutionary ranks have been developed into elite forces modelled after the KPA, the great army-people unity strengthened, and all the members of the WPK and other people made proactive efforts to promote the revolution and construction by learning from the KPA's fighting spirit and mettle.

The WPK has radically improved its leadership ability and fighting efficiency in the course of advancing the cause of the Juche revolution by dint of its original Songun-based leadership.

The experience of the WPK, which has developed itself into an invincible party by blazing the trail for building a revolutionary party, serves as a living example in carrying out the cause of building a revolutionary party in the era of independence.

Over the past 70 years the WPK has led the cause of the Juche revolution, the cause of socialism, along the road resplendent with brilliant victory by overcoming manifold grave trials of history.

The course of its leading the cause of the Juche revolution, the cause of socialism, has been an acute and serious political and class struggle against imperialism, dominationism, revisionism, worship of big powers and dogmatism, and a hard struggle of hewing out an untrodden path to build a genuine, new society for the people.

In the whole course of leading the several stages of the revolution and construction the WPK has not followed any established theory or formula, but advanced dynamically along the road indicated by the original Juche idea, the road of independence, Songun and socialism.

Independence, Songun and socialism are the coordinates of the Korean revolution and its main path that accord with our people's aspirations and our country's actual

conditions. They are a crystallization of the valuable exploits and traditions and rich experiences the great leaders achieved for nearly a century, and illuminate the basic principles of our revolution and its path.

The WPK has led the revolution and construction by holding fast to the line and principles of independence, Songun and socialism as its permanent strategy, thus performing undying exploits for the country and the people.

In the historic course of leading the cause of the Juche revolution it has trained our people into a dignified, independent people, into a powerful motive force of the revolution.

That it has trained the masses of the people into the independent motive force for carrying out the cause of the Juche revolution constitutes its greatest achievement.

The masses are masters of their own destiny and they are responsible for implementing the cause of independence, but only under the correct leadership of a revolutionary party can they become a genuine motive force of the revolution.

The WPK set it as its most important task to unite the masses solidly around it and the leader by awakening them ideologically and rallying them organizationally, and has always paid primary concern to it.

It has united the masses into a single socio-political organism by equipping them with the Juche idea and rallying them around it ideologically, volitionally and

organizationally. It has also encouraged them to give full play to their great revolutionary enthusiasm and inexhaustible creativity and thus fulfil their responsibility and role as the motive force of the revolution.

In our country all the service personnel of the KPA and other people have armed themselves with the Juche idea, the WPK's guiding ideology, as their unshakable faith and achieved single-hearted unity around it, and they are working with devotion to implement its lines and policies. Its plans and decisions for the country's prosperity and people's happiness become the revolutionary will of the service personnel and the people, and are carried out by them.

In particular, the young people of a new generation have grown up into a dependable reserve force of the WPK and successors to the revolution, and they are performing the role of a shock brigade with credit in carrying out the cause of the Juche revolution. Thus our country is widely recognized as a youthful power without parallel in the world. Recorded in the history of the WPK is the proud achievement it has made in training young people into heroes of the times and its advance group and wing.

It has such an excellent army and people, laudable young people in particular, who follow it and the leader with absolute belief in them and are boundlessly faithful to its cause in any adversity—this is a source of great dignity and pride for the WPK, and herein lies the secret of its ever-victorious history spanning 70 years.

That it has built Juche-oriented socialism in which the people's demands and ideals for independence are realized is a historic exploit of the WPK.

Socialism is the aim of the working masses, and building it is the most important task facing revolutionary parties.

The WPK opened up a new path for building genuine socialism that is in keeping with the people's ideals and, in the whole course of the struggle to this end, has consistently adhered to the Juche-oriented revolutionary lines and principles.

It has resolved all the problems arising in socialist construction in conformity with our people's independent aspirations and our country's specific situation and by relying on its own forces. It has invariably advanced straight forward along the road of Juche-oriented socialism, rejecting intervention and pressure by foreign forces. Even in such trying periods as that of the Arduous March it made sustained efforts to speed up socialist construction by resolutely thwarting the hostile forces' pernicious moves to suffocate our style of socialism.

