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Ninth Congress of Workers' Party of Korea Held

The Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, which marked a great watershed in the glorious course of strengthening the great Party and accomplishing the socialist cause, was held in Pyongyang, the capital city of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, from February 19 to 25, 2026.

The history of the Korean revolution is run through with the idea of building a nation, independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in national defence, and the three revolutions -ideological, technological and cultural-, the strategic line of socialist construction, by which it has overcome all trials and challenges. The nation-building idea and the banner of the three revolutions ensure not only today's priceless victory but also victorious development in the distant future one hundred and even one thousand years later. The Ninth Congress of the WPK solemnly demonstrated once again the immutable political spirit and will of the WPK to surely actualize all ideals and aspirations by regarding as its lifeline the nation-building idea and the banner of the three revolutions.

At 09:00 on February 19, 2026, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the great leader of the Party, state and people and symbol of all victories and glory, appeared on the platform of the Congress together with members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

The Congress was held amid the high political awareness and enthusiasm of the honorable delegates embodying all Party members'

trust in the Party Central Committee and the enthusiasm of loyalty and mettle of the DPRK people for the revolutionary cause.

The following agenda items were brought up for discussion at the Congress:

First, Review of the Work of the WPK Central Committee

Second, On the Revision of the WPK Rules

Third, Election of the Central Leadership of the WPK

The Congress heard about the implementation of the Party and state policies in the period under review as the first process of its discussion on the first agenda item "Review of the Work of the WPK Central Committee".

The Congress appreciated that the remarkable successes, experience and lessons, gained and drawn in the overall work of the Party and the state in politics, the economy, culture, defence, diplomacy and other fields under the leadership of the eighth-term Central Committee of the WPK headed by Kim Jong Un, serve as the precious foundations for putting Korean-style socialist construction on the next-stage development process and as a springboard for making leaps forward in guaranteeing greater changes and successes.

The Congress unanimously acknowledged that through the struggle, guided by the eighth-term Central Committee of the WPK, the driving force has remarkably increased to lay a scientific development foundation for putting all fields of socialist construction on a new stage and secure confidence and sufficient ability for further accelerating the struggle for the prosperity of the state.

Kim Jong Un made a historic report on the review of the work of the eighth-term Central Committee of the WPK from February 20 to 21.

In the first part of his report, Kim Jong Un appreciated the remarkable successes made during the eighth-term Central Committee of the WPK and their factors.

The most important success achieved in the period under review is that the WPK pioneered a new trend of the comprehensive development of socialism.

What is of special importance in the struggle of the WPK during the period under review is that a gigantic revolution started to develop cities and counties across the country.

Another important success, achieved during the period under review, is that the overall national economy was put on a track of growth and socialist policies related to the welfare of the people were put into practice in an expanded manner.

Kim Jong Un said that the WPK has made innovative successes in all fields of defence construction by exerting great efforts on bolstering up the defence capabilities during the period under review under the uplifted banner of the line of self-reliant defence on building up the national defence with the nuclear force as their pivot.

The main factor of all the successes achieved by the Party and people during the period under review lies in the political and ideological might, the strength peculiar to the WPK, the DPRK and its people.

In the second part of the report, Kim Jong Un clarified the important requirements to be adhered to in the period of comprehensive development, the long-term goals of each sector during the

implementation of the new five-year plan and the tasks for carrying them out.

The requirements of the period of comprehensive development are, firstly, to constantly intensify the work for ensuring the unanimous unity of action and establishing strong discipline throughout socialist construction; secondly, to reject the old schemes and frameworks, conservatism and empiricism and steadily create and innovate new ones; thirdly, to conduct the work in a scientific, foreseeable and effective way and attach importance to professional qualifications; fourthly, to innovate the methods and mode of guidance over production and construction and improve the guiding ability of officials; fifthly, to consistently adhere to the principle of resolving all problems by dint of ideology and the spiritual strength of the masses and wage a more vigorous struggle against all sorts of negative phenomena going against the people-first principle.

The primary task of the socialist economic construction at the present stage is to cement the achievements made during the eighth term of the Central Committee of the WPK, lay a foundation of development for the stable and steady growth of the country's economy and substantially improve the people's living standards.

To this end, the period of new five-year plan should be a phase of stabilization and consolidation, a phase of gradual and qualitative development. And this is the general goal, a principle of the work of the ninth-term Party Central Committee.

The report referred to the goals for different indices of the five-year plan for the national economic development the Cabinet drew up on the basis of its serious analysis of the economic conditions of the country and exploration of the possibilities of development, and proposed the ways to carry them out.

Kim Jong Un in his report clarified the tasks and ways for further speeding up the regional development, the rural construction during the period of new five-year plan to transform the regions and countryside in a fresh way and bring about greater improvement in the material and cultured life of the people across the country.

The report advanced the tasks and ways for the progress of science and technology and development of socialist culture.

The report set forth the tasks and ways for steady consolidation and development of the state and social system.

Kim Jong Un in his report clarified the invariable will of the Party to wage a more dynamic struggle for the sustained development of the military capability for self-defence, the cornerstone of the existence of the state.

In the third part of his report, Kim Jong Un analyzed and evaluated the great changes that took place in the international political and security structure, balance of forces and trend of the situation during the period under review.

During the period under review, the WPK analyzed the essence of the structure of international relations that entered the course of serious change, advanced correct external strategic policies and actively responded to the changes in the grim regional situation and the volatile international relations.

In particular, it has permanently fixed the position of the DPRK as a nuclear state completely and absolutely irreversible, making the enemies clearly realize that the dismantlement of DPRK's nukes can never happen unless the whole world changes.

The DPRK will fully prepare itself for the confrontation with the U.S. in the future, too, as now and firmly maintain the toughest stand as the keynote of its consistent policy towards the U.S.

The DPRK has nothing to discuss with the ROK, the most hostile entity, and will exclude the ROK from the category of compatriots forever.

Kim Jong Un referred to the remarkable achievements which made important changes to the position and influence of the DPRK during the period under review, and said that these are the brilliant fruits of the Party's unyielding struggle for the sovereign rights, development and interests of the state and the people's rights and interests under the uplifted banner of independence, justice and socialism, and set forth fundamental principles and strategic and tactical tasks to be carried out in the future by the sector of foreign affairs.

The sector of foreign affairs should conduct external activities on its own initiative and in a tactical way, regarding it as its first mission and foremost principle to defend the national interests under the leadership of the Party Central Committee, and thus expand and strengthen the external prestige and influence of the Republic more broadly.

The WPK and government of the Republic will always remain faithful to the adherence to the DPRK Constitution, which permanently stipulates the position of the nuclear weapons state, in the future, too, ensure peace and security in the region and the rest of the world and actively promote the building of a multi-polarized world aspiring after independence and justice.

Kim Jong Un in the fourth part of the report referred to the fact that the leadership ability and fighting efficiency of the socialist ruling Party have been further enhanced and a new era of Party building, a

great heyday of strengthening the whole Party, was ushered in during the period under review.

The most important success achieved in Party building in the period under review is that a firm foundation and great programme were provided to steadily strengthen the Party into an invincible guiding force and preserve forever its nature as a revolutionary Party responsible for the destiny and future of the people.

Kim Jong Un clarified the tasks for bringing about a fresh turn in strengthening the whole Party and developing Party work.

The core task to be fulfilled in Party building during the ninth term of the Central Committee of the WPK is to take scientific, realistic and meticulous measures for applying all the principles and requirements of the five-point Party-building programme in the new era to the Party work and activities and perfectly implement them, thus making a radical improvement in the development of the Party.

The essence of the important report made by Kim Jong Un is to put the overall socialist construction on the track of sure qualitative development and epoch-making leaps forward in the period of the new five-year plan by dint of redoubled fighting efficiency and offensive mode of progress prevailing throughout the Party on the basis of the valuable results gained through the arduous struggle and review of them.

The report serves as a powerful fighting programme indicating the bright path for bringing about more comprehensive and innovative progress in all spheres of the revolution and construction with the honor of victors who opened up a new trend of prosperity, irretrievable and irresistible any longer, despite the worst-ever crisis and challenges.

The Congress continued its discussion to harmonize the will and pace of the whole Party and confirm scientific ways in the course of attaining new long-term goals on the basis of the essence of the important report made by Kim Jong Un.

The Congress discussed the second agenda item, "On the Revision of the Rules of the Workers' Party of Korea".

Discussed there were the issues of significance in further consolidating the organizational and ideological foundations peculiar to the WPK and thoroughly ensuring the Party work and activities in a standardized way, and a decision on stipulating them in the Rules of the WPK was adopted.

The Congress discussed the third agenda item "Election of the Central Leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea".

It declared that the eighth-term Party central leadership successfully completed its term according to the WPK Rules, and held the election of the members of the ninth-term Party central leadership.

It held in high esteem Kim Jong Un as a member of the Party Central Committee, representing the unanimous will and desire of all the Party members and the delegates to the Party Congress.

The delegates adopted with unanimous approval the decision on invariably holding Kim Jong Un in high esteem as General Secretary of the WPK, representing the general will of the whole Party.

The first enlarged plenary meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK was held at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee on February 23.

Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, presided over the plenary meeting.

