

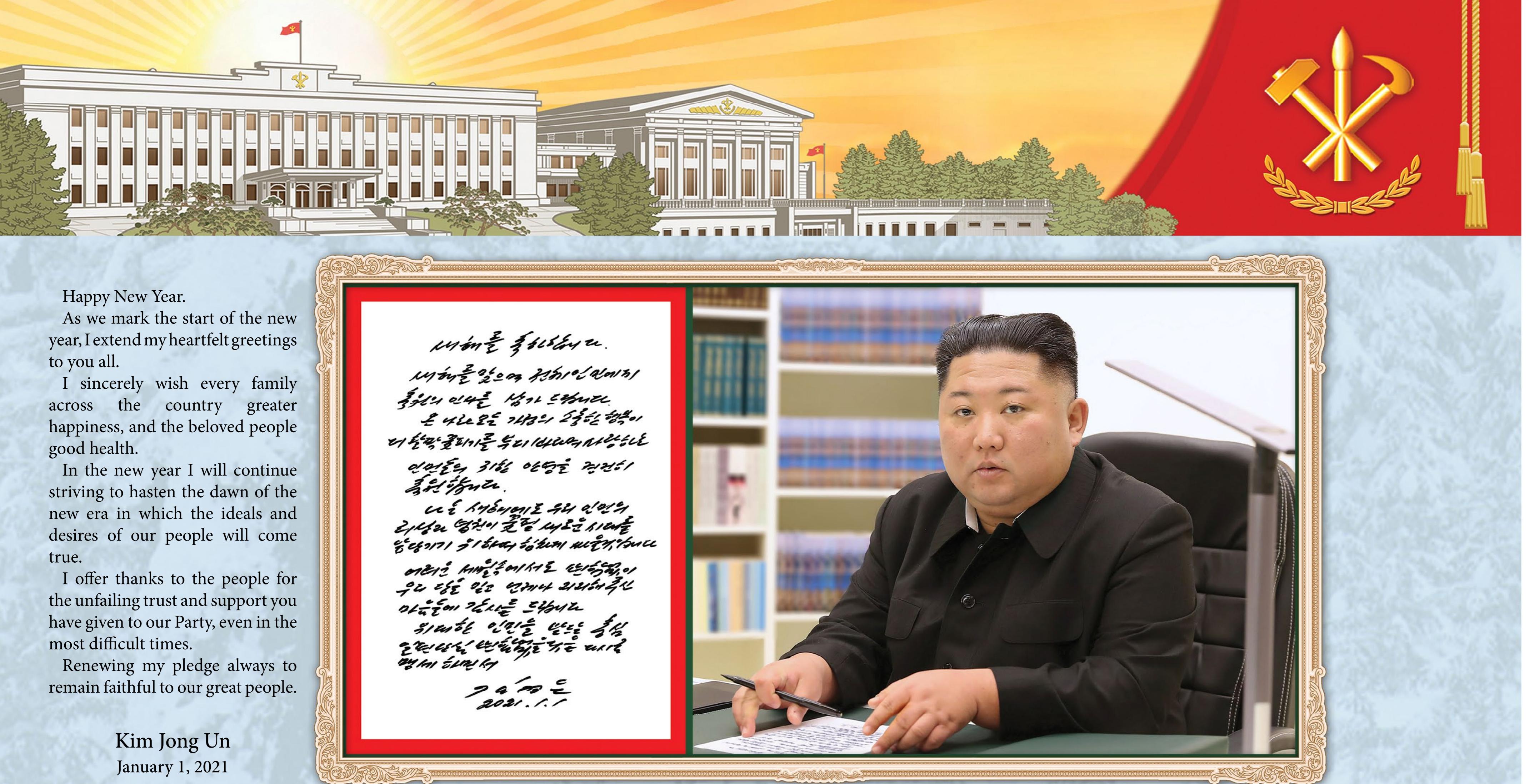
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**Kim Jong Un Elected as General Secretary  
of the Workers' Party of Korea**



Happy New Year.

As we mark the start of the new year, I extend my heartfelt greetings to you all.

I sincerely wish every family across the country greater happiness, and the beloved people good health.

In the new year I will continue striving to hasten the dawn of the new era in which the ideals and desires of our people will come true.

I offer thanks to the people for the unfailing trust and support you have given to our Party, even in the most difficult times.

Renewing my pledge always to remain faithful to our great people.

Kim Jong Un  
January 1, 2021

## Kim Jong Un Wrote to the Entire Population, Greeting the Hope-filled New Year, Juche 110 (2021)

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## Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea

January 5-12, Juche 110 (2021)



# Opening Speech at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea

Dear delegates,

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, for which millions of our Party members have sincerely made preparations with their hearts burning with patriotism and loyalty and to which they have so looked forward, has been convened at an important and crucial time in the development of our revolution.

First, in reflection of the boundless loyalty of you, dear delegates, and all other Party members, people and service personnel across the country, I pay the noblest respect and greatest glory to the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, the founder and builder of the Workers' Party of Korea and the eternal leaders of our Party, state and people.

Dear delegates,

Five years have passed since our Party and all our people started a new advance to attain the immediate goals and tasks the Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea set forth for socialist construction.

In this period the unprecedented, worst-ever trials put great obstacles on the road of advance of our revolution, but our Party achieved great successes through tenacious and accurate practical activities aimed at implementing its fighting programme.

During the period under review our internal force further expanded and strengthened, and the external prestige of the country was raised remarkably. This is a clear signal that an era of a new upsurge and gigantic transformation has arrived for socialist construction.

The Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Party Central Committee held in August last year made an in-depth analysis and judgment of the new trend of our developing revolution and the demands of the prevailing objective and subjective situations, and decided to convene the current congress of the WPK.

The convocation of the congress in the present-day arduous circumstances is a noteworthy political event of great significance in view of the influence it would exert on the change and development of the internal and external situations and of the future struggle of our Party, a socialist ruling party.

When the historic decision on holding this congress was made public, all the people across the country, engulfed by a great emotion, warmly supported it, and it dealt a telling blow to the reactionary forces of all hues, who were hostile to our cause and attempted to check its advance.

It was because the convocation of the highest-level meeting of the WPK was an expression of its definite self-confidence in its capability for leading the revolution to another stage of victory, and constituted demonstration of its ardent will and solemn pledge to live up to the people's great trust and expectations by shouldering the future of the state and fully discharging its responsibilities and duties.