The socialism that has been built in our country according to the Juche-oriented line of the WPK and under its wise leadership is a people-centred socialism whereby the masses have become true masters of the state and society and their independent demands 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 top and absolute priority to their demands and interests, is administered in the country. As ours is a genuine socialism for the people, a people-centred socialism, they regard it as their lifeblood and work with devotion to spruce up their socialist land and develop it into a thriving socialist country as soon as possible.

Under the wise leadership of the WPK and through the devoted struggle of the people who are faithful to it, our country has risen up as a dignified politico-ideological and military power in a short historical period; it is making redoubled efforts to build the knowledge-based economy and socialist civilization in the new century, demonstrating the might of the invincible socialist power.

By leading the army and people the WPK has built up the tradition of victory in the showdown with imperialists that has continued from one century into the next and thus defended the dignity and sovereignty of the country and the gains of the revolution with credit.

As long as there remains imperialism, the cause of independence of the masses, the cause of socialism, is accompanied by a fierce showdown with the enemy. As our country has been the outpost in the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle which has been drawn out from one century into the next and from generation to generation, defending the national dignity and sovereignty and the gains of the revolution from imperialist aggression posed as a

particularly important issue for it.

By consistently adhering to the line and principle of attaching importance to military affairs, the WPK set it as the foremost national affair to build up the revolutionary armed forces and increase the country's defence capabilities and has won victory after victory in the uninterrupted showdown with US imperialism by relying on the country's powerful defence capabilities whose pivot is the KPA.

Under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung our young KPA and people performed the historic miracle of defeating in the Fatherland Liberation War a formidable enemy whose forces were incomparably great, ie, the US imperialists who had been boasting of being the "strongest" in the world. This brilliant victory was the victory of the Juche-oriented military ideas and outstanding military strategy of Comrade Kim Il Sung, an iron-willed brilliant commander, and it was a victory born of the heroic spirit of defending the country of the service personnel and people who fought even sacrificing their lives unhesitatingly for their precious motherland.

The WPK has always emerged victorious in the showdown with the allied imperialist forces over the past scores of years after the war, foiling the enemy's continued designs for aggression at every step by dint of the might of Songun, the might of a military power.

Recently when a hair-trigger situation was created, it

warded off the danger facing the country in time by demonstrating its leadership ability, thus saving the nation from the holocaust of war and safeguarding the peace and security of the world. That it defended the dignity and sovereignty of the country and the gains of the revolution in this fierce confrontation was a great victory born of our spiritual and moral superiority and the might of the great unity of the army and people who are single-heartedly united around the WPK.

The immortal exploits and valuable experience achieved by the WPK in carrying out the cause of the Juche revolution under the banner of independence, Songun and socialism are of historic significance in the victorious advance of our revolution and in implementing the cause of independence of the masses.

By building an invincible socialist power on this land under the unfurled banner of Juche, the WPK has remarkably raised the dignity and status of our Republic in the international arena and laid everlasting foundations for the prosperity of the country and accomplishment of the cause of the Juche revolution.

The theory of the geopolitical fate of the Korean peninsula which had been in distress as an arena of competition by world powers has already become a thing of the bygone days, and our socialist Republic is exercising its rights and influence on its own terms as the master of its own destiny and motive force of the development of the

situation in the region and the rest of the world.

The US imperialists and their followers may grow desperate, but the WPK and our people have now become able to build a people's paradise and achieve the eternal prosperity of the country and nation by stepping up the construction of a thriving socialist nation in their own way with their own strength, technology and resources by dint of the might of single-hearted unity and powerful defence capabilities whose pivot is nuclear deterrent.

The WPK has proved in practice the justness of the cause of independence of the masses, the cause of socialism, and the inevitability of its victory.

It has led the struggle to defend socialism and build a thriving country with success in the worst conditions and circumstances and thereby clearly showed that the cause of independence of the masses is a justice and socialism is a science.

