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Kim Jong Un elected General Secretary of Workers' Party of Korea

A resolution of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea "On Election of General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea" was issued on January 10.

The resolution is as follows:

The general secretary of the WPK is the head of the Party who represents and leads the whole Party.

For the revolutionary Party, the head of the Party is the top brain of the revolution embodying the organizational intention of the whole Party and the centre of the leadership and unity.

To correctly elect the head of the Party comes to be a more important and vital requirement in the period of carrying forward the revolutionary cause and in the period of its fresh development.

The head of the Party vested with the most responsible and important mission by the times and the revolution should possess prominent qualities and capabilities for wisely leading the whole Party.

The current Congress fully supported and approved the courteous proposal for holding Comrade Kim Jong Un in high esteem as the general secretary of the WPK.

Comrade Kim Jong Un is the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution and the great symbol and representative of our dignified state and people, who has performed the greatest achievements for the Party and the revolution, the country and the people with his gifted ideological and theoretical wisdom, extraordinary leadership and noble traits.

Comrade Kim Jong Un readjusted the leadership abilities and fighting efficiency of the Party in a detailed and all-round way, as required by the idea of building the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and the developing revolution, and successfully enforced the people-first politics, and thus developed our Party into the powerful political General Staff of the revolution, steel-strong elite vanguard ranks and genuine motherly party both in name and reality.

Comrade Kim Jong Un has put the overall national power and position of our Republic on the highest level with his outstanding and experienced leadership in a short period of history, the greatest exploit to be most specially recorded in the history of the nation.

Under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un, the great action programmes and strategic and tactical guidelines for the revolution and construction in our era have been fully provided, the single-minded unity—the greatest national power of Juche Korea—consolidated in every way, the ranks of successors to the revolution firmly prepared and the popular nature of our state and social system made stronger.

Comrade Kim Jong Un tremendously strengthened the armed forces of the Republic into the invincible revolutionary army of the Party and powerful elite army with his Juche-oriented military idea and superb leadership over the army and turned the country into a world military power by successfully accomplishing the great historic cause of building the national nuclear forces.

Comrade Kim Jong Un firmly guaranteed the security and future of the



country and the people by strengthening the powerful physical means for self-defence so that no aggression forces can ever provoke our national defence capability. It is the peerlessly patriotic feat to be lauded by the nation generation after generation.

Comrade Kim Jong Un wisely led the struggle for readjusting and reinforcing the overall economy of the country and putting the national economy on a self-supporting and modern basis, ensured that a lot of monumental edifices were built in the country, which are products of the spirit of self-reliance and self-development, and opened up the era of great leap and innovation in all fields of the revolution and construction.

Thanks to the devoted efforts made by Comrade Kim Jong Un who made ceaseless journey of selfless dedication to the people, while regarding the hardships and creation for the people as the greatest pleasure and the worth of making the revolution, the most advantageous policies for the promotion of the people's wellbeing and their life and security have been restored and wonderlands for the people to

be proud of in the world mushroomed across the country.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, shouldering upon himself the heavy burden of the revolution, accomplished the undying feats for the country and nation. Yet, he credited the people with all the successes and put them forward as the great people and obliging people. He is the benevolent father of the people and great sage of the revolution followed by all our people with sincerity.

Comrade Kim Jong Un is defending independence, justice and peace with his outstanding diplomatic strategy and proficient external activities and steering the trend of the world politics to be favourable for our revolution.

It is the solemn demand of the times and history, the general will of all the Party members and the unanimous desire of our people to invariably hold in high esteem Comrade Kim Jong Un, the one and only heir to and leader of the Juche revolution and symbol of the mightiness of our state and banner of all victories and glory, as head of the WPK.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK decides to elect Comrade Kim Jong Un as general secretary of the WPK in reflection of the unanimous will and wish of all the delegates, all the Party members, other people across the country and service personnel of the People's Army for the sake of the development of the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and the fresh victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

All the Party organizations and members, other people and service personnel of the People's Army have to make a vigorous advance towards the implementation of the decisions adopted at the 8th Party Congress and the new victory in the building of a powerful socialist country under the leadership of the General Secretary, keeping deep in mind the great pride in and honour of holding in high esteem Comrade Kim Jong Un, the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, as the general secretary of our Party.