The meeting elected the members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau. The secretaries of the Party Central Committee were elected and the Secretariat was formed. The Central Military Commission of the Party was elected. The chairman, vice-chairmen and members of the Central Inspection Commission of the WPK were elected. Department directors of the Party Central Committee and chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the Party were appointed. Commanding officers for the key posts of the KPA were appointed.

The meeting decided to discuss the 2026 work plan for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress, make a joint study of draft decisions reflecting this year's plan at the sectional study and consultative meetings for drawing up a new five-year plan to be carried out in the period of the Party Congress, and bring together opinions to submit them for deliberation at the newly-elected Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

It also decided to discuss the agenda item on the revision of the collection of slogans set forth by the Party Central Committee and the handbook on the Party rules and distribute them throughout the Party after the study of the relevant drafts by the members of the Party Central Committee and the deliberation by the Political Bureau.

The plenary meeting decided to examine and adopt a proposal for reshuffling the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly and the Cabinet and refer it to the new-term Supreme People's Assembly.

Mentioning that we are now facing the new five years which will be a part of the glorious Party history and whether or not the ninth-term Party Central Committee fulfills the heavy mission entrusted by the supreme leadership entirely depends on the high sense of responsibility and activity of the members of the Party central leadership, Kim Jong Un said that the members of the Party central leadership should do their utmost to fulfill their heavy and sacred duty with a high sense of the Party spirit, the revolutionary spirit and the spirit of serving the people so as to live up to the deep trust and expectations of the Party members and other people.

The subjective and objective conditions and environment of the Korean revolution will not be smooth even in the period of implementing the new long-term plan but we should take the strategic initiative firmly and remain proactive in making redoubled efforts on full alert in order to bring about marked growth in the might of the Party and the state and provide the people with greater wellbeing, he stressed.

The agenda items and relevant decisions discussed at the first enlarged plenary meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK were submitted to the Congress.

Kim Jong Un made an important concluding speech.

The general analysis at this point of today of the struggle of the past five years has given an instructive occasion to take a due pride in the fruits of our persevering efforts and clearly understand what are the valuable experiences they should maintain and enrich in the future, the deviations we should put to right and the lessons we should draw, and to make all the delegates have got an overall understanding of the changes and level of development in socialist construction and Party building in the period under review and a correct estimation of the

current corresponding level of development of their fields and units, Kim Jong Un said.

He said that the newly elected Ninth Party Central Committee would be faithful to its responsible leadership role true to the high confidence and expectation of all the Party organizations and the entire membership and would work hard to speed up the development of the great state and bring more substantial benefits to the people at an earlier date, and this would bring it a fair and square assessment of its work.

Saying that the socialist construction has been run through with the three revolutions, and it has made progress in the course of the struggle to carry out the line of the three revolutions, he stressed that the great cause of comprehensive development, too, can be carried out much faster and more effectively only when the Party's guidance and the state's leading role are strengthened in conducting the three revolutions, and only when the masses of the people were involved in these revolutions with an attitude befitting masters.

Just like we did in the past five-year struggle in which we pioneered the era of comprehensive development of socialism, we will completely rely on our internal force, the great might of our people, in the new upcoming five-year struggle and invariably uplift the ideals of "The people are god", single-hearted unity and self-reliance as the banner of struggle and advance, Kim Jong Un affirmed.

Noting that no challenge or change in situation can delay or check the DPRK's advance, he ardently called for vigorous struggle to bring earlier the day when the people's ideals and long-cherished desires will come true by redoubling enthusiasm and fighting spirit, full of confidence in the future of the socialist cause.

The sectional study and consultative meetings were held for two days to take correct measures for implementing the new five-year plan and reflect them in the decision of the Congress.

The First Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK was held at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee on February 25.

Kim Jong Un guided the meeting.

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK listened to and studied the opinions raised at sectional study and consultative meetings for drafting the decision of the Ninth Party Congress.

The Political Bureau also deliberated the draft decision on the 2026 work plan and adopted it as the decision of the First Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK.

The Political Bureau examined and perfected the draft collection of slogans set forth by the Party Central Committee and the draft handbook on the WPK Rules and decided to distribute them to the whole Party.

The draft decision on the first agenda item deliberated at the Politburo meeting of the Party Central Committee was submitted to the Congress.

The Ninth Congress of the WPK adopted with unanimous approval a decision “On Thoroughly Carrying out the Tasks Set forth in the Report on the Review of the Work of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK”.

Kim Jong Un made a closing address at the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Saying that the current Congress has drawn great interest at home and abroad as it was convened in a period when the DPRK's socialist construction is being pushed ahead vigorously and the global political situation is experiencing a serious and rapid change, he noted that the millions of the Party members and all other people across the country extended their loyal and patriotic minds to the Congress, which would make a sacred review of its past arduous yet grand five-year struggle, and their absolute support to its work through a more intense struggle for creation, a labor struggle.

Expressing his gratitude to all the delegates who, on behalf of all the organizations of the Party and all its members, have devoted, as one, sincere, proactive and responsible efforts to conducting successful discussions of the agenda items, he extended his warm thanks to all the Party members, the people across the country and all the service personnel of the People's Army, who injected great encouragement and strength into the Ninth Congress of the WPK and guaranteed its successful work by dint of their unique disposition of supporting the Party with single-hearted loyalty and steadfastness.

We are now faced again with a serious remoulding struggle, a struggle for achieving transformation, which we must surely undergo in the course of advance towards an ideal society in which the independence of the masses of the people has been fully realized, and it is an indispensable struggle for carrying out more formidable tasks and gigantic projects than those we have done up to now but clear is the road ahead of us and definite is our success, Kim Jong Un said.

He said that the main idea and main spirit of the Ninth Congress of the WPK is, in a word, to consolidate the successes of the struggle for pioneering the era of comprehensive development and continue to lead them to a greater result. Fully convinced that, thanks to the soaring revolutionary spirit and undaunted struggle of all the delegates and other members of the Party, the people across the country and the

service personnel of the People's Army, the lines, policies and decisions put forward at this Congress will surely be carried out with credit and a new historic turn will be brought about in the development of the Party and revolution and in socialist construction, he declared the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea closed.

The Ninth Congress of the WPK, recorded in the history as a great review of the arduous struggle and the start of a new journey, was a political event that demonstrated the outstanding leadership ability and absolute prestige of the WPK which has always won victories on the road of the Juche revolution, and was a militant banner which powerfully encouraged the state and people to advance towards the brilliant peak of the powerful and highly civilized socialist construction.

First Session of 15th Supreme People's Assembly of DPRK Held

The First Session of the 15th Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was held in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, from March 22 to 23, 2026.

The first-day sitting of the First Session of the 15th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK was held on March 22.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was present at the session.

Deputy Ko Kil Son, secretary general of the Standing Committee, of the Supreme People's Assembly made an opening address.

The session elected the chairman and vice-chairmen of the Supreme People's Assembly before discussing agenda items.

The following agenda items were brought up for discussion at the First Session of the 15th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK:

First, on the election of the President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Second, on the election of the state leadership bodies of the DPRK

Third, on the election of the sectional committees of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK

Fourth, on the amendment and supplement to the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK

Fifth, on the thorough implementation of the five-year plan for national economic development set forth by the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea

Sixth, on the fulfillment of the state budget of the DPRK for 2025 and on the state budget for 2026

The session discussed the first agenda item.

Deputy Ri Il Hwan made a proposal for the election of the President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The dignity and mightiness of the DPRK, directly linked to the destiny of tens of millions of the DPRK people, are unthinkable apart from the high prestige and leadership of the state leader, and the historic task of making the great pioneering period of national rejuvenation lead on to an everlasting heyday can be carried out only by the leadership of the prominent head of state, he said, adding that the agenda item is very weighty and crucial but our choice of decision on it is very clear.

He courteously proposed to the current Supreme People's Assembly to entrust Kim Jong Un with the heavy responsibility as President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea again for the eternal mightiness of the DPRK and the new era of its prosperity and for the descendants who will always lead a happy life under his care, representing the general will of all the people who unanimously trust and follow him who has given socialist Korea the great dignity, honor and glory and defended the destiny of the people and bears the responsibility for even the future of all generations to come.

The Supreme People's Assembly solemnly declared that Kim Jong Un, who is leading the cause of building a powerful socialist country only to sure victory with his gifted ideological and theoretical wisdom and rare and outstanding leadership practice, was elected President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

His election as the head of state of the DPRK makes it possible for the DPRK and its people to glorify their sacred dignity and honour forever and more dynamically advance toward the goal of achieving the just and far-reaching ideal and prosperity with the outstanding ideology and political power and the invincible force of the harmonious whole.

The session elected the state leadership bodies as the second agenda item.

Kim Jong Un proposed a motion to form the State Affairs Commission.

The session elected the deputies, proposed by Kim Jong Un, as first vice-president, vice-president and members of the State Affairs Commission.

It elected chairman, vice-chairmen, secretary general and members of the SPA Standing Committee of the DPRK.

And it elected the premier of the DPRK Cabinet.

Deputy Pak Thae Song, elected as premier of the Cabinet, proposed members of the Cabinet upon authorization of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and they were appointed with full approval.