Through its historical struggle the WPK has evidently proved the truth of history that socialism and justice are alive on this planet, they are sure to prevail over the imperialists' high-handedness and arbitrariness, and nothing can check the trend of the times towards anti-imperialist independence and socialism.

The sacred revolutionary cause of the great party of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il is ever-victorious and the final victory of our revolution is definite as long as it is guided by the WPK—this is the

summing up of the glorious 70-year history of the WPK.

Accomplishing the cause of the Juche revolution under the unfurled banner of the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is a historic mission of the WPK and its unshakable will.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is the one and only guiding ideology of the WPK and the eternal banner of its victory.

We should invariably follow the road of Juche to the end as indicated by the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

We should develop the WPK for ever as the party of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

We should hold up the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il as the eternal leaders of the WPK and organize and conduct its building and activities in line with their ideology and intentions.

We should staunchly safeguard their ideas of and exploits in building the WPK and add brilliance to them. Holding fast to their ideas of and instructions on building the WPK as the lifeline, organizations of the WPK should implement them to the last without an inch of deflection and incessantly intensify the work of exalting the brilliance of their leadership exploits.

We should establish the WPK's unified leadership system more firmly across it.

The entire WPK should be turned into a crystallization of ideology and faith, which is modelled on the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism. All the officials and other

WPK members should cherish an unshakeable faith that they do not know any other ideology than the revolutionary ideology of the WPK, launch an uncompromising struggle against all sorts of alien ideological trends, and thus ensure the definite ideological purity of the WPK.

It is important to strengthen the unity and cohesion of the WPK in every way and establish steel-strong organizational discipline whereby the entire WPK moves as one under the unified leadership of its Central Committee.

A strong sense of organization, discipline and unity are the lifeblood of a revolutionary party and the source of its invincible might. Thoroughgoing revolutionary discipline should be established whereby the entire WPK is united firmly around its Central Committee with one ideology and purpose, all the problems arising in the work and activities of the WPK are brought to it and dealt with according to its unitary decision, and all the organizations and members of the WPK work and live according to the order established within it.

The revolutionary climate of defending the WPK's ideology and policies and implementing them unto death should be maintained as the eternal tradition. All the organizations of the WPK should regard carrying out its policies as the main thing and persist in implementing its lines and policies without giving it up halfway.

The integral whole of the WPK and the masses should be further consolidated.

It is a source of the solidity and viability of the WPK and the most powerful weapon for defending the country and the revolution.

The entire WPK should hold high the slogan, "Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!" Cherishing the view of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il on the people, all the 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.

The entire WPK should launch an intense struggle against the abuse of power, bureaucratism and corruption, thus maintaining its original features as a revolutionary party of Juche, a motherly party, and thoroughly defending and serving the demands and interests of the masses.

Under the leadership of the WPK we should bring to completion the cause of the Juche revolution, the cause of socialism, pioneered on Mt Paektu.

We should hold fast to the general line for building socialism and thoroughly carry it out.

The general line put forward by the great Comrade Kim Il Sung, the line of carrying out the ideological, technological and cultural revolutions while strengthening the people's government and steadily enhancing its functions and role, is a strategic line to be permanently adhered to in building socialism.

We should ensure that our people's government and socialist system are further strengthened and the people's government fully discharges its responsibility 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 independent and creative life. Work system and method of the people's government should be improved as required by the developing reality, and the unified guidance of the state over society and its functions as the organizer of economic work be enhanced, thereby giving powerful impetus to the building of a thriving country.

The three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—constitute the basic mode whereby the masses in socialist society realize their demand for independence.

The technological and cultural revolutions should be pushed forward with definite precedence given to the ideological revolution for successful implementation of the remoulding of man and transformation of nature and development of social relations in keeping with the requirements for building a thriving socialist country.

We should accelerate the building of a thriving socialist nation by holding fast to the WPK's line of attaching importance to ideology, military affairs and science.

Priority should be given to consolidating the political and ideological position, the primary fortress of our revolution.