Eighth WPK Congress enters sixth day of meeting to deal with election agenda



Amid the high political awareness and great enthusiasm of the delegates, the sixth-day meeting of the Eighth Congress of the WPK was held on January 10.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, symbol of all victories and glory of the Korean people and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, came out to the venue of the congress together with platform holders.

The congress discussed its fourth agenda item "Election of the Central Leadership Body of the WPK".

According to the rules of the WPK, the leadership body of the Seventh Party Central Committee finished its term and the congress elected that of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

As the congress entered a discussion of the important issue of electing the new central leadership body which will take responsibility for and organize and direct Party building and overall revolutionary affairs in the new stage of struggle, a solemn atmosphere pervaded the venue of the congress.

Relevant articles of the "Regulations of election of the central leadership body of the WPK" were read out and the procedures of electing members and alternate members of the Party Central Committee began.

The nomination and election

took place after rational methods of recommending the candidates for members and alternate members were decided.

Delegate Jo Yong Won, upon authorization by the presidium of the congress, read the list of candidates for members of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

When he suggested the Supreme Leader as a candidate for member of the Party Central Committee, all the delegates broke into stormy cheers of hurray with loud applause.

All the suggested candidates were recommended as candidates for members of the WPK Central Committee with the unanimous approval of all the delegates.

Delegates unanimously acknowledged that recommended candidates are the comrades who have firmly armed themselves with the revolutionary idea of the Party, who are determined to dedicate themselves to the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche with strong faith and who have devotedly struggled for the good of the country and people.

The congress carried out an election of the recommended candidates.

When the chair courteously proposed electing Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un as a member of

the Party Central Committee in reflection of the unanimous will and desire of all the members of the Party including the delegates attending the congress, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!" and applause in token of their full support.

By raising their delegate certificates, they expressed their approval for the election of 138 recommended candidates as members of the Party Central Committee and gave an enthusiastic applause to their election with unanimous approval.

The congress elected alternate members of the Party Central Committee.

The delegates approved the number of the alternate members and deliberated on the qualifications of 111 recommended candidates for alternate members.

All the recommended candidates were elected as alternate members of the Party Central Committee with the unanimous approval of the delegates at the congress.

Then the congress discussed the most important and responsible issue of crucial significance in the development of the glorious WPK and the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

All the delegates were greatly

excited to enter the discussion of the most important issue of the election of the general secretary of the WPK, the head representing and leading the great Party.

Delegate Ri Il Hwan proposed holding the election concerning the general secretary of the WPK.

He referred to the great political significance of successfully electing the top leader of the Party who takes position as the leader, top-intellect of the revolution and centre of leadership and unity, and plays a decisive role in accomplishing the revolutionary cause of the masses of the people and the cause of socialism.

The philosophy that the greatness of the leader is just the one of the Party, the mightiness of the country and nation and the invincibility of the revolutionary cause was proved in the sacred history of the Korean revolution and the long world history of building revolutionary parties, he said, referring to the greatness and the peerless exploits of the Supreme Leader who wisely led the WPK and the Juche revolution by successfully carrying forward the revolutionary cause of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

All the delegates unanimously

First plenum of Eighth WPK Central Committee held under General Secretary Kim Jong Un

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the conference hall of the office building of the Central Committee of the Party on January 10.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the plenary meeting.

Attending the meeting were members and alternate members of the Party Central Committee who were elected at the Eighth Congress of the Party.

Present there as observers were leading officials of the departments of the Party Central Committee, provincial, city and county Party committees, ministries and national agencies.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party elected the Political Bureau and the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee headed by the General Secretary of the WPK.

The meeting elected secretaries of the Party Central Committee and organized its Secretariat.

It also elected the Central Military Commission of the Party and held an election of the Central Auditing Commission of the Party according to the revised Party rules.

It appointed department directors of the Party Central Committee and editor-in-chief of Rodong Sinmun, the organ of the WPK Central Committee.

The other important agenda item studied and discussed at the plenum was on establishing a new discipline and supervision system within the Party.



The boosted power of the Central Auditing Commission of the Party at the Eighth Congress of the Party is mainly aimed at further developing the WPK into the one which makes revolution, struggles and advances by setting up strict discipline and revolutionary discipline throughout the Party, he noted.

