

General Secretary Kim Jong Un declares Eighth WPK Congress closed



General Secretary Kim Jong Un delivered a closing address at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea on Tuesday. The following is the full text:

Dear delegates,

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea that has been held in a very crucial period in the course of the strengthening and development of our Party and the building of socialism of our style has made a full discussion of and decision on all items on the agenda thanks to the high enthusiasm of all the delegates and is to wrap up its work.

In the whole period of the congress all the delegates have taken part in all sincerity in the discussion of issues with the highest degree of Party consciousness and the highest sense of responsibility, positively offered their constructive opinions and reached a consensus in their opinions, thereby giving full play to the militant features of our Party that works, fights and advances.

There have been many important Party-wide political meetings including congress so far and the participants have shown immense enthusiasm every time as they received the policies and ideas of the Party Central Committee, but I see for the first time such an extraordinary zeal for participation as in the Eighth Party Congress, in which all the participants are so interested and immersed in the discussion of issues.

Every delegate made a positive and serious study of all issues discussed as they racked their brains and felt anxious over the issues by combining them with the success and failure of our revolutionary work and the destiny of themselves and their children and enthusiastically participated in the strenuous work of the congress.

Always conscious of the expectations and hopeful gaze of millions of our Party members and tens of millions of other people who watched the congress and assuming heavy responsibility together for the progress and development of the revolutionary work, all the delegates have devoted all their mind to deciding on the most correct and powerful orientation

and leap forward towards a new target of struggle even in the face of manifold challenges and ordeals.

All the Party members, service personnel and other people have strived hard at their workplaces and posts so as to defend the Eighth Party Congress and expressed their enthusiastic support and expectations for the Party congress by dint of their unprecedented successful work results.

In the name of the congress, I extend warm thanks to all the Party members and other people and service personnel for displaying boundless devotion and the revolutionary spirit as they maintained high alert to ensure the success of the Eighth Party Congress.

Dear delegates,

The Eighth Congress of the WPK served as a congress of struggle and progress, which demonstrated the steadfast will of the revolutionaries to achieve the prosperity and development of our style of socialism without fail, with self-confidence in victory and courage and by invariably holding aloft the banner of great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

The congress made a close analysis of the subtle changes in the situations at home and abroad and the subjective and objective environment they influence our revolution, and correctly reviewed the work of the last five years. Accordingly, based on the new environment and revolutionary situation, it put forward scientific and correct strategic and tactical policies for readjusting and developing the foundations of the national economy and consolidating the state and social system, thereby clearly indicating the direction of advance of the overall work of the Party and the state.

I am convinced that this has provided a fresh motive force for our advance and set up a clear milestone and, therefore, this congress marked a turning point in powerfully propelling our sacred cause.

The Eighth Congress of our Party is of great significance also in the strengthening and development of the Party.

Having gone through another great process in the

of our struggle and the strategy and tactics. I feel deeply impressed and greatly encouraged by this, and I feel very grateful for this.

The revolutionary line and immediate fighting plans set by the Eighth Party Congress will instil a great hope in all the Party members and other people for our future, inspire the masses of the people to a new struggle and exploits and bring about a decisive turn in further strengthening our Party organizationally and ideologically and improving its capability of leadership in overall revolution and construction.

Dear delegates,

The current Eighth Party Congress has powerfully demonstrated once again the might of unity and revolutionary passion peculiar to our Party and people, who firmly unite with a single ideology and purpose and make an uninterrupted advance

course of strengthening and developing our Party, we are now filled with self-confidence and pride in our struggle more than ever before, and deeply feel once again the importance of the responsibility we have shouldered for ourselves.

The decisions of a Party congress are our Party's strategy and tactics for achieving a fresh victory in the building of our style of socialism, a pledge the Workers' Party of Korea makes for the revolution and people and, at the same time, a supreme order our great people give to the Party Central Committee.

Our Party members and delegates to this congress should approach the decisions of the Party congress from such a noble standpoint and accept it seriously and with honour.

The future of the socialist cause hinges on how the tasks set by this Party congress, including the five-year plan for national economic development, are fulfilled.

We should thoroughly carry out the highly important tasks set by the Party congress without condition so as to bring about another upsurge in our revolution and provide our people with better and more stable living conditions and environment as early as possible.

