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Dear voters,

Workers and officials of the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine, who are working with devotion for the sake of the country's prosperity at an outpost of our self-supporting economy,

Comrades,

Today, here at the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine under the Sunchon Area Youth Coal-mining Complex, a leading coal mine in our country, I voted for a delegate to the supreme power organ of our state.

I feel very pleased to have voted for a working-class candidate on the day of elections to the Supreme People's Assembly, the 15th such occasion in the history of our Republic, and to be seeing you, coal miners, whom I have always respected.

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to extend warm encouragement to the workers and officials of the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine who, with a pure heart by which they faithfully and sincerely support the Party and the state and through an indomitable labour struggle, are reliably defending a sector of the coal-mining front.

I also express my gratitude to all the voters across

the country who, aware that they are masters of state power and with patriotic enthusiasm, are taking an active part in the election of Deputies with faith and pride in our socialist cause.

I am firmly of the belief that, through today's election, our people's power will be consolidated to become as solid as a rock once again by the true representatives of the people, and the functions and role of our Republic's government will be further enhanced, as required by the new stage of transformation.

Comrades,

Today is a significant day when the coal miners of Chonsong are electing their representative who will take part in administering state affairs.

Every citizen of our Republic exercises the right to vote, but I don't think it is easy for everyone to get to the polls with a sense of great pride and honour.

In our country, where a new path of history is being blazed and the socialist cause advanced, the working class is the most powerful force of creation and transformation and the vanguard leading the whole society by dint of its steadfast revolutionary spirit and noble traits.

Among them, the workers in the coal-mining sector

are the hard core of the country, who are performing the most valuable feats in the vanguard of state building.

The achievements the coal miners here in Chonsong have made through a devoted struggle have been part of the cornerstone of the eye-opening advance and development achieved by our state, especially in the difficult and arduous last decade.

In every decade of the revolution to defend the lifeline of the national economy and the rejuvenation and prosperity of the country, they have written an admirable chronicle of struggle. In this way, they have made uninterrupted innovations in coal production, rising up more vigorously without hesitation even in the face of the hardships of recent years.

It is impossible to describe their painstaking efforts in a few words.

I can only feel deep reverence at the thought of the path of patriotism these most beautiful and purest people are following throughout their life beneath the ground others tread on so casually. The traces of their unyielding effort are evident at every bend on that path.

Here at this colliery, too, there are many patriotic miners' families who have been working for three generations. Without genuine affection for this country, they could not have worked in such deep pits generation

after generation—a job others would find so challenging.

As honest citizens who live for the good of their country with such faith and conscience, our coal miners are all the more valuable and trustworthy.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to you again for your patriotic and unsparing devotion of your precious sweat and enthusiasm to securing a lifeline of our self-supporting economy and to strengthening the pulse of our era, as well as for your heroic struggle for, and exploits in, supporting our Party and state with devoted efforts in the deep underground pits.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend warm greetings to the miners' wives and mothers who are making sincere, devoted efforts for the country's coal production, sharing one mind with their husbands and children, and also to the retired meritorious miners.

Comrades,

Coal is, as ever, the food for our industry and the driving force for the development of our self-supporting economy.

The faster we progress and our ideals turn into reality, the more urgent the need for coal is.

The fuel and raw materials for the backbone industries that serve as the engine of our state in pursuing prosperity and rejuvenation, come from coal.

For this reason, the recent Ninth Party Congress set it as the coal-mining industry's struggle target for the coming five years to boost its output 1.2 times from what it is at present.

The Chonsong Youth Coal Mine has dug mountains of coal with great patriotic enthusiasm from each of its pits, sharing a constant lifeline with the capital city of Pyongyang. So, I believe it will play the active role of a powerful engine driving the struggle to attain the target of the new five-year plan by displaying a daring fighting spirit and mettle.

You have been heroic and innovative, and I hope you will continue to exalt your great honour as eternal pacesetters and paragons of the coal-mining industry.

Comrades,

The Party Congress set it as a major strategic task during the new long-term plan to build housing for coal miners, give coal-mining areas a facelift and technically upgrade the coal-mining industry.

In an era when the whole country is undergoing a transformation and progressing, this is an important task which brooks no further delay or slacking and which our Party and state must carry out without fail.

Along with another determined revolution to eliminate the backward appearance of the coal-miners'

villages, which is far removed from the country's image and the requirements of the times, a new life and new culture of the most advanced working class will take an undisputed position in the centre of our times.

Comrades,

We cannot avoid challenges and obstacles on the way of our advance, but the citizens of our Republic who love their state and system and cherish steadfast faith in socialism and an indomitable revolutionary spirit will always achieve success on the strength of their concerted efforts and unity.

Respected comrade coal miners in Chonsong,

The Party Central Committee firmly believes in you.

Let us achieve our beautiful and sacred ideals without fail by giving full play to the dignity and courage, wisdom and fortitude of the heroic working class.

Let us make more passionate, innovative and persistent efforts to glorify ours as a country which will be eternally powerful and prosperous.

I wish all the coal miners of the Chonsong Youth Coal Mine good health and their families joy and happiness.

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