The General Secretary said the mission of the Party Central Auditing Commission has newly been regulated so as to make it further tighten the centralistic discipline in the Party, supervise and investigate all the violations of the Party's discipline, abuse of power, bureaucratic practices, irregularities and corruption and high-handed and arbitrary practices which impede the unified leadership of the Party Central Committee, examine the problem of Party discipline, deal with complaints and petitions and check the Party's financial management.

The plenary meeting, given that the authority of the Party Central

Auditing Commission has been raised so that it can specialize in supervision and investigation for tightening the discipline within the Party, decided to create an executive department as an organizational measure to guarantee its realization.

The meeting analysed that when the department in charge of the Party's discipline issue is established from the Party Central Committee to provincial, city and county Party committees and begins its work, practices of violating and challenging the Party's organizational discipline and breaking the rules and functions and all sorts of practices of tarnishing the revolutionary traits of the Party will be constrained a lot.

Clarifying the principle and methods of work to be maintained and the main tasks to be carried out by the department in charge of supervising Party discipline, the General Secretary referred to the need to strengthen Party guidance for bringing about

an improvement in the enforcement of state discipline and law so as to push ahead with the work of establishing the discipline of the Party and state in a unified and simultaneous way.

He put an important emphasis on always organizing and conducting work in the interests of the Party and the revolution and for the purpose of defending and firmly consolidating the single-minded unity of the Party and the masses when dealing with the breaking of rules and complaints and petitions.

The establishment of a new machinery and work system

for practically supervising and controlling the work of enforcing discipline within the Party with the Eighth Party Congress as an occasion provided a significant starting point and turning point for the Eighth Party Central Committee to powerfully conduct the work for tightening the discipline in the whole Party.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee held under the guidance of General Secretary Kim Jong Un served as an epochal occasion in providing a firm guarantee for effectively organizing and leading the work of implementing the crucial lines of struggle and strategic and tactical policies facing the Party and the revolution and in strengthening the leadership ability and militant function of the WPK in every way by thoroughly establishing iron discipline and revolutionary traits over the whole Party.

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Press release of First Plenary Meeting of Eighth WPK Central Committee

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Kim Tok Hun Jo Yong Won

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Ri Chol Man	Pak Jong Gun	

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General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea

Kim Jong Un

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Vice-chairman Ri Pyong Chol

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O Il Jong	Pak Jong Chon	Ri Yong Gil
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Kang Sun Nam	Kim Jong Gwan	

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Chairman Jong Sang Hak

Vice-chairmen Pak Thae Dok, Ri Hi Yong

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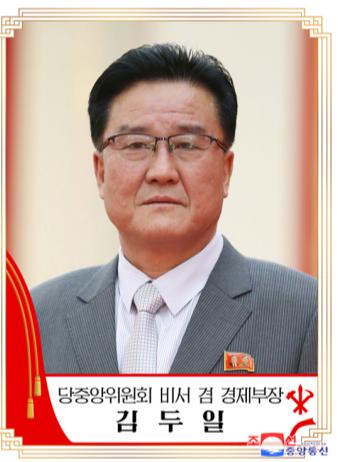
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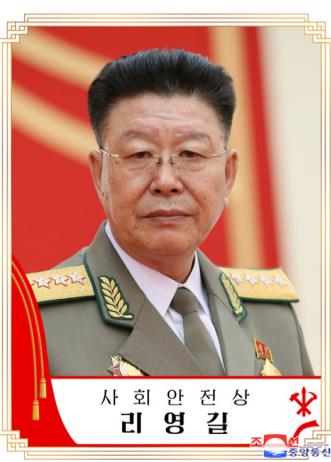
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Senior Party officials make a call on special guests to Party congress

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea invited officials and persons of distinguished services, who had worked in the Party, the government and the military for a long time, as special guests at the celebrations of the Eighth Party Congress.

Associated with this meaningful special invitation are particular trust and loving care shown by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un who always remembers officials and persons of distinguished services who had worked hard for the development of the WPK

and prosperity of the socialist country, true to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, and has repeatedly given them high honour and brought them happiness.

Jong Sang Hak, Kim Tu Il and Choe Sang Gon, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, visited the lodging quarters of special guests on Monday, warmly congratulated them and conveyed invitation cards in the name of the Party Central Committee.