The session appointed the director of the Supreme Public Prosecutors Office and elected the president of the Supreme Court.

Premier of the DPRK Cabinet Pak Thae Song, on behalf of his Cabinet members, took an oath to be loyal to the Constitution of the DPRK and live up to the trust and expectation of the Party and the people with remarkable results.

The session elected the Legislation Committee, the Budget Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee, the sectional committees of the Supreme People's Assembly, through the discussion of the third agenda item.

The second-day sitting of the First Session of the 15th Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was held on March 23.

The session discussed the issue related to the amendments to the Constitution as its fourth agenda item.

The session examined the draft law and adopted with full approval an ordinance of the DPRK SPA "On the amendment and supplement to the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK".

It discussed the issue of thoroughly implementing the new five-year plan for national economic development as the fifth agenda item.

The session adopted with unanimous approval an ordinance of the DPRK SPA "On thoroughly carrying out the five-year plan for national economic development set forth by the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea".

The session discussed the issue of the state budget, the sixth agenda item.

The session adopted a decision of the DPRK SPA "On approving the fulfillment of the state budget of the DPRK for 2025" and an ordinance of the DPRK SPA "On the state budget of the DPRK for 2026".

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a historic policy speech *On the Tasks Facing the Government of the Republic at the Present Stage of Socialist Construction* at the session.

He congratulated all the deputies who were elected as members of the 15th supreme power body of the dignified DPRK by the deep trust and support of all the DPRK people across the country, and reviewed the state affairs during the 14th Supreme People's Assembly which brought about successful years through the arduous struggle. And he set forth programmatic tasks and ways for the DPRK government to promote the prosperity of the state and the wellbeing of the people in keeping with the requirement of the reality in which the socialist cause of the Korean style has entered a new phase.

Stressing the importance of more dynamically stepping up the three revolutions--ideological, technical and cultural--in keeping with the present phase of socialist construction while consistently adhering to the principle of independent politics, self-supporting economy and self-reliant defence and the people-first principle in state building and activities, he called upon the SPA deputies to make painstaking efforts as befitting the masters of state affairs and representatives of the people so as to turn the future five years into the ones of better and more

worthwhile transformation and for the future of the DPRK which will grow stronger.

His historic policy speech is an immortal state-building programme that enables the DPRK people to make the unprecedented epoch-making victory, gained in building a prosperous power through their heroic and bold pioneering struggle, lead on to the dynamic prosperity and leap forward.

All the participants hardened their will to fully discharge their duties entrusted by the people in firmly defending Korean-style socialism centered on the popular masses and accelerating the comprehensive development of the state by thoroughly applying the fighting strategy and ways, set forth by Kim Jong Un, in the overall state affairs.

Deputy Jo Yong Won, chairman of the SPA, made a closing address.

The First Session of the 15th SPA served as a historic occasion that greatly raised the patriotic enthusiasm of all the people across the country to usher in a period of comprehensive prosperity of the state by redoubling the fighting spirit with which they have pioneered the period of changes unprecedented in history, true to the leadership of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Plan for Building 50 000 Flats in Pyongyang Decided by Eighth Congress of WPK Successfully Over-fulfilled

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea laid down the programmatic task of building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang for its citizens in the period of the five-year (2021-2025) plan.

During the period, the DPRK people were faced with such grave challenges and obstacles as the world public health crisis, the hostile forces' anti-DPRK stifling, disastrous abnormal clime, etc. The DPRK people's struggle to hasten the phase of comprehensive development of a prosperous and powerful country was unprecedented one in its width and depth and extensiveness of its task.

Under such conditions, 10 000 flats were built without fail every year in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK. The inauguration ceremonies of 10 000 flats in Songhwa Street and at the first, second, third and fourth stages in the Hwasong area were held with splendour. In addition to it, many other new streets and dwelling houses including the modern Pothong riverside terraced houses district, dwelling houses in the Taephyong area, Jonwi and Saeppyol Streets were built.

What is more amazing is that all of them are modern and unique and oriented towards the steady opening-up and creation of newer and uncommon phases.

Nearly 60 000 houses and public buildings with advanced civilization were built to create new majestic and beautiful ideal streets of people, showing the eye-opening development of the people-first architecture, and a modern urban administrative district was formed. As a result, Pyongyang has been given a radical face-lift as befitting the capital city of socialist Korea in a short period of five years.

Accordingly, the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, powerfully carried on as the top-priority task of the historic Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, was successfully concluded to be an epoch-making success in the new era of the comprehensive national rejuvenation.

With the over-fulfillment of the plan for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, the WPK came to surely keep the promise it made to the people in the name of the dignified Party Congress. Through the struggle of past five years, experience like a textbook and a new standard of the Juche-oriented architecture have been created to dynamically guide the construction work on a nationwide scale that will be more widely conducted in the period of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK.

This eye-opening reality, which symbolizes the era of great changes, is another precious fruition of the far-reaching plan and wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who set it as an honorable revolutionary task to turn Pyongyang into a world-class city where all desires of the people come true and guided energetically the whole course of grand construction from the significant first ground-breaking. It is also an immortal great victory of the Party's idea of believing in the people as in Heaven.

The construction of 50 000 modern flats in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, was something the WPK had long intended, prepared for and aspired to provide its citizens with more cultured and stable living conditions.

Saying that socialism should be built first in the mind of the people and the housing problem is a matter of their greatest interest, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un saw that the housing construction was surely carried out, irrespective of condition and environment, with it as the core of the construction policy set forth at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Thanks to Kim Jong Un's noble intention and steadfast will, the absolute importance was attached to the construction of 50 000 flats and the construction unfolded vigorously along with its beginning.

Cherishing ardent will that the true feature of the WPK is reflected in the appearance of a powerful and prosperous country and the images of the blessed people, Kim Jong Un put his heart and soul into the construction of 50 000 flats, out of desire to provide the working people with new dwelling houses on the same day and at the same time and see the people in happiness as soon as possible.

A great golden age of capital city construction could be ushered in thanks to the wise leadership of Kim Jong Un who personally declared the beginning of the construction in the theatres of the capital city construction and guided the construction work on the spot while digging the first spadeful earth at the groundbreaking ceremonies.

Kim Jong Un attended the inauguration ceremony of 10 000 flats at the fourth stage in the Hwasong area, which was held to conclude the five-year plan for monumental capital city construction, on February 16, 2026, the auspicious holiday of the DPRK, and cut the inauguration tape.

Looking round the new street in the Hwasong area, Kim Jong Un said that the newly-built Hwasong area looks so beautiful for its majestic appearance of large architectural group embodying the advanced civilization and, more importantly, as it is associated with the genuine happiness and bright images of the people, adding that today is a very significant day in the time-honored history of Pyongyang, the capital city.

Stressing that it is the WPK's faith, absolute outlook on the people and thoroughgoing spirit of serving them to provide them with everything they want and everything for them under any circumstances, Kim Jong Un said that the Party will make strenuous efforts without a moment's stagnation and deviation to bring earlier the future in which

the people will enjoy a civilized and affluent life to their heart's content.

The successful completion of the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang is brilliantly recorded in the history of the country as an unprecedented construction miracle that proved before the whole world the truth that the Party's decision for the good of the people is science, practice and victory.

Second Year's Tasks for Implementing Regional Development 20×10 Policy Put forward by WPK Successfully Carried out

Under the grand policy of the Workers' Party of Korea on regional development, the Kangdong County, the Kusong City and the Ryonggang County Hospitals, the Kangdong County, the Jongphyong County and the Kaephung District Leisure Complexes, the regional-industry factories in 20 cities and counties including those in Kangdong, Sinyang and Ryonggang Counties, the Unsan Paper Mill in South Phyongan Province, the Ragwon County Offshore Farm were built in 2025 and thus the second year's tasks for the regional development policy in the new era were successfully carried out.

This proud reality adding more pride to the era of great changes through epochal successes is a precious fruition of the noble people-first idea of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who set it as a historic task to be boldly assumed and certainly implemented by the WPK to provide all the people across the country with the happiest life and pushes it forward through powerful leadership practice.

The history of Kim Jong Un's revolutionary activities made in 2025 shines with the traces of his strenuous efforts to attain all the ideals and goals set for the good of the people.

Kim Jong Un gave energetic leadership while declaring on the spot the groundbreakings of the grand construction theatres in the regions, digging the first spadeful earth of the construction and visiting the construction sites to indicate the scientific goals and ways for attaining them.

Kim Jong Un's aspiration to bring all things wanted and aspired by the people into reality without fail in the present age and in the shortest period is so ardent that he rushed ahead without a moment of stagnation or stalemate. Such speed of forced march of Kim Jong Un became the standard speed and self-confidence of the DPRK.

Changes were made in every nook and corner of the country ranging from the northern end to the southernmost part, inland and coast region thanks to the great heart and soul, labour and self-sacrificing leadership of Kim Jong Un devoted to the completion of construction plans which were more comprehensive than those in 2024.

The second year's tasks for the gigantic regional development policy, decided and powerfully led by the Party Central Committee to turn all cities and counties of the country into regional hubs of the socialist state in a balanced and simultaneous way, were successfully carried out along with the inauguration of the hospital and regional-industry factories in Ryonggang County.