The Central Committee of our Party made it clear at home and abroad that it would make this congress a congress for work, struggle and progress.

This was a promise to the Party members and other people that it would strictly review its work in the period under review, explicitly decide once

again the correct orientation and tasks of struggle for achieving fresh victories in building our style of socialism and take substantial measures to this end.

Never small are the successes our Party achieved in the revolutionary struggle and construction work over the last five years of arduous, yet glorious struggle.

By achieving miraculous victories and events noteworthy in the 5 000-year history of our nation after its Seventh Congress, the WPK provided a sure guarantee for reliably defending the destiny of the country and the people generation after generation and simultaneously won some meaningful and precious successes and foundations on which to promote economic construction and improve the people's standard of living.

However, though the period of implementing the Five-Year Strategy for the National Economic Development ended last year, almost all sectors fell a long way short of the set objectives.

Still existing are the various external and internal challenges that hamper and hinder our efforts and advance for fresh and continuous victories in socialist construction.

The key to breaking through the existing manifold difficulties with utmost certainty and speed lies in consolidating our own strength, our internal force, in all respects.

Proceeding from the principle of finding the causes of mistakes not in the objective conditions, but in the subjective conditions, and resolving all problems by enhancing the role of our motive force, the current congress is going to make a comprehensive and profound analysis and judgement of the experiences, lessons and mistakes we have made during the period under review and, on this basis, define the scientific goals and tasks of struggle, which we can and must accomplish without fail.

The successes we have already achieved are priceless for us, and so are the bitter lessons that have been accumulated.

All these are things that cannot be bartered even for gold, and constitute valuable assets for achieving fresh victories in the future.

We should further promote and expand the victories and successes we have gained at the cost of sweat and blood, and prevent the painful lessons from being repeated.

In particular, we should be bold enough to admit the mistakes which, if left unaddressed, will grow into bigger obstacles and stumbling blocks, and take resolute measures against their repetition.

This congress has been convened on the basis of this pluck and commitment.

If the Eighth Party Congress, a congress for struggle, carries out its work in a substantial manner and puts forth a correct line and strategic and tactical



policies, the Korean revolution will greet an era of a new leap forward and upsurge.

The non-permanent central inspection commission conducted the work in the way of dispatching its teams to provinces and, after grasping the actual situations there, dispatching them to ministries and central institutions by direction and sector to make brisk, comprehensive and detailed inspections.

Dear delegates,

The teams thoroughly examined all aspects of the actual situation including what was wrong, what was neglected among what could be carried out and what was implemented in a profitable way or formalistic way in executing the decisions of the Seventh Party Congress, and if there were shortcomings, what were their causes and what were the defects in Party guidance.

First, it conducted the work of making a comprehensive, three-dimensional and detailed analysis and review of how the decisions of the Seventh Party Congress were implemented and drawing experiences and lessons for future progress and development.

During the days when the Party congress was prepared, departments of the Party Central Committee and other Party organizations across the country submitted to the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee and the preparatory committee for the congress reports of their work over the last five years and innovative and detailed opinions on the goals and plans of struggle in the future.

In addition, our Party members and other working people from all walks of life sent to the Party Central Committee the reports full of valuable successes they made at many theatres of struggle across the country.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and militant greetings to all the Party members and other people and service personnel across the country,

masses are excellent teachers, and were convinced that it was right indeed that we had decided to take heed of the opinions of Party organizations and its members for the preparation of the congress.

What we did is of great significance in making this congress a revolutionary and militant one, both in name and reality, in which the general will of all the Party members will be embodied, and the decisions to be adopted by it become an organizational will of the entire Party.

As part of the preparations for the Party congress, we analyzed and reviewed the finances of the Party over the last five years and studied the measures for improving them.

And we made a profound study aimed at revising the parts in Party Rules, which were a mechanical repetition of the past and outdated or that of others and did not suit the present reality, in conformity with the requirements of the developing revolution and the principles of building a Juche-oriented party.

We also comprehensively appraised the work of the members of the leadership body of the Seventh Party Central Committee, and evaluated how much contribution they made to strengthening and developing the Party and the revolution.

In the lead-up to this Party congress, the basic Party organizations, provincial, city and county Party committees and the Party committees performing the same functions as the latter reviewed the work of their leadership bodies in an effective way and held successful meetings for electing delegates to the Party congress with the main emphasis on selecting the Party members who could play core roles in implementing the decisions of the Party congress in the future.

For the Eighth Party Congress, which would illuminate the road ahead of a new struggle for the Korean revolution, all the Party members and all other people across the country achieved brilliant successes by turning out as one in the 80-day campaign of loyalty after glorifying the 75th anniversary of the Party found as a great auspicious event through a frontal attack for achieving a breakthrough, thus ensuring its successful opening.

The high political zeal of our Party members and other people, who made sincere efforts to add glory and strength to their dignified Party before its congress, is an eruption of their extraordinary revolutionary spirit which can never be found elsewhere in the present world.

Last year was a quite difficult year; in the circumstances of the world public health crisis that lasted unprecedentedly long in history, they consistently ensured a thoroughgoing stable situation in infectious disease prevention by stubbornly overcoming the difficulties, maintaining the conscious unity of all the people in the effort and regarding it as a patriotic duty devolving on them; they also rose up in the struggle for recovering from the natural disasters and built more than 20 000 new splendid houses in different parts of the country. This great achievement left another proud page in our Party's record of struggle.

Fully convinced that this congress will serve as a stepping stone and a historic milestone in making a radical leap forward in the struggle for strengthening and developing our Party, accomplishing the socialist cause, building up the national strength and improving the people's living standards, and

Hoping that all the delegates will participate in the congress with sincere, responsible and proactive attitude,

I declare the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea open.

who firmly defended the Eighth Congress of the Party with burning patriotic devotion and great victory by demonstrating on a higher level the might of their firm unity around the Party in the flames of arduous struggle for overcoming manifold difficulties.

And as I stand at this glorious podium, I would like to extend warm greetings to the organizations of our overseas compatriots, including the General Association of the Korean Residents in Japan, and all other overseas compatriots.