The special guests extended their deep gratitude to Supreme

Leader Kim Jong Un, benefactor of revolutionary soldiers and supreme incarnation of revolutionary comradeship, after receiving the cards associated with the warm and profound love of the great leader.

The secretaries of the WPK Central Committee asked the revolutionaries of the elder generation to be healthy to further glorify their life as loyalists and have a pleasant time during the celebration period.

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acknowledged the undeniable truth of history that Kim Jong Un is the only one who will lead the WPK and the people.

Saying that it is the solemn demand of the times and firm faith of millions of Party members and other people to hold Kim Jong Un in high esteem as head of the WPK, he courteously proposed electing Kim Jong Un as general secretary of the WPK in reflection of the unanimous will of the whole Party and all the people at the congress.

All the delegates expressed full support with enthusiastic applause in great excitement.

The Eighth WPK Congress unanimously adopted a decision on electing Kim Jong Un as general secretary of the WPK in reflection of the unanimous will and desire of all the delegates and other Party members, all the people and service personnel of the People's Army to achieve the development of the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and a fresh victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

The election of Kim Jong Un, the most prominent political leader in the present era, as general secretary of the WPK is the biggest fortune and the

greatest happiness of the Party and people and it also marks an epoch-making political event providing a decisive guarantee for victory of Korean-style socialism and promising its rosy future.

Fervent cheers of the delegates resounded through the venue of the congress for a long time, reflecting their intense loyalty.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK was held after the election of the Party central leadership body.

Upon authorization of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, delegate Kim Jae Ryong reported the decision made at the First Plenary Meeting to the congress.

The congress elected the committee for drafting the resolution of the Party congress with members of the leadership body of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

The resolution drafting committee will guide the sectoral consultative meetings of delegates studying and discussing the issues of thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report given by the Supreme Leader to the congress, and will give general consideration to the issues raised at the consultative meetings, make a draft resolution and refer it to the congress.

Delegates hold consultative meetings to explore tasks for next five years



The sectoral consultative meetings of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea took place on Monday.

The meetings began studying the draft resolution for thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the Party Central Committee.

They were guided by 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 members of the Party central leadership body.

The meetings deeply studied and discussed the practical matters for carrying out the goals and tasks of the struggle to be carried out in all fields of socialist construction for the new advance and development of the Korean revolution in the coming five years.

The delegates unanimously acknowledged that scientific, realistic and dynamic development direction and detailed ways are urgently needed in their sectors and units in order to certainly orient overall Party and state work towards facilitating fresh innovation, bold creation and constant progress.

Discussions focused on the urgent issues for the Cabinet to properly manage the Cabinet-responsibility system and the Cabinet-centred system as the economic headquarters of the country on the economic front,

the major front for opening up a new avenue of socialist construction, strongly propel the work of strengthening the main arteries and integrity of the national economy and improve economic management.

At the consultative meeting of the industrial sector, delegates analysed on the basis of scientific calculation and numerical data the ways of focusing investment on metallurgical and chemical industries, regarding them as key links in the whole chain of the national economy, normalizing production in key industrial sectors including electric power, coal, machine-building and mining industries and putting the national economy on a more self-supporting, planned and serve-the-people basis in the period of the new five-year plan.

The consultative meeting in the agricultural sector discussed in depth the ways to attain the goal of grain production set by the Party without fail by directing efforts to making a radical turn in seed selection, doing farming on a scientific basis, increasing grain production on low-yield fields, cultivating new land and reclaiming tideland, and to complete the irrigation system and mechanization of the rural economy and intensify state assistance to rural communities.

The consultative meeting in the sector of light industry discussed the practical measures

to step up modernization, regarding it as the lifeline and main direction to promote the domestic production of raw materials and recycling, and to increase the output of consumer goods by improving their quality and putting efforts into developing new products.

The consultative meeting in the sectors of education, public health and culture studied the development strategies for their fields and units based on the innovative orientation and relevant tasks for socialist cultural construction advanced in the report of the Party congress.

The participants fully calculated the feasibility of the sci-tech development goals to be attained in every field in the period of the new five-year plan by accelerating sci-tech development, as intended by the Party which defined sci-tech development as the most important task and the optimum policy in socialist construction, and the ways for carrying them out.