We should arrange the study involving the whole Party for implementing the decisions of the Party congress so as to thoroughly accept the tasks and duties of struggle fixed by the Party congress, and wage a determined struggle so as to develop socialist construction onto a new stage.

Therefore, Party organizations at all levels should organize intensive studies for firmly arming the people with the documents and decisions of the Party congress, effectively hold discussions and conduct organizational and political work for implementing them, and work out elaborate tactics and wage a powerful struggle to implement the decisions of the Party congress.

They should first galvanize Party members into action so as to make them lead others to new miraculous feats through their pacesetter role and make all the units and the whole country seethe with the efforts for implementing the decisions of the Party congress.

It is needed to organize the Party-wide study on the newly-revised Party Rules, and Party organizations and members should thoroughly establish a climate of observing the norms stipulated in Party Rules in every process and on every occasion of Party work and life.

Dear delegates,

Innumerable trials and difficulties are still challenging us, but our determination is definite and our future is promising.

As in the past, so in the future, our Party will remain infinitely faithful to the people-first principle and do its best to continue to achieve fresh victory in socialist construction.

As the WPK holding aloft the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as its ever-victorious banner is correctly leading the revolution and construction and there is the invincible might of the single-hearted unity of the Party and the masses, our revolution will make steady progress, overcoming every manner of difficulties.

Let us all advance dynamically towards a fresh victory of the revolution with strong confidence in the victory of the socialist cause, the revolutionary cause of Juche, and rallying rock-solid around the Party Central Committee.

Fully convinced that, thanks to the great fighting efficiency, power of unity, extraordinary patriotic enthusiasm and indomitable perseverance of the organizations and members of the entire Party, all other people and service personnel, the strategy and policies of struggle put forward by this congress will successfully be carried out and epoch-making progress will be achieved in the building of our own style of socialism, I declare the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea closed.

Eighth WPK Congress draws to a close



The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea closed on Tuesday after successfully finishing the discussion on its agenda items amid full support and expectations of all the Party members, other people and service personnel of the People's Army.

The eighth-day meeting of the congress was held amid the full display of the delegates' revolutionary will to remain boundlessly loyal to the idea and leadership of the Party Central Committee and dedicate themselves to implementation of the decision made at the congress and unconditionally serve the people.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, took the platform of the congress venue.

All the delegates raised stormy cheers of "hurrah!" in reverence for the general secretary who put up a signpost for a new great victory of the Party and revolution and glorified the Party congress as a revolutionary one for progress and innovation with his extraordinary ideological and theoretical wisdom and seasoned leadership.

Kim Jong Un made an important conclusion related to the Eighth Party Congress.

He said the congress which held as the eighth one in the history of the Party brought up the immediate plan of struggle for opening up a period of fresh upsurge, a period of great changes in the revolution and construction and important issues arising in developing the Party, and sincerely discussed them.

Saying that he found it hard to repress his grateful and heavy feelings while receiving the greatest honour of being entrusted with the duty of the supreme leader of the

dignified WPK again by all the delegates and other Party members, he solemnly swore that he would do his best to implement the fighting programme set forth at the congress with the sacred mission that he represents the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and is responsible for it, and devote himself to serving the people as befitting their true servant, believing in the great people as in Heaven.

He clarified the main idea and the main spirit of the congress and specially stressed the need for the whole Party to deeply cherish again and uphold the three ideas—"The people are God", "single-minded unity" and "self-reliance."

Saying that we should be ready for more difficult offensive for making a breakthrough head-on to win a fresh victory and make a brilliant progress in accomplishing the cause of socialism, he ardently appealed to everyone to make a more dynamic struggle for successful fulfilment of the struggle programme advanced at the Eighth Congress of the Party, for the development of the glorious WPK and victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche and for the great people.

As soon as he finished his conclusion, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers and applause, expressing their absolute support for his important conclusion.

The congress entered into procedures for adopting a resolution on the first agenda item "The review of the work of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea".

It examined the creative and constructive opinions summed up by the resolution drafting committee at the sectoral consultative meetings

and decided to reflect them in the resolution of the Eighth Party Congress.

The delegates unanimously admitted that the scientific, realistic and dynamic goals and tasks in line with the demand of the developing revolution were reflected in the resolution.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK solemnly adopted with unanimous approval of the participants the resolution on the first agenda item "On thoroughly carrying out the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea".