On behalf of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, I extend a noble tribute to all the patriotic martyrs, recollecting with deep reverence the revolutionary comrades who devoted their precious lives to the development of the Party, the prosperity of the country, the happiness of the people and the future of posterity, the unforgettable comrades-in-arms who failed to be present here.

Dear delegates,

Now we have gathered at this significant venue at a quite important and crucial moment with a very honourable and sacred mission.

We stand at a great turning point in leading the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered in Mt Paektu to another fresh victory and at a decisive moment of firmly linking the 75 years of ruling history of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea to its 80 years; we are here representing the destiny, future, resourcefulness and wisdom of millions of members of the Workers' Party of Korea and tens of millions of the Korean people.

We are all entrusted with an important mission to make our country more powerful and wealthy and indicate to our people a shortcut to happiness in this world full of severe challenges and instability.

At this moment, the interest, expectations and hope of all the Party members and other people across the country are very great and high for this congress which will review the revolutionary work of the last five years and decide the line of struggle and strategic and tactical policies for opening up a new road.

We should display the highest sense of responsibility and passion in the work of the congress in order to live up to the great trust and expectations of the people who have always shared their destiny with the Party, absolutely trusted and supported the Party and defended the Eighth Congress with unsparring, devoted efforts.

Attending this congress are 250 members of the leadership body of the Seventh Party Central Committee and 4 750 delegates elected by organizations at all levels throughout the Party.

Among them, 1 959 are delegates of Party and political workers, 801 delegates of state administrative and economic officials, 408 delegates of service personnel, 44 delegates of officials of the working people's organizations, 333 delegates of officials in the sectors of science, education, public health, art, literature and the mass media and 1 455 delegates of hardcore Party members involved in field labour.

Of them, women delegates number 501, accounting for ten per cent.

Present at the congress are 2 000 observers.

Solemnly pledging, on behalf of all the participants in this congress, which constitutes the eighth one in the sacred history of the Workers' Party of Korea, that the current congress will remain thoroughly faithful to the revolutionary ideas and cause of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il,

Fully convinced that this congress will serve as a stepping stone and a historic milestone in making a radical leap forward in the struggle for strengthening and developing our Party, accomplishing the socialist cause, building up the national strength and improving the people's living standards,

Hoping that all the delegates will participate in the congress with sincere, responsible and proactive attitude,

I declare the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea open.



# 조선로동당 제8차대회



The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea took place between January 5 and 12, 2021, in Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

At 9 a.m. on January 5, Kim Jong Un, the great head of the WPK, the DPRK and the Korean people and the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, took the platform of the congress together with the members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

All the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" in reverence for the Supreme Leader who is confidently leading the WPK and people to shining victory and glory with his gifted wisdom, outstanding leadership, immense courage and strong will.

The congress was attended by the members of the leadership body of the Seventh Party Central Committee and the delegates elected by Party organizations at all levels.

Kim Jong Un delivered an opening address.

He paid the noblest respect and offered the highest glory to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in reflection of the boundless loyalty of all the delegates, all other Party members and people across the country and service personnel of the Korean People's Army.

Taking a solemn oath on behalf of all the delegates that the congress would unfailingly remain faithful to the revolutionary ideas and cause of the President and the Chairman, the great leaders who founded and built up the Party, he declared the Eighth Congress of the WPK open.

The national anthem was solemnly played.

The congress elected its presidium.

It elected Kim Jong Un to the presidium by reflecting the unanimous will and desire of all the Party members and other people and service personnel across the country.

The congress nominated members of the platform.

The platform was taken by the presidium members of the Eighth Congress of the WPK, members of the Party's central leadership body who worked hard to fulfil their duty in their efforts to implement the decisions made at the Seventh WPK Congress during the period under review and exemplary officials of principal units.

Invited to the platform were the chairmen of the Central Committee of the Korean Social Democratic Party and the Central Committee of the Chondoist Chongu Party, and chief of the Pyongyang Mission of the Anti-imperialist National Democratic Front.

The congress elected its secretariat.

It approved the following agenda items:

First, review of the work of the WPK Central Committee

Second, review of the work of the Central Auditing Commission of the WPK

Third, on amendments to the Rules of the WPK

Fourth, election of the central leadership body of the WPK

The congress entered into a discussion on the first agenda item.

Kim Jong Un delivered a report on the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the WPK.

The participants received with great excitement the report on the work of the Party Central Committee which clarified the policies for successfully overcoming all the obstacles and difficulties by giving full play to the internal motive force and development potentials of the Korean revolution.

Listening attentively to the report, they made an in-depth study of the heavy and responsible tasks facing the Korean revolution, which has entered the period of new development and leap forward, in connection with the work in



their sectors and units.

Speeches were made on the first agenda item.

Speakers expressed full support to the report on the work of the Party Central Committee which indicated the orientation of advance and fighting goals for the Korean revolution, admitting that it is a great practical programme surely

guaranteeing a fresh leap forward and victory of socialist construction in the present stage.

The congress discussed the second agenda item and adopted a decision.

There was a discussion on the third agenda item "On amendments to the Rules of the WPK" and a decision was adopted.

The congress discussed its fourth agenda item "Election of the central

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leadership body of the WPK".

The nomination and election took place after rational methods of 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.

All the recommended candidates were elected as members and alternate



# Great Programme for Struggle Leading the Korean Style of Socialist Construction to Fresh Victory

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un made the report on the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Party at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The Supreme Leader comprehensively and deeply analyzed and reviewed the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Party, laid down a fresh struggle line and strategic and tactical policies for making a radical advance in socialist construction and set forth important tasks for advancing the cause of national reunification and external relations and developing Party work.

In the preface of his report the Supreme Leader outlined the guidance provided by the Central Committee of the Party during the period under review for fulfilling its heavy yet honourable mission given by the Seventh Congress of the WPK.

The report noted that serious mistakes were revealed in the work of several fields including economic work under the grave internal



and external situations, but those were deviations made in the stage of new development and in the course of the advance of the socialist cause and were problems which can surely be solved by our wisdom and efforts.

## 1. Achievements Made during the Period under Review

Kim Jong Un in the first part of his report reviewed with pride the proud achievements made by the Party and people during the period under review.

The report firstly reviewed the successes achieved in embodying the politics based on the people-first principle during the period under review.