Suggested were innovative opinions conducive to steadily updating teaching contents and methods and teaching management system in keeping with the current world trend of educational development and as required by pedagogy in the education field, developing socialist public health and cementing the anti-epidemic base to be strong enough to tackle any global health crisis

by consolidating the material and technical foundations of the public health sector and ushering in a new heyday of socialist culture by making a radical turn in the fields of art and literature, media and sports.

The consultative meetings in the fields of military affairs and munitions industry discussed issues arising in implementing the important strategic tasks for strengthening national defence capabilities, the cornerstone of the existence of the state and the sure guarantee for safeguarding the dignity and security of the country and people and preserving peace.

Delegates suggested significant and urgent measures for carrying out the grandiose plan of the Party Central Committee for fully preparing the Korean People's Army to be the revolutionary army modelled on the WPK, ultra-modern army and reliable defender of the state and people, and remarkably developing the defence industry.

The delegates participating in the consultative meeting of officials of Party and working people's organizations had in-depth discussions of issues with a high Party sense of responsibility, guided by the Party's leadership idea which calls for bringing about a fundamental turn in Party work and for strengthening working people's organizations in line with the requirements of the times and the developing

reality.

The participants had discussions on practical issues arising in pushing forward with the work of establishing and steadily intensifying the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee as a main line, in strengthening the leadership and fighting efficiency of the Party in every way by thoroughly establishing an iron discipline within the Party and making a revolutionary climate prevail throughout the Party, and in improving Party work.

In the consultative meeting of working people's organization, officials heard opinions on equipping all the members of working people's organizations, the transmission belts and outer organizations of the Party, with the revolutionary idea of the Party by directing priority efforts to the internal work of the organizations and ideological education. Particularly, there was an expression of opinions on training the youth league to be a reliable relay to and reserve for the Party.

Scientific and innovative opinions which can guarantee the implementation of the decisions of the Party congress were collected in the consultative meetings that proceeded in sincere and technical atmosphere through energetic in-depth study and brainstorming.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un delivers a concluding speech at Eighth WPK Congress



General Secretary Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech on the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea on January 12. The following is the full text:

Dear delegates,

This congress, the eighth of its kind in the history of our Party, presented as its agenda items the immediate fighting plans for opening an era of new upsurge, an era of drastic change, in the revolution and construction and the important tasks in developing the Party, and made an in-depth discussion of them.

The congress first reviewed and analyzed the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Party in a comprehensive, three-dimensional and detailed way, and made an in-depth discussion of the line and strategic and tactical problems for a new struggle.

The report, speeches and consultative meetings by sector reviewed and criticized in a detailed and severe manner the deviations and mistakes latent in all sectors, ranging from the Party, state and military affairs to the social life, and expressed a solemn determination and will to overcome them.

And an active study and discussion was made for finding the ways of hitting the goals and tasks in the new five-year plan period, and the constructive opinions raised in this course were brought to the committee for drafting the decisions of the Party congress.

Through the discussion of the first agenda item, what and how our Party, state and people must do

in the future have become clearer, and our fighting strategies for a fresh victory in our revolution have become more definite.

That our Party at this congress, unlike the previous congresses, reviewed and analyzed its work from a critical viewpoint, not seeing only its merits, is of no less significance than the successes it achieved during the period under review.

The congress also reviewed the work of the Auditing Commission of the Seventh Party Central Committee in a critical and strict way, and adopted decisive measures for putting to rights in our own way and in line with the principles of its building the outdated ones of the past, the ones that did not suit the present reality, which were revealed in Party work and activities.

The Rules of the Workers' Party of Korea were revised by correctly reflecting the principles of Party building and work and the demands of the developing reality, and thus an important framework has been built for strengthening the Party's leadership abilities and fighting efficiency and achieving its sound development.

The congress has built the Eighth Central Committee of the Party with the comrades who are faithful to the Party and the revolution and highly qualified, and established a new discipline inspection system within the Party. This constitutes a drastic turning point for our Party to discharge its mission and role as capable General Staff of the revolution.