General Secretary of the WPK Kim Jong Un made a closing address at the Eighth Congress of the WPK. Highly appreciating that the unity and revolutionary enthusiasm peculiar to the Party and people making steady advance and leaping forward towards the goal of fresh struggle, united close in the one idea and purpose despite manifold challenges and trials were erupted once again with the Eighth Congress of the Party as a momentum, he sent warm thanks to all the members of the Party, other people and service personnel of the People's Army who have kept highly strained attitude and displayed great devotion and revolutionary spirit to ensure the successful congress.

Saying that the decision of the Party congress is the strategy and tactics of the Party to win a fresh victory in Korean-style socialist construction, its pledge before the revolution and people and a supreme order given by our great people to the Central Committee of the Party, he said earnestly that the Party members and delegates should receive the decision made at the congress heavily and

honorable from such noble viewpoint.

Expressing the belief that the strategy and policies for struggle advanced at the congress would be successfully carried out and signal progress made in the construction of the Korean-style socialism thanks to high fighting efficiency, might of unity, extraordinary patriotic enthusiasm and indomitable efforts of all the organizations and members of the Party, other people and service personnel of the People's Army, he declared the Eighth Congress of the WPK closed.

The song "The Internationale" was solemnly played.

At the end of the congress, all the participants raised long enthusiastic cheers in reverence for Kim Jong Un, the great head of the WPK, the dignified Party, and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, in token of their overflowing pledge of loyalty and iron will.

Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the delegates who joined him for taking the heavy responsibility facing the Party and devoted themselves for the sake of success in the congress, always aware of the expectation and eyes of millions of Party members and other tens of millions of people during the whole period of the congress.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK, which took place at a crucial and important time in the development of the revolution, fully demonstrated the revolutionary appearance and militant spirit of the WPK in which the whole Party forms a solid integral whole and makes ceaseless creations and innovations, as it set forth the correct orientation to be followed by the Party and people at the present stage and



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scientific strategic and tactical policies and secured the strong traction power for their materialization.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK will be brilliantly recorded in the history of the Party and country as a political event that made a great watershed in the militant course

for strengthening of the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and overall development of the cause of Korean socialism, and as the congress for struggle and advance

that vigorously propelled the historic march for ushering in a period of fresh upsurge.

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and role as the driving force of national defence in the face of any form of threat and emergency.

We must raise the defence science and technology to a higher level and carry out the goals and tasks of munitions production without fail, so as to guarantee the historic onward march of our Party with the strongest military strength during the new five-year plan period.

In order to successfully carry out our responsible and important revolutionary tasks facing us today, we must, first of all, strengthen the Party and enhance its leadership role.

A great heyday of the development of the Party and the revolution will be ushered in when the organizations of the whole Party are built up into loyal vanguard ranks, work in a revolutionary and enterprising manner and satisfactorily perform their role as the political general staff of the relevant units.

By directing their main efforts to their internal work, all Party organizations must put the ranks of their cadres and members on a streamlined basis and develop them into an elite force and intensify the guidance over Party life more than ever before, thereby steadily building up the organizational and ideological foundations of the Party.

We must establish a well-knit system and fresh method of Party work throughout the Party so as to make it a working party, a fighting party, a militant party.

Party organizations must brace themselves to launch organizational and political work in a brave, high-spirited manner to carry out the new line of struggle and strategic and tactical policies, and properly play the role of helmsman in their relevant units' work.

They must eliminate such tendencies as taking administrative affairs upon themselves as they are engrossed only in economic work, and regard it as an iron rule to resolve all problems arising in the revolution and construction strictly in a Party-oriented, political way of giving full play to the spiritual strength of Party members and other working people.

In particular, the Organizational Leadership Department, Information and Publicity Department and other departments of the Party Central

Committee should intensify Party-oriented, political leadership meticulously and offensively to implement the decisions of the Party congress.

Officials, the commanding personnel of the revolution, must fully discharge their responsibilities and duties in the vanguard of the advancing ranks.

Their abilities and role decide the destiny of their units and sectors.

The manifold difficulties and trials facing our revolution at present and the great cause of building a powerful socialist country assigned to our generation demand that officials shoulder all the burdens and display extraordinary working ability, enthusiasm and devotion.