The biggest success achieved in the last five years of struggle for implementing the decisions made at the Seventh Party Congress is that the politico-ideological strength, the first motive force of our



Kim Jong Un delivering the report on the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea

revolution, was radically augmented.

The report analyzed the scrupulous political offensive waged by the Party Central Committee to secure the people-first principle as a firm political climate of the state and as a Party climate and national climate.

It is one of the major successes achieved during the period under review that the Party Central Committee ensured that the entire Party and the whole society established a climate of equipping themselves with the great revolutionary traditions created in Mt Paektu and overcoming difficulties and opening up the way of advance in the indomitable fighting spirit based on the traditions, the spirit displayed by the anti-Japanese guerrillas, and thereby ensured that the noble fighting spirit and disposition of the Korean revolutionaries were firmly inherited.

The report referred to the fact that the devoted service for the people thoroughly ran through all the work of the Party and the state.

Thanks to the politics of the WPK based on the people-first principle full of trust, devotion, reward and obligation, the political and ideological position of our revolution was firmly consolidated, an unquenchable strength that can break through any obstacles and challenges was built up, and the advantages and vitality of Korean-style socialism centred on the masses were fully displayed.

The report stressed that it is a valuable philosophical principle proved once again during the period under review that it is possible to tackle any unfavourable subjective and objective factors and easily carry out the huge tasks for the socialist construction despite any grave situation, manifold trials and latent shortcomings if the politics based on the people-first principle is thoroughly pursued.

The Supreme Leader reviewed the achievements made by the WPK and the Korean people in the struggle for boosting their own power during the period under review.

The spirit of self-reliance and the policies for its embodiment stressed at the Seventh

Congress of the Party were detailed at Party plenary meetings and put into practice. In the course of this, the strategy of the Party for self-reliance was developed into a strategy for offensive for turning the mean sanctions by the hostile forces into a golden opportunity for strengthening the self-development capability and internal motive force and into a political line to be constantly adhered to in socialist construction.

Amidst the all-people struggle for stepping up socialist construction by enhancing the self-development capability, self-reliance developed into a national trait of Juche Korea and the one and only fighting spirit of the Korean revolution.

The successes made in the last five years of struggle for constantly building up the own strength are the fruits of the strenuous exertion and development capacity, which are scores of times greater than any economic construction successes in normal times as they were achieved by the own efforts in the face of protracted wicked sanctions and blockade and awful disasters. And thanks to the enormous power of self-development which was accumulated despite difficulties, the great advance of the WPK and the Korean people toward a powerful socialist nation will be accelerated more vigorously in greater scope and depth.

The Supreme Leader referred in the report to the successes made in the struggle for consolidating the country's nuclear war deterrent and self-reliant defence capabilities.

The report detailed the historic course that led a great revolutionary turn for possessing the completely new nuclear capabilities aimed at attaining the goal of modernization of the nuclear forces.

During the period under review the already accumulated nuclear

technology developed to such a high degree as to make the nuclear weapons miniaturized, light, standardized and tactical and to complete the development of a super-large hydrogen bomb. By succeeding in the test-fire of intercontinental ballistic rocket *Hwasongho-15* on November 29, 2017, the Party Central Committee declared with pride to the world the accomplishment of the historic cause of building the national nuclear forces and the cause of building a rocket power.

The great cause of building the national nuclear forces, which was impossible to achieve even in 20 to 30 years in terms of existing formula, was accomplished four years after the line of simultaneously promoting economic construction and building up the national nuclear forces was set forth and one year after the Seventh Congress of the Party. This is a miracle, which would be brought never again in history, and an exploit of greatest significance in the history of the Korean nation the Seventh Central Committee performed for the Party and revolution, for the country and people and for posterity.

Recalling that the Party Central Committee decided to develop a global strike rocket with more powerful nuclear warheads and an improved warhead control system and carried out this historic task by relying on the patriotism and loyalty of national defence scientists, the report affirmed that the new-type gigantic rocket on an 11-axle self-propelled launcher displayed during the military parade in celebration of the 75th founding anniversary of the Party fully demonstrated the ultra-modernity and great striking capability of the national nuclear forces.

The report reviewed the fact that during the period under review new cutting-edge weapon systems were developed one after another in the sector of national defence science to cope with the enemy's desperate



arms buildup, thus making the state's superiority in military technology an irreversible one and putting its war deterrent and capability of fighting a war on the highest level.

The report also noted that during the period under review the sector of national defence science was conducting at the final stage the research into perfecting the technology of the multiple independently targetable reentry vehicles, finished research into developing warheads of different combat missions including the hypersonic gliding flight warheads for new-type ballistic rockets and was making preparations for their test manufacture.

The report made public with pride that the standard of the goal in the modernization of the armament of medium-sized submarine was set correctly and it was remodelled experimentally to open up a bright prospect for remarkably enhancing the existing subsurface operational capabilities of our navy, that the designing of new nuclear submarine was finished and was in the stage of final examination and the designing of various electronic weapons, unmanned striking equipment, means of reconnaissance and detection and military reconnaissance satellite was completed, and that other achievements were made in national defence research of gigantic significance in developing the People's Army into a powerful one with the strongest military muscle in the world.

The report evaluated that the bold leap forward brought about in the national defence science and munitions industry made sure that the country ranked high in the world in terms of defence capabilities and, at the same time, it was of great significance in realizing the strategic plan of the Party Central Committee for developing the overall Korean revolution.

The report said that a great advance was made in the work of turning the People's Army into elite forces during the period under review.

During the period under review the Party Central Committee successfully accomplished the great cause of building the country's nuclear forces and brought about a great change in strengthening the state defence capabilities,

thereby upraising the country to the position of a world nuclear power and military power in both name and reality and putting an end once and for all to the era in which big powers attempted to make bargain at their own will with the interests of the state and nation.

In the report the Supreme Leader reviewed that the DPRK's external position was radically raised during the period under review.

During the period under review, the external environment for the DPRK was harshest in its history since its founding, due to the desperate offensive by the US and its followers characterized by frantic manoeuvres to pressurize and blockade the country.

In this severest situation, the Party Central Committee resolutely rejected any attempt to hurt the supreme interests and dignity of the country and never made even the slightest concession in its revolutionary principle while adhering more firmly to the principle of independence, which brought the world to the realization that the sovereignty of the DPRK can never be infringed upon and improved relations with it is absolutely impossible without the respect for its sovereignty.