On December 29, 2025, Kim Jong Un attended the inauguration ceremony of the hospital and regional-industry factories in Ryonggang County of Nampho Municipality which was held with splendor, adding luster to the climax of the 2025 inauguration season, and cut the

inauguration tape. He sincerely hoped that the county people who greeted the auspicious event of meaningful inauguration would lead a happy life on their land of bliss.

Looking round the Ryonggang County Hospital, he said that through the implementation of the expanded regional development policy such as building standard regional hospitals in Kangdong County, Kusong City and Ryonggang County in 2025, the DPRK people have gone through another course for the victorious advance of the sacred cause aimed at bringing about practical change of the whole country and accumulated precious successes and experience for putting the regional construction on a definite development stage.

Noting that the inauguration of the Ryonggang County Hospital and regional-industry factories successfully concluded the construction of model hospitals and leisure complexes and regional-industry factories in 20 cities and counties planned for 2025 and opened up a new phase for further hastening the comprehensive development of socialist construction based on absolute support and patriotic zeal of the people, he said with pride that the year 2025 would be recorded as a historic year that proved more vividly the validity and vitality of the regional development policy through reality.

The successful accomplishment of the second year's tasks for implementing Regional Development 20×10 Policy put forward by the WPK marked another occasion in further cementing the belief in the bright future of eternally prospering socialist Korea along with the brilliant results of the regional development policy which has been powerfully carried on year after year thanks to Kim Jong Un's unique state-building idea and wise leadership.

Main Idea and Main Spirit of Ninth Congress of WPK

The main idea and main spirit of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea is, in a word, to consolidate the successes of the struggle for pioneering the era of comprehensive development and continue to lead them to a greater result.

Reflected in the main idea and main spirit of the Ninth Party Congress is the steadfast will of the WPK to thoroughly increase the independent force while further consolidating the successes made during the period under review into the wealth of the country, revolution and people.

The course of struggle for implementing the tasks set forth by the Ninth Party Congress is beset with manifold hardships. Nothing can be done and the function and role of subject come to be unnecessary in case one depends on the objective conditions, and the revolutionary struggle and construction can never be pushed ahead with as long as there exist adverse external factors.

The independent force is the one that turns impossibility into possibility while resolutely braving grave challenges, the practical one that breaks through manifold difficulties on the initiatives.

Reflected in the main idea and main spirit of the Ninth Party Congress is the noble intention of the WPK to usher in a huge and new era of transformation when the state prospers surpassing the past 5 years filled with creation and changes.

Today's remoulding struggle is an indispensible one to carry out resolutely the tasks and plans which are stiffer and huger than the ones in the past. It is a noble intention of the WPK to make a transition to a higher stage of socialist construction by developing the great period of opening up the comprehensive state prosperity into that of a great upsurge.

The Ninth Party Congress advanced important fighting plans to make a transition to a new stage of comprehensive development phase of socialism in the prevailing internal and external situations. Mentioned expressly in them are the practical plans for hastening the state prosperity and steadily improving the people's wellbeing.

Requirements in Period of Comprehensive Development

The Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea underlined to adhere to the requirements in the period of comprehensive development in the socialist construction.

The new era, in which every part of the country, irrespective of the capital and regions, towns and rural communities, is seething with changes and development with the struggle in the past 5 years (2021-2025) since the Eighth Party Congress, is being unfolded and such amazing realities raise new requirements corresponding to the period of comprehensive development.

The Ninth Party Congress formulated and clarified the five important requirements to be adhered to in the period of comprehensive development as follows.

Firstly, it is to constantly intensify the work for ensuring the unanimous unity of action and establishing strong discipline throughout socialist construction.

As an iron military discipline ensures victory in the battle, so the unanimous unity of action is indispensible requirement in overall development. Furthermore, unanimous unity of action serves as the basis of development and progress of the Republic as it is a socialist society whose life and soul is collectivism.

What is important here is to never tolerate all sorts of spontaneous and dispersive phenomena and thoroughly overcome irrational and ineffective abuses and disorder bringing about the waste of social labour and wealth.

Secondly, it is to reject the old schemes and frameworks, conservatism and empiricism and steadily create and innovate new ones.

The era of overall change requires fresh innovation, bold creation and steady progress. During the past 5 years, the standards of creation were raised unprecedentedly and the trend of steadily aspiring to the new was established firmly in overall state and social life under the wise leadership of the Party.

Creatures befitting the new era can be made only when they aspire not to imitation but development and creation and set up and attain the goals that are perfect from the stage of conceiving and planning and new in name and reality.

Thirdly, it is to conduct the work in a scientific, foreseeable and effective way and attach importance to professional qualifications.

Present times require the work attitude of doing all the undertakings in a scientific way, according to a well thought-out plan and in a profitable manner, attaching importance to digits.

The realities in which overall fields, sectors and regions develop simultaneously and radically require to establish more firmly the view on and standpoint towards the professional qualifications.

What is important here is to attach importance to the professional qualification in organizing and conducting all undertakings, make the talents with high knowledge and techniques take an active part in the right places and urge those with no or imperfect professional qualifications to make efforts to possess them. It is also indispensible to resolutely part from the work attitude of carrying out the tasks by mobilizing a large workforce or being bent on the imminent work irrespective of professional learning and talents.

Fourthly, it is to innovate the methods and mode of guidance over production and construction and improve the guiding ability of officials.

In present times, the development of not an individual region or unit but the whole is more important and the changes in backward region or unit are more valuable. And priority should be given not to visible result but the execution process, creation process of developing one's own force.

What is important here is to make the leading units at all levels actively embody, pursue and apply appropriate and correct method of guidance, way of guidance.

And it is imperative to take a decisive measure to raise the officials' political consciousness and commanding ability onto the changing speed of reality and the speed of masses' awakening.

Fifthly, it is to consistently adhere to the principle of resolving all problems by dint of ideology and the spiritual strength of the masses and wage a more vigorous struggle against all sorts of negative phenomena going against the people-first principle.

The increased production and economy campaign developed strongly in all sectors and units of the national economy in the past 5 years served as an occasion that no difficulty is insurmountable and no goal is unattainable when giving fullest play to the spiritual strength of the masses.

A key that gives fullest play to the inexhaustible creativity of the masses is ideology and a factor that weakens it to the maximum is the anti-popular phenomena destroying unity in ideology and spirit, morality and obligation. What is important here is to make all sectors and units give precedence to the ideological and mental motivation of the masses and carry on an uncompromising struggle against such anti-popular phenomena as abuse of power, bureaucratism and accumulation of wealth by illicit means that cause a reaction in the masses' creative enthusiasm and atmosphere.

“The People Are God”, Single-hearted Unity and Self-reliance—Invariable Banner of Struggle and Advance

The Ninth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea stressed that the new upcoming five-year (2026-2030) struggle would completely rely on the DPRK’s internal force, the great might of the DPRK people and the ideals of “The people are god”, single-hearted unity and self-reliance be uplifted invariably as the banner of struggle and advance.

“The people are god”, single-hearted unity and self-reliance are the invariable ideals, fighting principles whose truthfulness and vitality have been fully demonstrated in the practice of the protracted and arduous Korean revolution and serve as the banner of struggle and advance for accelerating the Korean-style socialist construction onto a higher development phase.

That the Ninth Party Congress highlighted the ideas of “The people are god”, single-hearted unity and self-reliance once again is the expression of steadfast will and self-confidence to invariably advance the Korean-style socialist construction as planned, designed and scheduled by the DPRK irrespective of advantage and disadvantage of objective conditions.

In the past five years (2021-2025), the DPRK people made significant successes in succession in overall state affairs including politics, the economy, culture, national defence and diplomacy. The successes, that serve as a valuable pavement for switching the Korean-style socialist construction to the development process of

another stage, a springboard for rapid progress guaranteeing a greater change and success, are the precious fruitions born in the course in which the WPK remained faithful to its ideal of believing in the people as in heaven and all the people firmly adhered to their own style of development mode in close unity around the Party Central Committee.

At present the DPRK people are faced with a heavy yet honourable task to bring about the successes of great importance noteworthy in the Korean-style socialist construction, true to the new fighting lines and practical programme set forth by the Ninth Party Congress.

"The people are god", single-hearted unity and self-reliance reflect the WPK's consistent demand to 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, and embody in a concentrated way the ideological and theoretical viewpoint and political requirement concerning the lifeline and motive force of the Korean revolution. "The people are god", single-hearted unity and self-reliance—herein lie the best method for turning the manifold difficulties into the increase of self-development capability, the scheme enabling the DPRK to survive and open up its way ahead and the fundamental key to the building of a powerful socialist country prospering by being self-sufficient and self-reliant as early as possible.

Primary Task of Socialist Economic Construction at Present Stage

The Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea clarified it as the primary task of the socialist economic construction at the present stage to cement the achievements made during the eighth term of the Central

Committee of the WPK, lay a foundation of development for the stable and steady growth of the country's economy and substantially improve the people's living standards.

The task of the key industries is to qualitatively consolidate the foundations for the production to powerfully guarantee the growth of overall economy. The metallurgical, chemical, electric power, coal and machine-building industries should attain the set goals without fail and the natural resources development, mining industry, forestry and railway transport sectors with an important mission to open up a prospect of the sustainable development of the national economy should also implement the set tasks unconditionally without any deviation and within the period fixed by the Party.