This is the very time which badly needs those officials who make painstaking efforts to reduce, even a bit, the concerns and worries of the Party and state, know nothing but the revolution and work and strive to do something for the good of the people, and expedite any tasks.

All officials, with a determination to prove their fidelity to the Party, revolution and people with working ability and results in practice, must make completely new arrangements from the start of the grand journey after the Party congress.

Always remembering the expectations of the people, they must make redoubled efforts so that they can review their everyday result with pride and conscience.

They must learn with open mind what they do not know, improve their insufficient ability even burning the midnight oil and make increasingly exacting demand on themselves without allowing complacency and inertia, and thus bring about revolutionary improvement in their fighting spirit and working style.

All the Party members must play the core, pacesetter role in the effort for implementing the tasks set forth by the Party congress.

If they turn out with redoubled efforts to brave today's hardship in the vanguard, there is no difficulty we cannot surmount nor fortress we cannot seize.

All Party members must play their part in the most difficult and labour-consuming work sites by carrying forward the soul and spirit of the preceding generations who won a great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War with indomitable spiritual strength and heroic struggle and

successfully carried out postwar rehabilitation in a short span of time, even tightening their belts.

The heaviest are the duties entrusted to the newly elected members of the central leadership body of the Party and all the delegates here in carrying out with credit the sacred fighting goals and tasks set forth by the Eighth Party Congress.

The newly elected members of the Eighth Party Central Committee must remember the precious trust and expectations of Party members and other people at all times and at all places, and produce substantial results of their work by displaying a high sense of responsibility and devotion in the struggle for implementing the tasks set forth by the Party congress.

All the delegates must throw themselves heart and soul into and stubbornly struggle for making sure that the tasks set by the Party congress, which they personally discussed and decided on, are carried out without fail at their posts and workplaces.

The delegates, who know better than anyone else about the urgent requirements of the Party and the revolution, must deeply implant the idea and spirit of the Party congress in the hearts of the masses and arouse them by setting personal examples, so as to bring about a remarkable development in the work of their sectors and units.

Dear delegates,

We must be prepared to wage a more arduous frontal attack in order to achieve a fresh victory and brilliant advance of our socialist cause.

The hostile forces will try to check our advance more frantically, and the world will watch how the political declaration and fighting programme of our Party are realized.

As long as there are the burning loyalty and invincible might of the single-hearted unity of all Party members and other people and service personnel who support the ideas and decisions of our Party with their consistent actions and practices, we are sure to emerge victorious.

Let us all fight on more vigorously for the brilliant fulfillment of the fighting programme put forward by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, for the development of the glorious WPK, for the victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche, and for our great people.

Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun with new Party central leadership members

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on Tuesday, together with the newly-elected members of the Eighth Party central leadership body.

Accompanying him were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, first vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and secretary of the Party Central Committee, Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-chairman of the Party Central Military Commission and secretary

of the Party Central Committee, and Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The visitors were filled with solemn emotion as they visited the supreme temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance as the sun after being entrusted with heavy

responsibilities as members of the Party central leadership body at the Eighth Congress of the WPK, an important political event in the development of the Party and the revolution.

A basket of flowers in the name of the WPK Central Committee was laid at the statues of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un, together with the members of the Party central leadership body, paid

high tribute to the great leaders at their statues.

At the halls of immortality where the great leaders lie in state, he made deep bows to them with deepest reverence for them, the eternal leaders of the WPK and the Korean people and peerlessly great sages who always live in the hearts of the people, providing them with inexhaustible power for victory and strong will for struggle and strengthening the pillar of their faith.

The members of the Party central leadership body

made a firm resolve to cherish the decision of the historic Eighth WPK Congress as a solemn pledge made before the people and a supreme order given by them and achieve a new victory in the revolution by fulfilling their important responsibilities entrusted by the Party, the country and the people, true to the leadership of the General Secretary of the WPK.

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Resolution of Eighth WPK Congress adopted

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, on the basis of an in-depth discussion of the important matters facing the WPK and revolution, adopted with the unanimous approval of all its participants the resolution "On thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the Seventh WPK Central Committee".