By making a bold switchover in its lines and pursuing offensive strategy, it created a trend towards peace and atmosphere of dialogue, accepted by the international community, and organized and led adroit external activities to elevate the prestige of the DPRK in the international arena.

By prioritizing the long-standing and special DPRK-China relations, the WPK developed the friendly relations with China as required by the new

century and opened a new chapter in the DPRK-China relations of friendship with socialism as its core, the report stressed.

Attaching importance to the fresh development of the traditional DPRK-Russia relations, the Party Central Committee also conducted external activities for the development of friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries, in the course of which it laid a cornerstone for the expansion of friendly relations with Russia.

The proactive external activities conducted by the Party Central Committee gave a strong impetus to the socialist cause in the international arena, and demonstrated the prestige and authority of the Party and state, which is steering the new political trend of safeguarding independence, justice and peace.

The report stressed that the rapid rise of the external position of the DPRK, whose territory and population are not so large and which is encircled by the imperialist reactionaries, is a precious fruition of the protracted and hard-fought struggle waged by the WPK and the Korean people, and it is a great historic miracle born of the great unity of the people who believed and upheld the line and policies of the Party as an absolute truth and rallied more closely around the Party despite the worsening difficulties.

## 2. For an Epoch-making Advance in Socialist Construction

In the second part of the report the Supreme Leader analyzed and reviewed the work of the economic and cultural construction, defence building, state and social administration, and the working people's organizations during the period under review, mainly focusing on the mistakes and lessons, and advanced important tasks for making new progress and development in the future.

He, first of all, made a strict and detailed analysis of the implementation of the five-year strategy for the national economic development and a new long-term plan.

The report severely criticized that the objectives for the growth of the national economy fell a long way short of implementation and consequently the people's living standards could not be improved remarkably, owing to the failure in the revolutionary improvement of the economic work under the protracted severe external and internal situations and in the face of unexpected challenges. It also dealt with depression in different sectors and its causes.

The report analyzed and assessed the performance of education, public diplomacy but serves as a powerful means to propel it along the right course and guarantee its success, the report gave the analytical conclusion that the reality in the prevailing situation proves once again that there can never be satisfaction in strengthening the military strength.

The report set forth important tasks for the Korean People's Army to develop more firmly into a revolutionary army modelled on the Workers' Party of Korea, a sophisticated hi-tech army and a reliable defender of the state and people by maintaining it as the general task for the army building to model itself on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

The report mentioned the core plan and strategic tasks of crucial importance in rapidly developing and strengthening the national defence industry.

It is necessary to develop the nuclear technology to a higher level and make nuclear weapons smaller and lighter for more tactical uses; this will

make it possible to develop tactical nuclear weapons to be used as various means according to the purposes of operational duty and targets of strike in modern warfare. And the production of super-sized nuclear warheads should be continuously pushed ahead.

The report also set a goal of attaining an advanced capability for making a preemptive and retaliatory nuclear strike by further raising the rate of precision good enough to strike and annihilate any strategic targets within a range of 15 000 kilometres with pinpoint accuracy.

And the tasks were brought up to develop and introduce hypersonic gliding

production in all sectors of the national economy, consolidate the material and technical foundations of the agricultural field and supply enough raw and other materials to light industry for increased production of consumer goods.

The report brought for discussion the new five-year plan which has it as its goal to advance toward sustained economic growth and vivid improvement of the people's standard of living on the basis of the present situation and potentiality of the national economy.

The report also referred to the need to secure the ability of reconnaissance and information gathering based on operation of a military reconnaissance satellite in the near future, and conduct in real earnest the most important research to develop reconnaissance drones and other means of reconnaissance capable of precisely reconnoitring up to 500 km deep into the front.

It defined it as the main task facing the sector of defence science at present to rapidly advance the Korean People's Army from the conventional type into an elite hi-tech one by developing the defence science and technology in every way possible and inventing more advanced weapons and combat equipment.

The Supreme Leader declared in the report the unshakable determination of the Party to make a breakthrough in solving the people's food, clothing and housing problems at any cost and effect tangible changes and innovations, which will benefit the people in reality, in the new five-year plan period.

Raised in the report were important policy issues for self-reliant and multifaceted development of cities and counties.

The Supreme Leader solemnly clarified the revolutionary standpoint that the national defence capability, the cornerstone for the existence of the state and a reliable guarantee for defending the dignity and security of the country and people and peace, should be strengthened continuously.

The report analyzed the fact that although the WPK and the government of the Republic made well-meant efforts and displayed the greatest patience to prevent the aggravation of the regional tension out of sheer desire to ensure peace and security of the Korean peninsula and the rest of the world, the hostile nature of the American policy towards the DPRK has gone from bad to worse, future.

The Supreme Leader pointed out in the report the achievements, experience, mistakes and lessons made and drawn in developing socialist culture during the period under review.

The report analyzed and assessed the performance of education, public health, art and literature, mass media and sports sectors during the period under review, which play an important role in developing all members of society into powerful beings, in invigorating the advancing revolution and in successfully stepping up socialist construction.

Earnestly reiterated in the report were the general goal of making education

the one which can be fully entrusted with our future and the goals and detailed tasks for the development of education for turning the country into an educational power, a talent power, by bringing about radical improvement in education in the new century.

The report dealt with detailed plans for providing people with better medical benefits by developing the socialist healthcare into the most advantageous and advanced public health.

It also made a serious analysis of the work in the field of art and literature, and set forth tasks for ushering in a new era of efflorescence of Juche-oriented art and literature by effecting a radical turn on all fronts of art and literature.

Tasks were set forth for the mass media to raise the fierce flames of a new revolution in newspapers, news services, radio and TV broadcasting and publishing as required by the new era of drastic change and upsurge in socialist construction so as to wage a vigorous media campaign aimed at deeply instilling into all the people the core of the ideas, lines and policies of the Party Congress and inspiring them to the implementation of the decisions of the Party Congress, and for the field of physical culture and sports to redouble

efforts for making our country join the ranks of advanced sports nations in line with the prestige and position of the dignified state.

The report put an emphasis on effecting a revolutionary change in the mental and moral life of the people by pushing ahead with the eradication of non-socialist, anti-socialist practices and thorough establishment of the socialist lifestyle throughout the country as an undertaking involving the whole Party, state and society.