Dear delegates,

At this congress, thanks to the great trust of all of

you and other members of the entire Party, I have again been honoured with the supreme leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

I feel greatly honoured that you elected me to the important position of the General Secretary of the dignified Workers' Party of Korea, but I cannot but feel overwhelmed with gratitude and feel my heart heavy.

Fully aware of the sacred mission that I am representing and in charge of the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist party, I solemnly pledge that I will make every effort to implement the fighting programmes put forth by the Party congress and, regarding our great people as the god of my life, work at the risk of my life as a faithful servant of the people on the road of devoted service for them.

The Eighth Central Committee of the Party, elected by the unanimous approval and support of all of you, dear delegates, will demonstrate its correct and seasoned leadership abilities to achieve a fresh victory in the building of our style of socialism and faithfully perform the duty the times have entrusted upon it, true to the high expectations and trust of all the organizations of the Party and its members.

Dear delegates,

The current external environment of our revolution is still grim and acute, and our revolutionary work will not be all plain sailing in the future as well.

But now there cannot be hardships insurmountable

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for our Party and people who have achieved great victories, which others would not dare achieve, in the worst conditions and difficulties.

With fresh confidence and courage, we must quickly take the road of sustainable advance and development by vigorously waging the struggle for consolidating the strength of our Party, revolutionary ranks and state in every way possible.

Achieving a great fresh victory on all fronts by remarkably increasing our own strength, our internal force, in socialist construction—this is the main idea and main spirit of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

In other words, it is the revolutionary will of the Workers' Party of Korea reaffirmed at this congress that our internal force must be readjusted and rearranged in a comprehensive way and, on the basis of this, we must make a frontal attack against all hardships to open up a road of new advance.

The historic heavy tasks facing our revolution require the entire Party to cherish the ideals of "The people are God," single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again and adhere more strictly to them.

Whereas the ideal of "The people are God" reflects our Party's consistent demand that the entire Party must hold fast to the revolutionary Party trait of regarding it as the starting point and absolute and invariable principle of its building and activities to serve the people, the ideals of single-hearted unity and self-reliance embody in a concentrated way the ideological and theoretical viewpoint and political requirements concerning the lifeline and motive force of our revolution.

The ideals of "The people are God," single-hearted unity and self-reliance—herein lie the fundamental key to enhancing the leadership abilities of our Party, the fundamental method for it to strike its roots deeper among the masses and the fundamental and sole guarantee for us to survive and open up our way ahead.

I would like to suggest substituting cherishing our Party's ennobling three ideals of "The people are God," single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again as the slogan of the Eighth Party Congress for putting up a high-sounding slogan.

The entire Party must make a historic, courageous advance in the direction indicated by the Party congress with unexcelled preparedness, self-confidence and enthusiasm for setting out on a new journey.

Above all, we should launch a do-or-die struggle to implement without fail the new five-year plan for the development of the national economy.

The socialist economic construction is the most important revolutionary task on which we should focus our all-out effort at present.

In order to break through the current difficulties facing us, stabilize and improve the people's living standards as early as possible and provide a firm guarantee for self-prosperity, we must resolve the economic problems, the knottiest problems, as soon as possible.

First of all, we should fix the right direction for major thrust on the economic front and concentrate our efforts on it.

The central task of the new five-year plan for the development of the national economy is to substantially promote economic revitalization by holding fast to the metal and chemical industries as the main link in the whole chain of the economic development and consolidating the organic ties among the key industries, and improve the people's living standards onto a new, higher level by enhancing the material and technical foundations of agriculture and increasing the proportion of domestically-available materials in light industry.

We must follow the road of focusing our efforts on definitely putting the metal and chemical industries first back onto their normal track, the

track of revitalization, and, based on it, shoring up other sectors all together.

We must efficiently organize nationwide economic work on the principle of giving priority to the development of the metal and chemical industries.

It is important to intensify economic operations and guidance in such a way as to make the most rational use of the national economic capabilities for radically increasing the capacity of steel and chemicals production, instead of dispersing them here and there without any calculation.

We must orient all economic work towards achieving balanced stability and improvement of the people's living standards.

What is important here is to continue to direct effort to agricultural production and thus solve the food problem of the people in the main.

During the new five-year plan period, the agricultural sector must rise up with redoubled effort and the state must increase its investment in it, so as to attain the target of grain production without fail.