The resolution appreciated that the "Report on the Work of the Seventh WPK Central Committee" given by General Secretary Kim Jong Un of the WPK at the congress correctly reviewed the brilliant victories and successes achieved by the Party and people in the period under review and scientifically specified the orientation and ways of the struggle for making an epochal advance of the cause of Korean socialism in the coming five years.

Reflected in the resolution are new goals of struggle to be attained in all fields, including the economy,

national defence, culture and management of state and society, to lead socialist construction to the next stage of victory on the basis of the valuable successes, experience and lessons of the revolution under the prevailing internal and external situations, and innovative ways for implementing them.

The resolution, which was deeply studied and discussed through sectoral consultative meetings of delegates, comes to be the most important practical programme which comprehends the organizational intention and determination of the entire Party with its scientific accuracy, feasibility and dynamism fully guaranteed.

The resolution noted that the congress made a comprehensive, all-round, anatomical analysis and review of the mistakes manifested in the implementation of the decision made at the Seventh Congress of the Party for the past five years and their reasons, and discussed in

depth the practical ways for setting them right, true to its nature as the congress for work, struggle and advance.

It expressed the unshakable intention of the Eighth Congress of the WPK to correct and overcome the mistakes by raising the intensity of struggle throughout the Party and bring about an epochal advance in the development of the Party and socialist construction.

It also specified the goals for socialist construction to be attained in the coming five years, which reflect the revolutionary aspiration and determination of all delegates and the entire Party members to thoroughly implement the militant tasks set forth by the respected General Secretary in his report on the work of the Seventh Party Central Committee.

The adoption of the resolution, which made clear the correct signpost for the state and people to the eminence of great power and prosperity at the crucial time of

linking the glorious 75-year-long history of the WPK to the one of 80 years, is a manifestation of the revolutionary will of millions of Party members to achieve a new victory of socialism by deeply cherishing once again the idea of "The people are God" and the ideas of single-minded unity and self-reliance.

The resolution adopted by the Eighth Congress of the Party at a time when all Party members and other people across the country started their advance in the first year of the 2020s, full of confidence and optimism, will serve as an inspiring militant banner which will lead the new-stage historic struggle for comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism to great creation and changes.

The resolution will be distributed to the Party organizations at all levels as a text for internal use.

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Grand art performance celebrates Eighth WPK Congress

Grand art performance "We Sing of the Party" was staged in splendour in celebration of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on Wednesday.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, saw the performance.

Among the audience were Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Ri Pyong Chol and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other delegates to the Eighth Party Congress.

The moment the General Secretary appeared in the venue amid the welcome music, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" burst forth.

The performance which was performed by creators and artistes of army and civil art troupes including prestigious major art troupes and art educational institutions, athletes and youth and students was divided into two parts.

It started with the overture consisting of instrumental music and song *We Sing of the Party*. Put on the stage of Part One "The Party is Our Guide" were the famous music pieces sung heartily by the people and service personnel in reverence for the great Party which has vigorously led the cause of Juche along the one road to victory and honour glorifying each historic Party congress as the starting point

for a new leap in the revolution and a watershed in the building of a prosperous country.

When the immortal hymn *Cantata to Marshal Kim Il Sung*, which had stirred the era in the stern year 60-odd years ago when the Third Congress of the Party took place, was played as an orchestral music and song, the audience was full of profound feeling of respect for President Kim Il Sung who pioneered the new era of independence and created the epoch-making example of building a revolutionary party, state and armed forces.

Part One which ended with mass gymnastics "Happy Tomorrow" and "Let's Defend Socialism" impressively represented the immortal feats of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who created the new history of building Korean-style socialism, which is dignified with independence, self-sustenance and self-reliance in defence, by

developing the WPK into the strong guiding force of the revolution.

Put first on the stage of Part Two of the performance "Following Our Party Forever" were juvenile chorus *March of Children's Union* and congratulatory poem *We Sing of Our Motherly Party* which reflect the bold spirit of Children's Union members growing lively to become masters of prosperous Korea while realizing their beautiful dreams and hopes in the embrace of the Party.

Through the male vocal trio and chorus *Hymn to the Party*, an all-people hymn to the Eighth Congress of the WPK, the performers fully represented absolute trust in the Party which created the grand flower garden of people-first principle and put the dignity and national power of socialist Korea on a remarkably high level by confidently leading the country and the people along the straight road to victory even in the face of unprecedently arduous trial.