In his report, the Supreme Leader set forth tasks for further consolidating the state social system in response to the reality that witnesses a radical rise of the Republic's position and the revolution entering a new stage.

The report underscored the need to strengthen the people-oriented nature of the state befitting the intrinsic character of the Korean style of socialist system, realize its unified, scientific and strategic control and thoroughly establish a revolutionary spirit of law observance throughout society as required by the building of a socialist rule-of-law state, and called on judicial, procuratorial, public and state security organs to fulfil their sacred mission and responsibility they have assumed for defending the system, policy and people as reliable defenders of the socialist system.

The Supreme Leader in his report put forward the important tasks for strengthening the working people's organizations, the links between the Party and the masses and its fringe organizations, into powerful political ones, powerful forces for building socialism.

The report stressed the need for the working people's organizations to hold fast to their internal work in line with their duty as organizations in charge of ideological education to firmly arm all their members with the Party's revolutionary ideas and, in particular, the need to fully prepare the youth league as a reliable successor to and reserve of the Party.

## 3. For the Independent Reunification of the Country and Development of External Relations

In the third part of his report, the Supreme Leader mentioned the important issues for the independent reunification of the country and development of external relations.

The report studied the issues concerning south Korea in view of the demands of the prevailing situation and the changed times, and clarified the Party's principled stand on the north-south relations.

Judging that the prevailing frozen north-south relations cannot thaw by the efforts of one side alone nor improve by themselves with the passage of time, the report stressed that if one sincerely aspires after the country's peace and reunification and cares about the destiny of the nation and the future of posterity, one should not look on this grave situation with folded arms, but take proactive measures to redress and improve the present north-south relations facing a catastrophe.

The report clarified the principled stand on the inter-Korean relations as follows:

It is necessary to take stand and stance to resolve the basic problems first in the north-south relations, halt all acts hostile toward the other side and seriously approach and faithfully implement the north-south declarations.

The report pointed out the main reason why the north-south relations which had favourably developed in the past were frozen abruptly and brought back to those of confrontation.

In the report the Supreme Leader clarified the general direction and policy-oriented stand of the WPK for comprehensively developing the external

relations.

The report made an in-depth analysis of the current international situation and the external environment of the DPRK.

The principal review and conclusion of the WPK's external activities during the period under review are that the strategy of power for power should be consistently maintained with regard to the hostile forces unwarrantedly running amuck and the big powers wielding high-handed policies.

After affirming this stance, the report set it as the general direction of the external work at present to comprehensively develop the foreign relations as befitting the strategic position of the country and thus provide reliable political and diplomatic guarantees to socialist construction.

Noting that whoever takes power in the US, its entity and the real intention of its policy toward the DPRK would never change, the report stressed the need for the field of external work to adopt an adroit strategy toward the US and steadily expand solidarity with the anti-imperialist, independent forces.

It also referred to the need to frustrate the reactionary offensive of the enemy and raise the prestige of the DPRK by enhancing the role of the external information sector.

It stressed the need for the field of external work to further develop the relations with the socialist countries, consolidate unity and cooperation with the revolutionary and progressive parties aspiring after independence, and launch a dynamic joint struggle against imperialism on a worldwide scale so as to make the external environment of the DPRK ever-more favourable.

The report expressed the steadfast will of the WPK to reliably defend peace and stability of the Korean peninsula and the rest of the world.

Stating that the key to establishing new DPRK-US relationship lies in the US withdrawal of its hostile policy toward the DPRK, the report solemnly clarified the WPK's stand that it would approach the US on the principle of power for power and goodwill for goodwill in the future, too.

It reaffirmed that the DPRK, as a responsible nuclear weapons state, will not misuse its nuclear weapons unless the aggressive hostile forces try to have recourse to their nuclear weapons against it.

## 4. For the Development of Party Work

In the fourth part of the report the Supreme Leader reviewed the successes achieved in the work for developing the Party during the period under review and set forth the tasks and ways for improving Party work as required by the times and developing reality.

The report commented it was a precious success achieved in Party work during the period under review that the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee was firmly established in the entire Party, the fighting efficiency and leadership ability of the Party remarkably boosted and the Party's foundations readjusted and consolidated in a comprehensive and detailed way.

The report set forth important tasks and ways for bringing about a radical innovation in Party work in line with the present situation, in which the Korean revolution has entered a period of new development, a period of a leap forward.

It set it as the first task to attach primary importance to the work of establishing the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee and further develop it.

The report brought it up as an important task to cement the single-hearted unity of the Party and revolutionary ranks in every way by doing the Party's internal work effectively.



Kim Jong Un delivering the report on the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea

The report underscored the need to put major efforts on building up the ranks of the cadres, the hard core of the Party and the leading officials of the revolution, to steadily strengthen the education and control of them to prevent them from getting ideologically degenerated and to improve the quality of Party ranks by strictly adhering to Party principle, the principle of rigidly selecting those who are recognized by everyone else as its members, in increasing Party membership.

The report referred to the need to continue directing great efforts to strengthening primary Party organizations and Party cells, the basic organizations of the Party, effectively press ahead with the organization of and guidance over Party life as a main link in the whole chain of Party work and rally the broad masses of people more closely behind the Party by channelling big efforts on the work with them.

The report advanced the tasks of fundamentally improving the form and method of ideological education work in line with the requirements of the developing reality and of strengthening Party guidance, policy-oriented guidance, over the revolution and construction and set forth ways of radically improving Party work.

The Supreme Leader said in the last part of the report that through the report on the work of the Party Central Committee, the participants could have an in-depth understanding of successes and shortcomings in their work, their causes and lessons and the orientation and detailed ways of future struggle and that through collective discussion, they became able to confirm strategic and tactical policies based on common opinions.

He expressed his expectation that all the delegates would make an in-depth study and discussion of the issues dealt in the report, based on the leadership ideology of the Party and with a high sense of Party responsibility, and earnestly called on them to vigorously fight on for a fresh leap forward and victory in socialist construction, for our great state and for our great people, rallied closely around the Party Central Committee under the uplifted banner of great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

The historic report of the Supreme Leader comprehensively clarifying the important guidelines for bringing about a new upswing in overall work of the Party and revolution received full support and approval of all the participants in the congress, and augurs well for the victorious advance and bright future of the socialist cause.