In particular, in the coming two to three years, the plan for compulsory procurement by the state must be set on the level similar to that in 2019 and implemented without fail and the amount to be procured must be increased in a prospective way, so as to make it possible to put the grain supply to the people on a regular basis.

During the new five-year plan period, the light-industry sector must increase the output of consumer goods by regarding it as the main link to obtain available raw and other materials domestically and recycle wastes, and thereby bring about a fresh advance in the effort for improving the people's living standards.

The state should take strong economic and technical measures so that all the sectors supplying the light-industry sector with raw and other materials can normalize their production.

Next, all sectors and units must identify their concrete tasks and ways for executing the new five-year plan for the development of the national economy, and implement them without fail.

By drawing on the lessons we learned during the period under review, this Party congress made an objective and strict examination of this plan and set new feasible fighting tasks by bringing them to the reality as close as possible.

It is very important that all sectors and units first set out well-worked-out plans by stage and by year while foreseeing the conditions and environments that can be created in the future.

Once their plans are set out, the relevant units must execute them without fail by conducting scientific and concrete operations and command, and the state must establish rigid discipline of strictly grasping, propelling and reviewing the implementation of the national economic plan in all indices.

The success or failure of the new five-year plan for the national economic development depends on how economic management is improved.

The economic departments of the Party Central Committee, the Cabinet, the State Planning Commission, factories, enterprises and all other sectors must work in concert to take decisive measures for improving economic management.

We must push forward energetically with the research and perfection of the economic management methods, which are both suited to our specific situation and geared to optimization and best effectiveness, for example, by combining the methods, which have been developed and introduced on a trial basis, and the experiences of the units, which are effective in their business and enterprise management.

During the new five-year plan period, the Party and state must direct their effort to restoring and strengthening the system and order by which the economy runs under the unified guidance and management of the state.

Strict sanctions must be imposed on whatever the units concerned if they hamper the unified guidance of the state, claiming special importance even after this Party congress.

The Cabinet and the State Planning Commission must intensify organization and guidance of economic work so that sectors, factories and enterprises achieve full ties and cooperation in production with a view to strengthening the independence of the national economy and increasing production.

Science and technology must fully guarantee economic construction and improvement of the people's standard of living with its practical development.

Science and technology is the engine of socialist construction and major driving force for the development of the national economy.

The sector of science and technology must set as their targets the high-priority tasks and other research projects aimed at accomplishing the new five-year plan for the development of the national economy, and concentrate its efforts on implementing them.

During the new five-year plan period, we must raise the level of the country's science and technology to a higher level and strengthen the creative cooperation among scientists, technicians and producers so as to solve one by one the sci-tech problems arising in economic construction and improving the people's standard of living.

We must lay the foundations for developing the local economy and improving the local people's living standards by promoting the independent and diversified development of the cities and counties.

Now the living standards of the people in the local cities and counties including the rural communities are very low and backward.

We intend to pay attention from now on to developing the local economy and improving the local people's standard of living.

The state must press ahead with the work of providing 10 000 tons of cement to every local city and county on an annual basis.

While taking preferential measures for ensuring that the local cities and counties have reliable economic foundations of their own and develop in conformity with their own characteristics, state economic guidance organs must provide them with accurate guidance and assistance.

We must vigorously step up the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—in the rural communities and increase state support so as to decisively strengthen our rural position, consolidate the material and technical foundations of agricultural production and transform the socialist countryside into a civilized and rich one.

During the new five-year plan period, nationwide efforts must be directed to developing education and public health, so that all the people, whether they live in the capital city or local areas, can enjoy tangible benefits of the socialist educational and public health systems.

We must give precedence to vigorous education and strict discipline in the entire Party and the whole country and amongst all the people, so as to staunchly suppress and control all forms of anti-socialist, non-socialist practices revealed in all fields of social life and all sorts of criminal acts such as the abuse of power, bureaucratism, corruption and imposition of extra economic burdens on the people.

We must regard it as an important task to further strengthen the national defence capability both in quality and quantity.

We must further strengthen the nuclear war deterrent while doing our best to build up the most powerful military strength.

We must continue to give fresh spur to making the People's Army elite and powerful armed forces, so that it is thoroughly prepared to fulfil its mission