Glory to General Kim Jong Un.

The performance, in which the vocal music, instrumental music, dance and mass gymnastics were coordinated with original 3-D multimedia, distinctive lighting and vertical flash-card background to display the aspect of development of Juche art, unfolded the majestic and fascinating world of art to be acclaimed by the audience.

After the performance was over, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" burst forth again in reverence for the General Secretary.

Warmly waving back to the enthusiastically cheering people, he expressed satisfaction with the successful performance that gave a grand epic portrayal of validity and invincibility of the ideology and cause of the ever-victorious WPK.

The grand performance demonstrated the iron faith and stamina of all the Party members.

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The performance instilled into the entire audience the iron truth that the fighting goals and tasks set forth at the Eighth Party Congress will surely be achieved and the cause of socialism will win victory after victory as long as there are the wise leadership of the General Secretary, the symbol of mightiness of Juche Korea, and the steel-strong single-hearted unity that has been consolidated in the long course of struggle. It ended with the finale consisting of orchestral music, chorus and dance

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un has photo session with delegates to Eighth WPK Congress

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, had a photo session with the delegates to the Eighth Congress of the WPK on Thursday.

Present there were Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Ri Pyong Chol and Kim Tok Hun, members of the

Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK.

When the General Secretary appeared at the venue of the photo session amid the playing of welcome music, all the delegates broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!", extending the highest

glory to him who glorified the Eighth Congress of the WPK as a congress of struggle and progress for enhancing the leadership ability and fighting efficiency of the great Party in every way and hastening a new victory of the revolution with confidence.

He posed for a picture with the delegates, expressing his belief that they would break through all challenges and obstacles in their

advance with the revolutionary spirit of Paektu, the spirit of self-reliance and fully discharge their revolutionary duty in the struggle for implementing the decision made at the Eighth Congress of the WPK as the core of the Party and the pioneers of the era, under the uplifted red flag of the Juche-type Party.

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Eighth WPK Congress celebrations topped off with military parade

A military parade took place in splendour at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on Thursday evening to commemorate the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The band of the State Affairs Commission and the central military band of the Ministry of Defence took the distinctively-decorated bandstand to play parade music.

Parade columns entered the square majestically with the pride of having reliably defended the Eighth Congress of the WPK by dint of the arms of the revolution.

The columns of mechanized units which would demonstrate the inexhaustible might of the armed forces of the DPRK lined up on the avenues leading to the square.

Air squadrons were also waiting for an order of sorties in high spirits.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, appeared on the platform of the square amid the playing of the welcome music.

Cheers of "Hurrah!" for the Supreme Leader and chants of "Kim Jong Un" and "Devoted defence" rocked heaven and earth

and fireworks brightly decorated the nocturnal sky of January.

The platform was taken by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission

and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and premier of the DPRK Cabinet.

Members of the Eighth Party central leadership body appeared on the platform, including Pak Thae Song, Jong Sang Hak, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Tu Il, Choe Sang Gon, Kim Jae Ryong, O Il Jong, Kim Yong Chol, O Su Yong, Jong Kyong Thaek, Ri Yong Gil, Pak Thae Dok, Ho Chol Man, Kim Hyong Sik, Pak Myong Sun, Ri Chol Man, Thae Hyong Chol, Kim Yong Hwan, Pak Jong Gun, Yang Sung Ho, Jon Hyon Chol and Ri Son

of the WPK and special guests.

Amid the playing of song *The Glorious Motherland*, a 21-gun salute was fired.

Kim Jong Gwan, minister of Defence of the DPRK, made an address.

Then, there was a ceremony of hoisting the national flag.

Korean People's Army Marshal Pak Jong Chon, chief of the General Staff of the KPA, made a report to KPA Marshal Ri Pyong Chol that the parade units lined up to undergo preliminary inspection for the parade.

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The vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission inspected the parade units and then courteously reported to the General Secretary of the WPK that the military parade for commemorating the Eighth Party Congress was ready to start.

The parade began led by the command car carrying the chief of the KPA General Staff, amid the playing of dynamic march music.

The column of the honour cavalrymen ran past the square, followed by the column of loyal lifeguards.

The columns of the first and second corps marched past in fine array, demonstrating their pride as the eldest corps of the KPA and the unit where "a match for a hundred" was coined.