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members of the Party Central Committee.

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.

Delegate Ri Il Hwan proposed holding the election concerning the general

secretary of the WPK.

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.

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

made at the meeting was reported to the congress.

The committee for drafting the resolution of the Party congress elected with members of the leadership body of the Eighth Party Central Committee guided the sectoral consultative meetings of delegates to study and discuss the issues of thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report.

Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech on the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK adopted with the unanimous approval the resolution on the first agenda item, "On thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the Seventh WPK Central Committee."

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, delivered a closing address.

The song "The Internationale" was solemnly played.

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



# Highest Glory to Kim Jong Un, Great Leader of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean People



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea



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

He readjusted the leadership abilities and fighting efficiency of the Workers' Party of Korea, as required by the idea of building the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist party and the developing revolution, and enforced the people-first politics, and thus developed the Party into the powerful political general staff of the revolution, steel-strong elite vanguard ranks and genuine motherly party both in name and reality.

He has put the overall national power and position of the Republic on

the highest level in a short period of history, the greatest exploit to be most specially recorded in the history of the nation.

Under his wise leadership the great action programmes and strategic and tactical guidelines for the revolution and construction have been fully provided, the single-minded unity—the greatest national power of Juche Korea—consolidated in every way and the people-oriented nature of the state and social system made stronger.

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 successfully accomplished the great historic cause of building the national nuclear forces. He firmly guaranteed the security and future of the country and

the people by strengthening the national defence capability that no aggression forces can ever provoke. It is the patriotic feat to be lauded by the nation generation after generation.

He 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 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.

He is defending independence, justice and peace with his outstanding diplomatic strategy and proficient external activities and steering the trend of the world politics.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK decided to elect 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.



# First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK Held under the Guidance of 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 WPK.

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 meeting was on establishing a new discipline and supervision system within the Party.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un noted 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.

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 analyzed 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 disciplines and complaints and petitions.

## Members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee



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리병철



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김덕훈



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조용원



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정경택



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박태복



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박명순



당중앙위원회 간부부  
허철만



당중앙위원회 농업부  
리철만



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김영환



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양승호



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전현철

외무상  
리선권



The sectoral consultative meetings of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea took place on January 11.

The meetings studied 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 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 in all fields of socialist construction 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.

The delegates studied the development strategies for their sectors and units based on the innovative orientation and relevant tasks for socialist cultural construction advanced in the report of the Party congress.

Issues arising in implementing the important strategic tasks for strengthening national defence capabilities were also discussed.

The delegates had in-depth discussions of issues, 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.

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

All the delegates in the sectoral consultative meetings were full of enthusiasm to prove their loyalty to the Party and solemn pledge in the struggle to implement the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress by striving hard with a firm determination and fortitude to improve the work in their fields and units as required by the new period of drastic change and upsurge in the revolution.



## Sectoral Consultative Meetings of the Congress Held



# Concluding Speech at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea

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 a new upsurge and gigantic transformation 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 Central Committee of the Party 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 the 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 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 we must readjust and rearrange our internal force in a comprehensive way and, on the basis of this, 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 three ennobling 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 national economic development.

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 national economic development 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 efforts 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 efforts 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 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 national economic development, and implement them without fail.

By drawing on the lessons we learned during the period under review, the Party congress made an objective and strict examination of this plan and set new feasible fighting tasks by bringing them to the realities 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 their 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 national economic development.

The sector of science and technology must set as its targets the high-priority tasks and other research projects aimed at accomplishing the new five-year plan for the national economic development, 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 favourable measures for the local cities and counties to 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 a fresh spur to making the People's Army elite and powerful armed forces, so that it is thoroughly prepared to fulfil its mission 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 their 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 a drastic 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 people.

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 fulfilment 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.

# Closing Address at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea

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, struggles and progresses.

There have been many important Party-wide political meetings including conference 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 linking 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 their heart and soul to deciding on the most correct and powerful orientation 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 are firmly united with a single ideology and purpose and make an uninterrupted advance and leap forward towards a new target of struggle even in the face of manifold challenges and ordeals.

All the Party members and other people and service personnel 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 that influences 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 congress has provided a fresh motive force for our advance and set up a clear milestone and, therefore, it 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 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 the 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 galvanize Party members first 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, rallied 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.

**Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the WPK, Visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, with the Members of the Eighth Party Central Leadership Body**





Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the WPK, Saw the Grand Art Performance "We Sing of the Party" Held in Celebration of the Eighth Congress of the WPK with the Delegates to the Party Congress



Kim Jong Un waving back to the cheering paraders and audience

## MILITARY PARADE HIGHLIGHTED THE EIGHTH CONGRESS OF THE WPK



A military parade took place in splendour at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on the evening of January 14 to commemorate the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

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 Republic lined up on the avenues leading to the square.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea 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.

The Supreme Leader waved his hand back to the cheering participants in the military parade and the spectators.

The platform was taken by the members of the leadership body of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

The reserved seats for guests were taken by the participants in the Eighth Congress 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 National Defence

of the DPRK, made an address.

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

Ri Pyong Chol, vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission and the Korean People's Army Marshal, 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 Pak Jong Chon, Korean People's Army Marshal and chief of the KPA General Staff, amid the playing of dynamic march music.

Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un extended militant greetings to the reliable service personnel who, as the main force of national defence and the revolution, have safeguarded the socialist country, Giving salutes to the Party which has opened the way toward a brighter future for the country and the people by dint of extraordinary leadership and brilliant wisdom, the planes flew past the sky

the Party and the revolution with their arms and taken the vanguard in supporting the Party's leadership.

The marchers raised cheers of "Hurrah!" for the Supreme Commander, who is ushering in a great heyday for the strengthening of the revolutionary armed forces by setting modelling the army on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the general task for the army building and developing the People's Army more firmly into a revolutionary army modelled on the WPK, a sophisticated high-tech army and a reliable defender of the state and the people.

Giving salutes to the Party which has opened the way toward a brighter future for the country and the people by dint of extraordinary leadership and brilliant wisdom, the planes flew past the sky



over the square in the formation.

Amid the surging enthusiasm of the service personnel who know no other reply than "Yes" to the order of the Party, columns of the mechanized units began their procession headed by the column of armoured vehicles.