The task facing the light industry sector in the period of new long-term plan is to focus on the quality improvement and development of new products, increase the production of consumer goods, lay a new groundwork for the light industry and consistently ensure the quality of school uniforms, bags and shoes for the correct implementation of the socialist policies of the Party and the state for the students without a slightest mistake.

It is important to set fish farming and sea culture as the main direction for development of the fishing industry and conducting them in an intensive way.

The task of agricultural sector is to keep intensifying the work to change the grain production structure, expand the wheat-processing capacity and push ahead with the seed revolution, scientific farming, tideland farming, double cropping and land improvement to provide an important guarantee for the increased grain production, thus attaining the goal of grain production set by the Party.

The Ninth Party Congress stressed the need to continuously push ahead with the construction projects during the period of new long-term plan in order to consolidate the basis for strengthening the state power, lead the people to enjoy new civilization and promote their wellbeing. It presents as an important task of the construction sector to vigorously propel the projects for transforming the capital city of Pyongyang into a magnificent city with an appearance as a world-class city and execute the work to transform the seats of provinces across the country year by year as required by the times.

It also stressed the importance to set the period of new long-term plan as a phase in which the IT industry sector makes another progress, dynamically conduct the external trade and develop tourism into a new industry which promotes the economic growth and civilization of the country.

It advanced the tasks for bringing about innovations in the land management and protection of ecological environment. It also put emphasis on the issues of improving the city management and taking measures in succession to initiatively counter the various kinds of disasters and crises with full preparations and called on the law enforcement and supervisory organs to heighten the level of supervision and control over the ecological protection.

It is also an important task to build regional-industry factories, hospitals and leisure complexes in 20 cities and counties every year without fail, starting from 2026, through more dynamic struggle for implementing the regional development policy and accelerate the work to put the countryside on an urbanized, civilized and advanced basis through more perseverance.

Main Direction of Scientific and Technical Work during Period of New Five-year Plan

The Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea clarified the main direction of scientific and technical work during the period of new five-year (2026-2030) plan.

The main direction of scientific and technical work during the period of new five-year plan is to enhance the independence and modernization level of the national economy, ensure the qualitative growth of production and solve the urgent problems arising in improving the material and cultural life of the people.

It is important, in particular, to make efforts to study and develop core technologies arising in pioneering and running such new industry sectors and high-tech industries as new energy industry, space industry and AI industry which emerge a practical subject at present, not in the distant future.

Tasks in Sector of Public Health during Period of New Five-year Plan

The Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea put forward the tasks in the sector of public health during the period of new five-year (2026-2030) plan.

It is necessary to rapidly introduce the successes gained in the healthcare revolution started in 2025 to the whole public health sector

to make the people practically enjoy the benefits of the socialist public health and put the foundation of the country's public health on a higher level.

What is important here is to build excellent hospitals with more advanced features in every aspect in 100 cities and counties across the country through the persistent drive to erect modern public health facilities in the regions within 5 years, additionally set up essential medical treatment organs between city and county hospitals and ri clinic and dynamically push ahead with the work to build modern general hospitals in the seats of provinces and the second, third general hospitals and new district hospitals in the capital city.

Building Self-reliant Economy

Building of the self-reliant economy is a strategic line to be constantly adhered to in the socialist economic construction.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said.

"When we adhere to the line of building an independent national economy and give full play to the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, we can achieve remarkable development with a strength that others can neither fathom nor imagine."

The line of building the self-reliant economy is a strategic line indicating the main orientation of the struggle for consolidating the material and technical foundations of socialism.

It is an issue that should be stressed consistently in developing the socialist economy not to deviate from its own development course but firmly adhere to its inherent fundamental requirements despite any circumstances and conditions. The line of building the self-reliant economy is the one that indicates the basic orientation of the socialist economic development.

The self-reliant economy is the one that develops by relying on the strength, technology and resources of one's own, the one that fully produces and meets the material demands needed to develop the state and improve the people's living standard, remaining unchanged in the world economic upheavals. The self-reliant economy serves as the most decisive and reliable asset guaranteeing the existence and development of socialism and providing the people with affluent and cultured life.

Building of the self-reliant economy is an indispensible requirement for developing the socialist economy in one's own way under the banner of national self-sustenance.

Building the self-reliant economy that suits the specific conditions and actual circumstances of one's own country and relies on one's own strength, technology and resources is the one and only option for a socialist state to defend its dignity and position, develop more and become stronger. It is natural in the present world that one is unable to exist, to say nothing of safeguarding dignity, unless one has one's own things and the will of self-development. In this situation consolidating the economic strength of the country solidly under the banner of self-reliance is the way to hastening the building of an economic giant and improvement of the people's living standard and defending dignity of the country and people in any circumstances.

The Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK chose not the easy road of receiving others' help but the rough one of building the self-reliant economy when building socialism on the debris because the national self-sustenance was more valuable than life and they would have lost the state, people and all other things if they had lost it.

The building of the self-reliant economy is a lawful requirement to adhere to the independent stand in politics and ceaselessly cement the political and military capabilities.

The powerful self-reliant economy serves as a reliable material guarantee of independent politics.

Only when one builds the economy that stands on its own feet, the self-reliant economy that remains unchanged in any world economic upheavals, can one enforce the politics that suits the interest of one's people and actual circumstances of one's country, hold the revolutionary principle and initiative and firmly maintain the independent stand in the international arena.

A powerful self-reliant economy serves as a material guarantee for consolidating the politic-ideological might of the country.

Only when they make socialism as different in all aspects from capitalism as heaven is from earth in the field of the economic life on the basis of the self-reliant economy, can they make the people's trust in the Party and the state, faith in socialism firmer and the revolutionary position, the class position further consolidated.

A powerful self-reliant economy also serves as a material guarantee for building up the military capabilities of the country.

Only when one develops the state economy into the one that stands unperturbed in the face of the imperialists' economic sanctions and blockade and the world economic upheavals, holding fast to the line of building the self-reliant economy, can one firmly ensure the supremacy of self-defensive military capabilities over the imperialist reactionary forces materially and technically, safeguard dignity and sovereignty of the country and create peaceful environment favourable to the socialist construction.

The building of the self-reliant economy is a principled requirement for winning a decisive victory in the anti-imperialist, anti-US showdown.

At present the imperialist reactionaries tenaciously cling to the economic sanctions and blockade while intensifying political and military offensive against the socialist and anti-imperialist independent countries.

The most correct way to completely neutralize the hospital forces' heinous sanctions and blockade and build an economic giant by relying on one's own strength, technology and resources lies in giving fuller play to the superiority and might of socialist economy by holding fast to the building of the self-reliant economy as a permanent strategic line.

The fundamental requirement of the line of building the self-reliant economy is, firstly, to constantly improve and complete the self-reliant economic structure.

The self-reliant economic structure is the many-sided and comprehensive economic structure in which the production sectors are

equipped so as to produce and meet the domestic material needs on its own and all the production processes ranging from the raw material production to the processing of finished goods are provided.

The building of the self-reliant economy is unthinkable apart from the many-sided and comprehensive economic structure. If one put the accent on the development of certain sectors that are naturally and geographically favourable or highly profitable, one is unable to be free from one-sided and deformed economic structure and, in the long run, shackled to others.

The self-reliant economic structure should be constantly improved and perfected in line with the trend of the world economic development and the changing environment and conditions. Only then, one can develop the economy at the high speed without being affected by any external influence and produce and supply to the full the material demands arising in the building of an economic giant and improving the people's living standard while making full use of the economic potentialities and reserved strength of the country.

The fundamental requirement of the line of building the self-reliant economy is, secondly, to firmly guarantee the state economic development by dint of science and technology.

Science and technology is an engine that leads the socialist construction and serves as a major propellant for the national economy. At present when science and technology is integrated and science and technology plays a leading and decisive role in the economic development, the economic independence or rapid progress in the economic construction is unthinkable apart from science and technology. When the sector of science and technology advances in the

van full of vitality, the overall economic construction can be activated and the foundations for the self-reliant economy be consolidated.

The fundamental requirement of the line of building the self-reliant economy is, thirdly, to develop all sectors of the national economy by relying on the resources of one's own.

The core problem in solidly consolidating the foundations of the self-reliant economy and giving fullest play to its might is to develop the economy by relying on one's own resources.

The economy that relies on the others' resources is the one with no prospect. When one relies on others' raw materials, fuel and equipment that can be a lifeline in the economic construction, one is unable to manage the economy in accordance with one's own will.

The productive forces can be developed rapidly without being affected by the world economic upheavals and the building of an economic giant be built with success only when one produce and supply raw materials, fuel and equipment by making rational and comprehensive use of natural resources in one's own country.

The fundamental requirement of the line of building the self-reliant economy is, fourthly, to expand and develop foreign economic relations.

The self-reliant economy has nothing to do with the "closed economy" or "isolationism" clamoured by the imperialist and dominationist forces and does not exclude foreign trade. The self-reliant economy does not imply that it produces and supplies all things needed to the economic

construction and improvement of the people's livelihood on one's own. On the contrary, it provides guarantee capable of expanding and developing the economic exchange with other countries on the basis of its own solid economic foundations. The self-reliant economy does not oppose the economic exchange and cooperation with other countries but demands further development of them on the principles of independence, equality and mutual benefits.