By conducting five-point ideological education among

WPK members and other working people, we should prepare them to be giants in ideas and faith who burn their hearts with the revolutionary spirit of Paektu, the spirit of the blizzards of Paektu, and staunchly safeguard our single-hearted unity at any place and at any time, and to be vanguard fighters of the class who are possessed of a thoroughgoing sense of anti-imperialism and class consciousness and strive to fortify our class position, our revolutionary position, rock-solid. We must keep a watchful eye over all sorts of moves by the enemy to undermine our socialist system from within, approach these moves with political awareness and never allow any poisonous weeds of capitalism, however trifling, to sprout in the garden of socialism. The whole country should strive to do away with outmoded morality and way of life and give fullest play to the beautiful traits of a large socialist family that is sound and harmonious and in which all the people help and lead one another forward.

The future of the country and the prospects of the revolution depend on how young people of a new generation are prepared. All the organizations of the WPK should hold fast to its idea and line of attaching importance to young people and channel great efforts into the work with them to rally them closely around it, and encourage them all to become vanguard fighters of the revolution and young Songun heroes who carry forward pure and clean the ideological lifeblood, the blood of faith, of the WPK and

share destiny with it to the last.

Self-reliant defence capabilities are Songun Korea's dignity, sovereignty and guarantee for victory. The WPK's military line of self-reliant defence and its line of simultaneously promoting the two fronts should be carried out for further increasing the country's defence capabilities.

The KPA should thoroughly establish the command system of the Supreme Commander, a revolutionary military climate and steel-strong military discipline within it, and intensify the combat and political training, so as to prepare all the service personnel to be a-match-for- a-hundred combatants and all its units, an elite combat force. It should always make a breakthrough for advance in the first line of our revolution and give full play to its fighting mettle of "At a Go" and the might of great army-people unity on all the fronts of building a thriving nation.

We must turn out powerful cutting-edge military hardware of our own style in larger numbers, constantly reinforce self-defensive nuclear deterrent and perfect the preparedness for an all-people resistance.

It is the determination and will of the WPK to build an economic giant and a civilized nation by dint of modern science and technology at the earliest date possible. We should give definite precedence to the development of science and technology and also concentrate all our efforts on building a socialist nation with powerful economy and high standard of civilization, so that ours will assume all

the aspects of a thriving socialist country.

By adhering to the revolutionary economic line and policy put forward by the WPK, we should vigorously conduct the struggle to attain the goal of building an economic giant stage by stage while focusing our efforts on shoring up the vanguard sectors of the national economy.

We should direct primary effort 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 without anything to envy in the world.

We should develop all the cultural sectors including education, public health, sports, art and literature as appropriate to a civilized socialist nation to open up a new heyday of civilization in the 21st century.

The historic cause of national reunification, a long-cherished desire of the Korean nation, must be realized without fail.

National reunification is the paramount task for the WPK which has taken charge of the destiny of the country and nation. We must no longer tolerate the tragedy of national division that has lasted from one century into the next. As clarified in the three principles for national reunification, historic June 15 Joint Declaration and October 4 Declaration agreed upon by the north and south of Korea, we should reunify the country independently by rejecting foreign forces and on the principle of By Our

Nation Itself. By carrying out the wish and instructions of the great leaders, we should achieve the historic cause of national reunification and build a prospering reunified country on this land.

We should implement the WPK's foreign policy of independence and thus contribute to realizing the cause of global independence.

Under the ideals of independence, peace and friendship we should strive to develop relations with other countries that are friendly to us, strengthen friendship and unity with progressive peoples, resolutely frustrate the schemes for aggression and intervention by the imperialist and dominationist forces engrossed in high-handedness and arbitrariness, and achieve global peace, security and independence.

We are now faced with a heavy yet noble task of bringing earlier the final victory of the cause of the Juche revolution by braving difficulties and trials. All the service personnel and people should unite around the WPK with one mind and purpose and step up the general advance for the final victory of the revolution.

The WPK will, in the future, too, demonstrate to the whole world its dignity and might as the great party of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and etch only victory in the annals of its history.

The sacred cause of the great party of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il is ever-victorious.

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