The spectators extended the highest glory and warmest congratulations to Kim Jong Un, a peerless hero, who ushered in a new era of self-existence and prosperity in which the Korean people and posterity could enjoy happiness to the full in a dignified strong country.

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

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

The military parade in commemoration of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea marked a significant occasion for inspiring the entire Party, the whole army and all the people to turn out in the revolutionary grand march for implementing the decisions set forth in the Party congress.















## *Fireworks Display Celebrated the Eighth Congress of the WPK*





## Fourth Session of the 14th SPA of the DPRK Held

The Fourth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK took place on January 17 at Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang.

The session decided on the agenda items.

The first agenda item was discussed.

All the members recommended for the Cabinet by Deputy

Kim Tok Hun, premier of the Cabinet, upon the authorization of the Central Committee of the WPK were appointed with a unanimous approval.

There were reports on the second and third agenda items and speeches were made.

Speakers expressed their firm determinations to further

strengthen the potential and might of the self-supporting economy so as to reenergize the overall national economy and bring about a fresh turn in improving the people's standard of living, true to the idea and spirit of the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

Ordinances and decisions of the SPA were also adopted.

Vice Premiers  
of the Cabinet



Secretary General of the Cabinet, Ministers



Director of the  
Central Public  
Prosecutors  
Office



Director of the Central Public  
Prosecutors Office U Sang Chol



**Kim Jong Un poses with the delegates to the Eighth Congress of the WPK**



**Kim Jong Un poses with participants in the military parade held to commemorate the Eighth Congress of the WPK**



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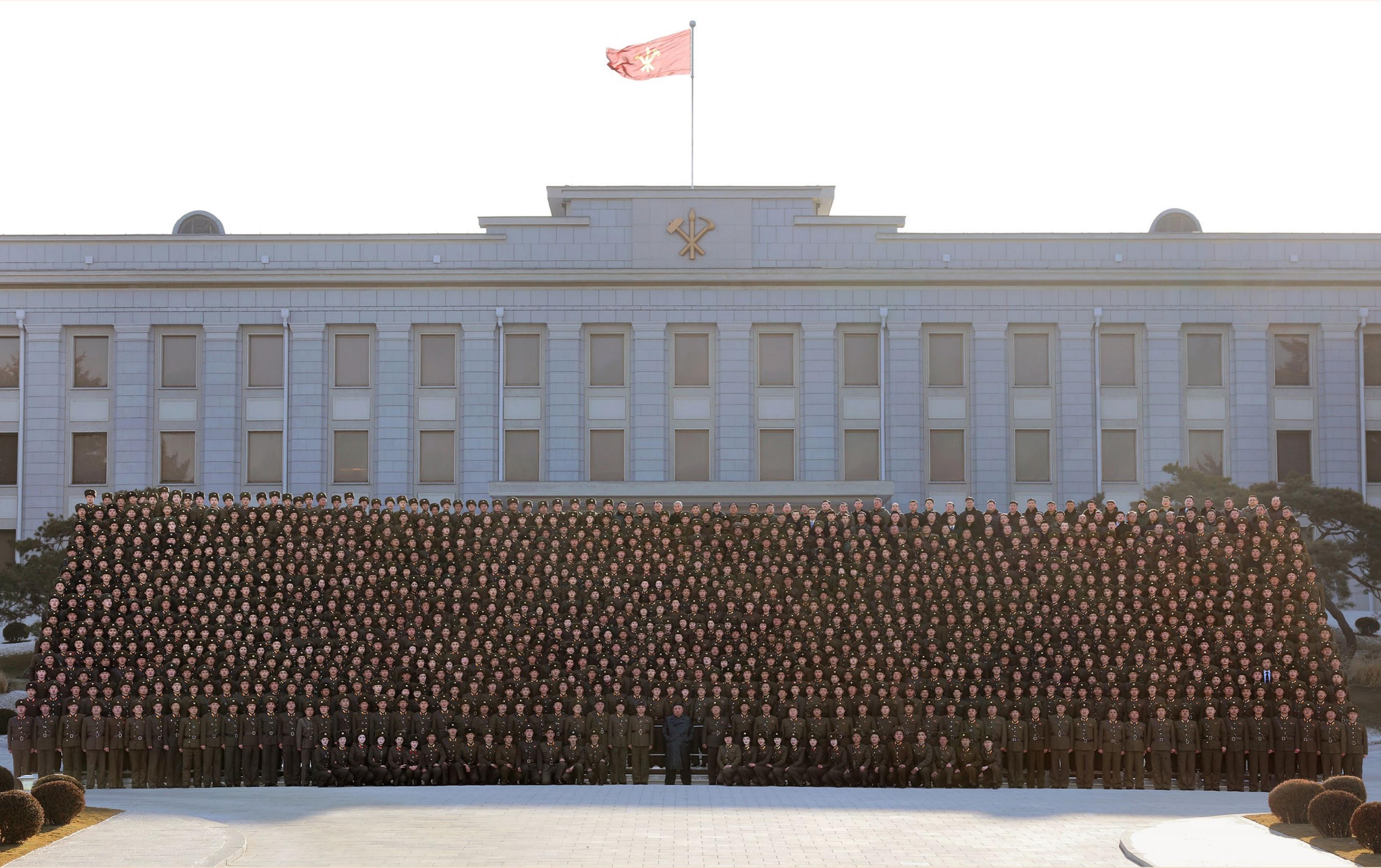
**Kim Jong Un poses with participants in the military parade held to commemorate the Eighth Congress of the WPK**



Kim Jong Un has a photograph taken with the observers to the Eighth Congress of the WPK with its venue in the background



**Kim Jong Un has a photo session with the guard, security and defence personnel who contributed to the successful Eighth Congress of the WPK**



**Kim Jong Un has a photo session with the guard, security and defence personnel who contributed to the successful Eighth Congress of the WPK**



Kim Jong Un has a photo session with the newly-elected members of the Eighth Party central leadership body



**Kim Jong Un meets and has a photo session with the new Cabinet members appointed at the Fourth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK**



**Kim Jong Un poses with the press workers who contributed to the successful Eighth Congress of the WPK**

# Let Us Vigorously Advance towards Fresh Victory of the Korean-style Socialism along the Road Indicated by the Eighth Congress of the WPK

Pyongyang city army-people rally held