The line of building the self-reliant economy clarified by the revolutionary ideology of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un serves as a strategic line that enables the DPRK to build its economy as the one developing by relying on its own strength, technology and resources, the one remaining unchanged in the world economic upheavals so as to fully meet the material demands related to the economic construction, defence upbuilding and the people's livelihood on its own and firmly guarantee the independence in politics and self-defence in the protection of the nation.

General Goals of Cultural Construction in DPRK

The theory on cultural construction clarified by the revolutionary ideology of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un indicates the general goals of the socialist cultural construction.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said.

"It is important to make all the members of society artists and people enjoy socialist culture, and to bring about a fresh turn in all the sectors of cultural construction. By doing so, we can translate

into reality the people's desire for a wholesome and cultured way of life."

The general goal of cultural construction is to build a cultured socialist nation in which all the people are prepared to be the powerful performers of socialist construction possessed of high creativity and cultural level, cultured life conditions and environment are fully provided to the people and the whole society brims over with beautiful and sound way of life.

Culture constitutes an independent and important field of social life along with the political life and the economic life, and the efforts for placing the overall cultural life on the level of world civilized nation hold an important content in the building of a powerful socialist country. If the people are not civilized, their level of cultural knowledge is low and the overall level of civilization of society lags behind, such country cannot be called a powerful country even though it is strong politically and ideologically and achieves rapid economic growth. A genuine powerful country is the one that has the features befitting a cultured nation as well as the features befitting a politico-ideological power, a military power and an economic giant.

It is a far-reaching goal and ideal of the WPK to lead the people towards the Korean-style civilization in the new century by bringing about a steady revolutionary turn in all branches of cultural construction including education, public health, literature and art and sports.

First of all, the general goal of the cultural construction is to prepare all the people to be the powerful performers of socialist construction who have high cultural knowledge and are physically fit and morally sound.

The level of people's creativity and cultural knowledge are an important criterion appraising the level of civilization of a society. Only when all members of society are possessed of high creativity and cultural knowledge, can they become genuine artists and enjoyers of socialist culture to lead a cultured life.

One can have high creativity and cultural knowledge only when he gains modern scientific and technical knowledge as required by the era of knowledge-based economy and equips oneself with many-sided and profound knowledge of all fields of culture.

Sound body is a physical guarantee of man's independent and creative activities and the physical promotion of the people is an important undertaking ensuring prosperity and development of the country. Sound body of the people is guaranteed by the development of public health and sports which are the important fields of culture.

The level of culture and civilization of a society is decided by the people's moral traits and emotion. The course of preparing all the people to be genuine revolutionaries who are possessed of socialist morality as noble character and observe the moral code willingly, the possessors of noble mental and moral traits of conscientiously and faithfully working to repay the Party's benevolence and favour given by the state is the course of building a cultured socialist nation. A genuine revolutionary is the person who is the strong in ideas and morality and, at the same time, possessed of rich emotion.

Next, the general goal of cultural construction is to create conditions and environment to make the people lead affluent and cultured life to their heart's content.

Conditions and environment of cultural life serve as an important index to the level of civilization of a country. With the development of

society, people's demand and ideal for conditions and environment of cultural life steadily increase and they can be fully materialized only when the excellent cultural conditions and environment in which modern civilization is epitomized are created. The people are enlightened mentally and culturally in the excellent cultural life conditions and environment and make a living optimistically, culturally and emotionally, feeling worth and pride of life and struggle.

It is an important goal in building a cultured socialist nation to provide the people with modern cultural life conditions and environment capable of fully meeting their increasing cultural demand while giving top and absolute priority to their convenience. It is a noble intention of the WPK to build modern cultural life bases and facilities on the highest level in every part of the country so that the people enjoy the socialist civilization to their heart's content.

It is also a weighty problem to be solved in building a cultured socialist nation to provide the people with hygienic and cultured life environment. It is important to make consistent efforts to give a full play to the advantage of the socialist public health system, newly build and reconstruct cultural welfare facilities on a modern basis, establish a cultured way of production and life on a high level and turn the whole country into socialist fairy towns and villages, thus making the people live healthily free from disease.

Next, the general goal of cultural construction is to ensure that a beautiful and sound way of life prevails throughout the society.

Beautiful and sound way of life is, in essence, the collectivist way of life devoting one's all to the good of society, collective and comrades, and a sound way of cultural and emotional life making a living optimistically and emotionally.

It is an important index to a cultured socialist nation that all the people form genuine human relations based on the revolutionary comradeship and give great scope to the communist virtues and traits for the good of society, collective and comrades. The absolute loyalty to the leader, the spirit of devoted service to the country and people, society and collective and the collectivist way of life based on high self-sacrificing spirit, noble comradeship and beautiful human love are the ways of life prevailing in a cultured socialist nation. When the communist virtues and traits of one for all and all for one are cultivated and encouraged and become a national custom despite trials and difficulties in the efforts for the socialist construction, the advantages of the Korean-style socialism in which the whole society forms a harmonious big family can be fully demonstrated and a cultured socialist nation built.

It constitutes an important hallmark of a cultured socialist nation to make all the people lead optimistic and emotional life with rich sentiments. It is a cultured socialist nation that all the people briskly conduct art group activities, the dissemination of songs and masses sports activities and lead a sound and rich cultural and emotional life to their heart's content while reading a large number of literary works including novels and poets and appreciating films, operas and dramas.

The campaign for establishing beautiful and sound way of life throughout the society is accompanied by a fierce struggle against the imperialist ideas and culture which are the dangerous poison numbing the sound spirit of the DPRK people and destroying the foundations of socialism.

In the course of struggle to wipe out the imperialist ideas and culture on the strength of revolutionary ones and thoroughly prevent the inroad of alien ideas and culture and abnormal ways of life, all the people create and enjoy the Korean-style culture of life suited to the era of

revolution, today's aesthetic tastes aspiring after developing civilization, with a pride and self-confidence that the DPRK's culture and way of life are the best, and the beautiful and sound socialist way of life is thoroughly established in the whole society.

The idea and theory on the general goals of building a cultured socialist nation clarified by the revolutionary ideology of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un are the guiding principle that enables the WPK and the DPRK people to vigorously hasten the building of a cultured socialist nation with clear-cut goals and aspiration.

Features Peculiar to DPRK

The revolutionary ideology of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un clearly indicates the features peculiar to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, an entity of one and only prosperous and powerful country in the world.

First of all, the DPRK is a country of dignified people, a country where the serving-the-people spirit is thoroughly ensured.

Existence and development, future and destiny of a state are decided by the popular masses.

Today the DPRK institutionally guarantees to enable the popular masses to lead valuable and happy life as genuine masters of political life holding national sovereignty and the means of production in their hands, substantial enjoyers of the economic and cultural lives. That the most popular education and public health systems are consistently adhered to and a high goal of making all the people well-versed in science and technology is attained even in all sorts of trials and difficulties is a proud reality that can be seen only in the DPRK where

the popular masses are masters of everything. The DPRK invariably enforces the most popular policies irrespective of advantage and disadvantage of conditions, unfolds huge operations for improving the people's wellbeing and reliably guarantees the everlasting happiness of all the generations to come and herein lies a feature peculiar to the DPRK.

Next, the DPRK is a country of single-hearted unity in which the dyeing of the whole society with one ideology has been realized, a country in which the monolithic ideology has been established firmly.

The most ideal country is the one in which all its citizens formed the unity of ideology and will.

When building a new country, the DPRK referred to the experiences of other countries in the fields of the economy and technology but solved all problems in a creative way, never tolerating imitation and import in the field of political idea. At present the DPRK has become an independent powerful country safeguarding justice, an invincible socialist bulwark as it raised the immortal Juche idea as its state political ideal and thoroughly applied it.

In the whole period of the revolution and construction, the DPRK gave priority to the ideological work for firmly arming the entire people with the Juche idea and steadily adhered to the principle of doing all of the state building affairs as required by the Juche idea and thus became a country in which entire people are firmly united around the Party Central Committee.

Next, the DPRK is a country of miracle that built a self-reliant economy and the self defence capabilities, a country whose independent character is steadfast.

Building of a country whose independent character is strong is a fundamental and core issue arising in building a powerful and prosperous country.

Validity, truthfulness and might of the DPRK's line of self-reliance, who is to eliminate dependence on others, proclivity to imports and all sorts of ideological maladies of placing hope on the easing of tension of situation and open up the way out for prosperity by dint of its own strength, technology and resources, have been proved in the historic course covering scores of years. The DPRK who has advanced vigorously along the orbit of its own style of development while turning the increasing sanctions and blockade by the hostile forces into a change for strengthening the self-development capability, has laid solid foundations of self-reliant economy and stored powerful strength by racing against time.