Then the columns of the fourth corps standing guard over the gate to the southwestern part of the DPRK and the fifth corps, backbone corps of the KPA, strode past gallantly.

They were followed by the columns of the Navy and the Air and Anti-Aircraft Force.

The column of the Strategic Force, the reliable nuclear armed force of the WPK, was greeted with enthusiastic cheers of the audience.

The columns of ground, sea and air snipers and light infantrymen demonstrated the spirit of invincibility of the strong revolutionary army of a-match-for-a-hundred combatants.

Also resounding through the square were the footsteps of the columns of the anti-aircraft artillery corps, 91st corps and 3rd corps standing guard over the capital city of Pyongyang and those of the corps tightly defending the coasts and border gateways of the country.

The columns of tank units and mechanized infantry divisions rolled past the square, demonstrating the might of the revolutionary armed forces.

They were followed by the columns

of mountain warfare infantrymen and reconnoitres and such special arms as electronic jamming unit and then the column of armed mobile unit for public security which marched past demonstrating heroic spirit.

The Supreme Leader warmly acknowledged the marchers.

Following the formation of guard planes, the red hawks of the Party, in the pattern of the Party emblem, flew past the sky above the square letting off the fireworks to brighten the sky.

The columns of mechanized units began their procession led by the column of armoured vehicles.

The columns of mainstay tanks began their procession.

They were followed by the procession of ultra-modern self-propelled artillery pieces to demonstrate strong fire strike capabilities, grandly showing off the might of the artillery force.

The columns of rockets with powerful striking capability of thoroughly annihilating enemies in a

preemptive way outside the territory roared past.

Seeing the mainstay equipment of the latest type, spectators keenly realized the strength of the DPRK, the strength of a powerful country, which stockpiled the entity of force majeure.

Submarine-launched ballistic missiles entered the square in succession, being greeted with cheers of the audience.

The spectators extended the highest glory and warmest congratulations to Kim Jong Un who ushered in a new era of self-existence and prosperity by raising the DPRK into a worldwide nuclear power.

At the end of the military parade, fireworks were shot off again amid the thunderous cheers.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering crowds.

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DPRK defence minister addresses military parade



power of the country's heroic armed forces that take the lead in defending and carrying on the revolutionary cause of the WPK headed by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and for encouraging the whole Party, all the people and the entire army to wage a struggle in the new era ushered in by the Eighth Congress of the Party.

The majestic elite units and invincible armoured ranks of the DPRK that will proudly march past Kim Il Sung Square is the symbol of its absolute power, he said.

The path the country is following is the most sacred and worthwhile one that leads socialist Korea to a more powerful and prosperous future, and its greatest strength is the single-heartedly united harmonious whole in which the whole Party, all the people and the entire army are closely rallied.

as one behind Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, he noted.

He said the armed forces of the DPRK will always remain faithful only to the order and instructions of the Supreme Leader and successfully fulfil their duty and mission at the forefront of the revolution entrusted by the Party.

The armed forces of the DPRK will strictly contain any military threats on the Korean peninsula and if the hostile forces endanger its security even a bit, they will preemptively use the strongest offensive power to thoroughly punish them and firmly defend the security of the country and the people and its socialist system, he said.

"Our army will ensure the new historic advance of the Workers' Party of Korea with the strongest military power."

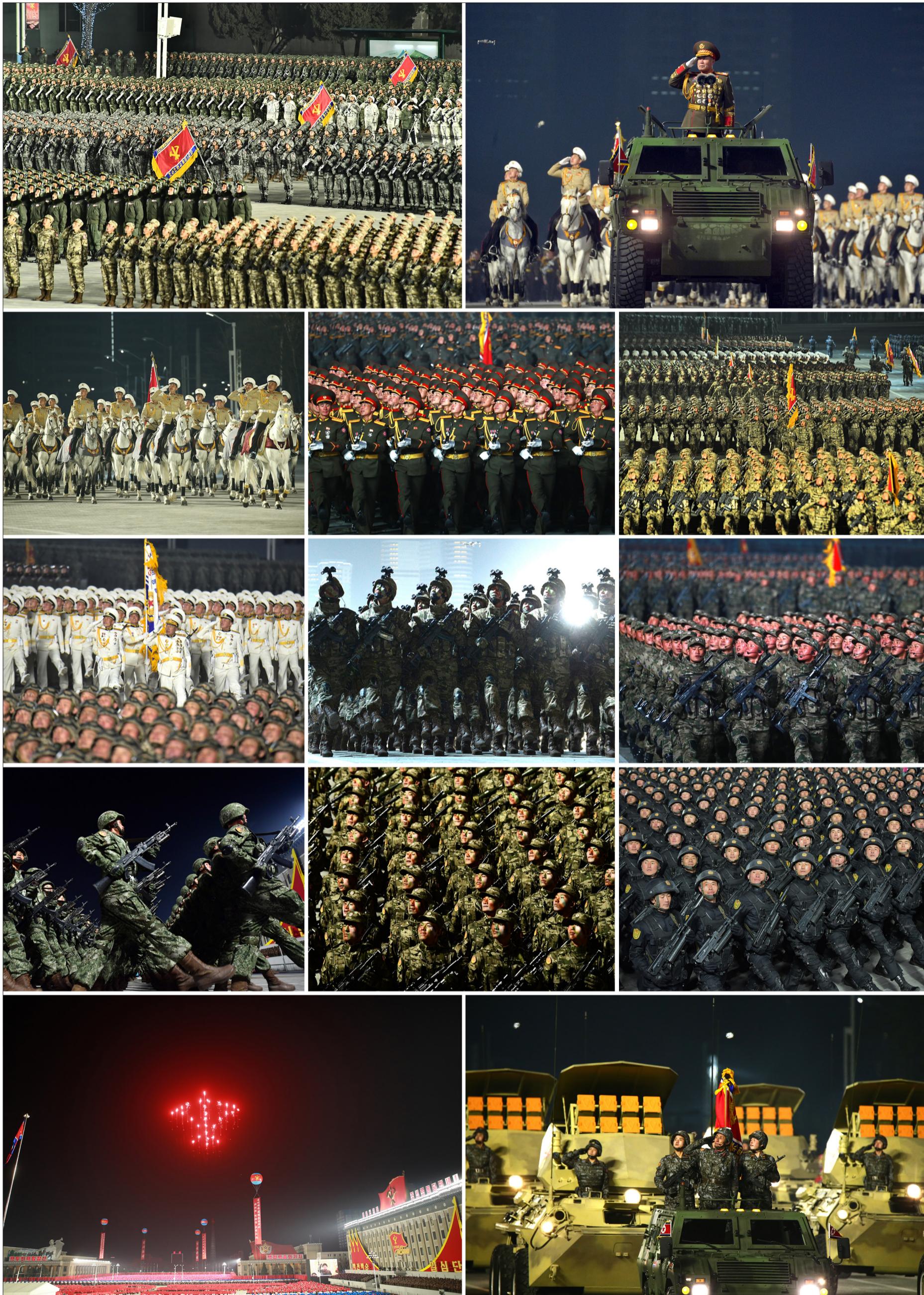
The DPRK will surely win as it is led by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, he concluded.



Kim Jong Gwan, minister of Defence of the DPRK, made a speech at the military parade which was held at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on Thursday in celebration of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

He said that the military parade would serve as a historic occasion for demonstrating at home and abroad once again the militant spirit and tremendous

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Fireworks display adds festive mood to Party congress

A dazzling fireworks display followed the military parade held in Pyongyang on Thursday evening in celebration of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Fantastic fireworks were set

off around the Tower of the Juche Idea amid the playing of songs *Glory to General Kim Jong Un and People's Jubilation*.

Citizens gathered at Kim Il Sung Square and on

the banks of the River Taedong and raised shouts of ecstasy, feasting their eyes on the fireworks.

They also had a huge dancing party at the square.

Fireworks were shot off in

succession to the tune of such songs as *Glory to Our Great Party* and *Our Leader Beloved of People*, representing the profound reverence for the Party Central Committee that exalts the dignity and might of the country and the people on the highest level by dint of the great idea and unity in the face of the stern historical trials.

Colorful fireworks in different shapes were displayed in the nocturnal sky, exciting the

dancing citizens at the square.

Watching the gorgeous explosion of fireworks, the participants in the congress and citizens renewed their will to remain true to the leadership of the great Party Central Committee and bring earlier the prospering tomorrow by advancing along the road of victory indicated by the Party congress.

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