Korea was deprived of its whole territory in the past by outside power as it was not strong enough to defend itself. However, the DPRK has now had the matchless and invincible revolutionary armed forces possessed of the ever-victorious military strategy and tactics, heroic combat spirit and perfect actual war capacity and become an impregnable fortress in which all the people are armed, the whole country turned into a fortress and an all-people defence system established, a military power possessed of modern and independent national defence industry producing any latest armed equipment at will. Legalization and constitutionalization of the policy on building up nuclear armed forces is a bold political decision that can be made only by the DPRK, the state in which preparedness and will to value self-reliance and dignity more than a life and pay any price for the sake of them become the conviction of all the people and which has accomplished the great cause of possessing the nuclear forces through the protracted and unprecedented struggle and holds them as the most valuable absolute strength for independence, justice and development.

It is a country of miracles who declared the simultaneous development of the economy and national defence as a state policy and implemented it with success, and herein lies an invincible might of the DPRK.

Next, the DPRK is a promising country with firm continuity who solved with credit the issue of succession to the revolutionary cause.

The DPRK has solved brilliantly the issue of succession without any deviation or turns and twists. It is the biggest pride for the DPRK people that the issue of succession to leadership was put forward as the fundamental issue deciding the future of the Party and revolution, the basic issue in succession to the state political system of socialism and perfectly solved theoretically and practically.

The grand places and bases for the education in the revolutionary traditions have been arranged finely and the education through them intensified in diverse forms and ways to make the entire people learn the noble revolutionary spirit and fighting exploits of the forerunners and thus they are trained into those who are strong in ideas and faith, armed with the fighting spirit created in the days of the anti-Japanese struggle and the Fatherland Liberation War, and into those who have the firm will to defend gains of the revolution and carry forward and consummate the revolutionary cause of Juche.

The DPRK pays deep attention to the problem of young people, holding fast to attaching foremost importance to young people as an everlasting strategic line, and thus they are growing up into the heirs to the revolution.

The thoroughgoing serving-the-people spirit, uniqueness of idea, steadfast independence and consistent continuity are the features peculiar to the DPRK, and they enable the DPRK, the most powerful and dignified great country, to display its grandeur in the eyes of the world.

Conference Held with Splendour to Celebrate 80th Founding Anniversary of SPYL

A conference was held with splendour at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, on January 16, 2026 to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the commemorative event and made a speech on occasion of the 80th anniversary of the SPYL.

Referring to the significance of celebrating the 80th anniversary of the youth league in the grand way in the lead-up to the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, he paid noble tribute to the glorious struggle history of the Korean youth movement that has invariably supported the DPRK's revolutionary cause, and extended warm congratulations to all the young people, youth league organizations and their officials, who, with faithfulness to the Party and their country, are leaving lofty and beautiful imprints of their youth at their work places, military posts and school campuses.

Since it emerged in the first days of nation building as the banner of unity of young people from all walks of life who were aspiring after a prosperous and powerful nation, the youth league has followed a protracted course while writing the most proud and glorious pages in its chronicles thanks to the faithful and patriotic aspirations cherished, and the powerful strides made, by the ranks of young people, he said.

The 80-year history of struggle of the youth league is being reviewed in the light of the socialist ideals, noble patriotism, passionate sense of justice and pure spiritual world, which you and all the young people across the country have now cherished as part of their faith and mental qualities, he said. He continued that this again raises the position and fame of the young Koreans on the highest level, adding with pride that linking the proud past of the state with its glorious present and building a rosier future by wonderfully preparing the next generation who will carry forward the baton of the revolution is the historic exploits and victory of the Korean youth movement, which cannot be compared with anything else nor achieved by anyone else.

Your motherly country has decided to confer the Order of Kim Jong Il, a highest order of the state, on the Socialist Patriotic Youth League as an expression of its greatest appreciation of the steady succession to our cause the youth league has ensured by safeguarding its traditions and remaining faithful to its sacred obligations and duty over the past 80 years, he said.

He continued that he would pin the order of honour on the flag of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, with the expectation that the resourceful and brave young people will continue to record their shining names and feats in the glorious history of the Party and the country and firmly propel the succession and advance of the revolutionary cause in the future, too.

Saying that the dream of Korea, the future of Korea, is calling the young people, Kim Jong Un called for more bravely and dynamically struggling for the eternal prosperity of the motherland, its beautiful tomorrow and the honour of the young people of Korea.

The young people pledged to become the first death-defying corps and the first guards in devotedly protecting Kim Jong Un, the heroes

and patriots powerfully demonstrating the indomitable spirit and might of the Korean youth in the struggle for defending the country and achieving the comprehensive national rejuvenation, and the young vanguard of the WPK and true sons and daughters of the motherland dynamically advancing straight forward following the Party only.

Kim Jong Un conferred the Order of Kim Jong Il, the highest order of the DPRK, on the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

He fixed the Order of Kim Jong Il on the flag of the SPYL and awarded its certificate to the chairman of the C.C., the youth league.

Then he met exemplary young people who performed distinguished feats in defending the country and at major workplaces of the socialist construction.

He highly praised them for their distinguished deeds of responding to the call of the Party with their boundless loyalty and labour achievements, regarding it as their bounden duty and the greatest honor in their life to devote themselves to the motherland.

He said that the important role and brilliant exploits of the Korean youth and the youth league in accomplishing the cause of the Party century after century were, indeed, miraculous and great ones that no others could perform, noting that the young vanguard faithful to the Party has always formed a fortress around the Party leading the revolution to a great upsurge despite all challenges and ordeals of history.

The Party Central Committee also plans and advances today's gigantic cause of fully demonstrating before the world the dignity and prestige of the country and developing the whole country in a

simultaneous and serial way, believing in none other than the young people, he said.

He added that it is the high pride of the Party, state and people and the unique DPRK's power that any physical strength cannot break to have a large contingent of the most revolutionary and patriotic youths.

Expressing his expectation and conviction that all the participants in the conference would continue to glorify their reputation of patriotic youth in the van of the general advance for building a prosperous powerful country by giving full play to their youthful wisdom, passion and tremendous strength and spirit as befits the master of Juche Korea without an equal in the world, he had a significant photo session with them to be recorded long in history.

All the participants, honoured with the great fatherly leader's warm blessings and encouragement, hardened their pledge to unite firmly as one with patriotism, fully support the socialist motherland and wage a more courageous and vigorous struggle for attaining the grand goal to be set by the Ninth Congress of the WPK and carrying forward to completion the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Inauguration of Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm Held with Splendour

At the time when the earnest admiration for and absolute trust in the WPK, organizer and guide of all victories of the DPRK people, were permeating the whole country advancing towards the glorious Party Congress, an ideal farm town with an unprecedented group of large greenhouses was erected on the bank of the River Amnok in the

northwestern part of the country to greet the great auspicious event of inauguration.

The Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm, a beautiful combination of a thousand and hundreds of modern greenhouses of different types, vegetable science research centre, modern houses, various bases for cultural life and peculiar landscape, is another proud monumental edifice witnessing the history of great changes in the era of Kim Jong Un and a proud gift of loyalty presented by the young builders to the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

On February 1, 2026 the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the inauguration ceremony and made a meaningful congratulatory speech.

In his speech Kim Jong Un said that all of us now stand facing a great transformation, something that amazes even ourselves. Asking whether we have to use any other impressive expression or explanation to describe what we are seeing here, he said that we are witnessing the reality that needs no long explanation or expression. This was where the local residents had suffered from flooding generation after generation, regarding it as their fate, and it is protected by a solid dam that would resist even the heaviest flooding on record, he said, adding that he is very happy and pleased that this has become a base for their new life, which they will work cheerfully to build up.

Kim Jong Un continued that our younger generation proudly achieved a new transformation that is as beautiful as their youth and as honourable as their reputation.

Since the day when they committed themselves to the worthwhile, gigantic nature-remaking project, our soldiers and young people have devoted their youthful wisdom and enthusiasm to developing a

precious part of their country; in doing so, they have also displayed their unshakable faith in socialism, confidence about the future and love for the country, thereby creating wealth from which our people will benefit for all ages, he noted.

He highlighted that our young revolutionaries have chronicled a priceless struggle against the rigours of the construction project by displaying their dauntless courage and fervent zeal, and, but for their invaluable struggle we could hardly find ourselves standing in front of this great monumental structure today.

He said that our soldiers and young people have made a wonderful achievement of creation to be presented to the Ninth Party Congress, and thus proved again that they are fully qualified to be called the most powerful elite force and vanguard of the Korean revolution.

He continued that the youthful vigour and warm sincerity, which have been passionately devoted to every inch of the expansive area of the island, will be remembered forever as an imprint of their priceless patriotic effort, and this will be rightfully etched in the history of our great state.

Availing myself of this significant opportunity, I express my respect, and send my best wishes on behalf of the country and people, to our dependable officers and soldiers and our young people for the patriotism and fidelity which they, as the main force of the gigantic construction struggle, have displayed in performing heroic feats with loyalty to the Party and the revolution and accelerating the dynamic onward advance of the times, he said.

He continued that along with the patriotic march of our proud builders for both today and tomorrow, our brave pioneers, the land of our country will be richer and more beautiful, and our ideals and

determination will surely result in achieving steady advance and victory.

This year, too, you should make redoubled efforts for our future that will always remain bright with the vigour of young Koreans, and also for the great era of transformation and prosperity, he stressed.

Kim Jong Un concluded that he wish all the residents a happy life and offer congratulations once again on the inauguration of the Sinuiju Combined Greenhouse Farm.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

He then went round the Sinuiju Vegetable Science Research Centre.

He highly appreciated the scientific research group for greatly lowering production costs and consumption and making big profits through introduction of an intelligent integrated production system and valuable recycling technologies conducive to realizing the integration of management and production of the greenhouse farm.

Saying that the Sinuiju vegetable science research base has a very important duty in radically increasing the production of greenhouse vegetables of the country, he stressed the need for the base to properly play its role as an academic guidance unit and scientific research centre that conducts scientific research into vegetables and also provides nationwide technical service for growing greenhouse vegetables.

He said that it is the intention of the WPK to overtake the world not only in the size of greenhouse but also in the method of greenhouse vegetable cultivation, building up of technical foundations and production and thus make the people benefit from it as soon as possible. He clarified a series of tasks for the operation of greenhouse and

scientific research into vegetables, including the issue of taking thorough scientific and technological measure for ensuring the quality, taste and nutritive value of greenhouse vegetables, the issue of directing efforts to widely spreading vegetable seeds of good varieties and the issue of establishing a national structure for unified guidance and management over many greenhouses across the country.

He met scientists and technicians who made contributions to the construction of the farm and officials of the central and field headquarters and had a photo session with them.

He went round various types of greenhouse buildings including solar greenhouse where fish farming is combined with vegetable cultivation.

Saying that we are now undergoing an important transformation process for radical changes in regions, he stressed that the construction of the farm is one of the hugest projects carried out during the eighth term of the Central Committee of the WPK and a precious wealth of prosperity showing the rapid development of our times in which struggles are being waged for epochal changes across the country with high goals and ideals.

Kim Jong Un unveiled the monument, heartily wishing that the farm would contribute to the economic development of the region and the improvement of its people's material life.

That day, he had a photo session with the soldier-builders and young vanguard members involved in the construction of the farm.

He expressed expectation and belief that the youth, officers and soldiers would redouble their youthful strength, enthusiasm, wisdom and courage and more bravely struggle for the bright future of the powerful and beautiful country and the honor of the Korean youth.

Kim Jong Un hoped that he would meet with the admirable young builders in Pyongyang again, saying that the Ninth Congress of the glorious motherly Party is waiting for them who will enter in a dignified manner the capital city of the great state with labor gifts of loyalty.

The inauguration of the farm served as a significant occasion that confirmed the belief in invincibility and rosy future of the DPRK's cause and struggle and strikingly demonstrated the irresistible might of socialist Korea dynamically advancing while bringing earlier the gigantic transformation in the regions under the uplifted banner of self-reliance.

Samgwang Livestock Farm Inaugurated

An inauguration ceremony of the Samgwang Livestock Farm under the North Phyongan Provincial Rural Economy Committee, built as a model of socialist rural construction and development of livestock farming in the new era, was held with splendour on February 2, 2026.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the ceremony and made a historic speech in commemoration of the inauguration of the Samgwang Livestock Farm.

Today we are seeing another peculiar development of the socialist countryside aspiring to advancement and modernity at the newly-built Samgwang Livestock Farm, he said, adding this is a new standard and epitome clearly showing the height of transformation and the level of changes we want to reach.

He referred to the purpose and important significance of the construction of the Samgwang Livestock Farm, which was started to create a new starting point, innovative criterion, conducive to defining a future development orientation of the DPRK's countryside and its livestock farming in the light of the lessons learned from the rural construction in the past.

Saying that Samgwang-ri clearly indicates the prospect of the socialist rural development the country is going to attain and it should put rural development onto a new qualitative transformation stage by expanding and developing the experience and successes gained in the course of building the Samgwang Livestock Farm, he clarified different tasks for implementing the socialist rural development policy and definitely turning the livestock farming of the country into a modern one of world level.

Kim Jong Un extended warm congratulations to the residents in the region who came to lead a blessed life in the place wonderfully transformed into a socialist paradise.

Kim Jong Un went round the first branch of the Samgwang Livestock Farm, protected cultivation floor, milk production ground, etc.

He said that, in line with the intention of the Party which set as the five-point link in the development of stockbreeding the securement of supra-species, full supply of fodder, scientific raising and tending and thorough epizootic prevention together with the work of putting production and management control on an IT and intelligent basis, the farm should direct big efforts to lowering the production cost and improving the quality of products by optimizing and modernizing the technical control, management of equipment, raising and tending and

management of fodder and thus ensure that the validity and vitality of the WPK's stockbreeding policy are proved by clear production result in the future, too.

The Samgwang Livestock Farm should become a standard-bearer standing in the van of the whole country under the uplifted banner for implementing the Party's stockbreeding policy, he said, giving precious instructions for the management control of the farm including the issue of steadily developing the technology for recycling waste, the issue of creating new standards in the analysis and control of quality and the issue of stirring up the atmosphere of competitive development as well as exchange of experience among major stockbreeding farms.

He said that like this farm, modern and industrialized elements are being now positively introduced in rural areas and it is necessary to positively promote such trend and make it a policy. Noting that it is the enlarging and deepening of the programme for the rural revolution in the new era to develop the country's stockbreeding in a specialized way including the integration of production system at stockbreeding farm, the increase of veterinary medicine production and the establishment of a new stockbreeding information technology research unit, he clarified the ways for its implementation.

He acquainted himself with the production of dairy products of the farm.

Appreciating that the farm is ensuring the environment of stabilized production and profitability through introduction of an intelligent milk production system based on the virtual physical production system, he said that lots of good experiences conducive to putting the production line on an intelligent and IT basis have been created recently, and this work should be steadily developed with a clear purposeful orientation.

Enjoying the picturesque panorama of the farm including modern rural dwelling houses, he said with pleasure that it is wonderful and it is a deep and quiet landscape arousing a sentiment peculiar to the region and that the Samgwang Livestock Farm is a model edifice which can represent the socialist rural area in the new era and an ideal cultural farm to be the envy of a town.

Calling for building the rural villages to be impeccable without a parallel even in the distant future and to be advantageous in all aspects, he expressed his unshakable will to more strongly and confidently propel the overall development of the countryside.

Recalling that a model greenhouse vegetable farm was built in the area of the Wihwa Island and a new standard of stockbreeding development was set in the Samgwang area, he said it is the Korean-style traditional development mode and law to create a model and generalize it to the whole country. When this is well embodied in an organic manner in the construction of rural villages and regions, more epochal progress will be made in the implementation of the Party's programme for the rural revolution in the new era and policy of regional development, he added.

He stressed the need to further enhance the sense of mission and responsibility, self-confidence and enthusiasm for the revolutionary cause and redouble their efforts to intensify the state guidance on the rural and regional construction, promote its constant development and ensure the state-sponsored investment and support, thus making sure that the rural construction policy and regional development policy of the Party become a historical review adding a proud page to the nation-building history.

The inauguration of the Samgwang Livestock Farm strikingly demonstrated the ambition and executive power of the WPK to

transform all the rural villages of the country into the ideal ones under socialism, good to live and work in, and marked an epochal turning point of great significance in putting the national stockbreeding on an advanced basis.

Saeppyol Street Inaugurated with Splendour

Saeppyol Street has made an imposing appearance in an excellent location in the Hwasong area of Pyongyang. It is a monumental architectural group reflecting the strong will of all the DPRK people to convey forever the shining star-like feats of the heroes who unhesitatingly sacrificed their lives for the immortal honour and eternal prosperity of the DPRK during the overseas military operations.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un attended the inauguration ceremony and made a speech in commemoration of the inauguration on February 15, 2026.

Saying with deep emotion that the meaningful day has come when Saeppyol Street has been completed thanks to the ardent desire of our motherland to have its address in our capital city, he noted that the inauguration of the street named Saeppyol that has already been etched in all our hearts as a byword for the glorious life of the combatants is an emotive moment when we record in the history of Pyongyang the most heroic era that embodies the strength of Korea, symbolizes the greatness of its people and has defended its sacred dignity and fame.

Noting that Saeppyol Street is a source of honour for our generation and a pride of Pyongyang and our state, he prayed for the immortality of the martyrs along with its inauguration which will etch the martyrs' names and images in history. He sincerely hoped that this street, a

place where the ennobling souls rest and reverence from all over the country converges, will always brim over with joy and happiness.

Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

Kim Jong Un, together with senior Party, government and military officials, gave the licenses for the use of flats in the name of the WPK Central Committee to the bereaved families.

Kim Jong Un met bereaved family members who would move into new houses.

Noting that the inauguration of a street for the families of the fallen fighters in the overseas military operations reminds him of the heroic images of combatants who laid down their lives, praying for prosperity of their country and Pyongyang at their last moments, he said in an excited tone that it was the highest respect to the noble lives of the martyrs to make the country, associated with their desires and souls, richer and more beautiful and safeguard and glorify it.

Saying that the fallen fighters are model patriots and greatest heroes who unhesitatingly dedicated their precious lives to carrying out the order of the country for no reward, he stressed it is due obligation and noble mission of the Party and government to take care of the destiny and life of their parents, who brought them up to be excellent, and their wives and children, who were their strength and support, in the most responsible and sincerest manner.

He repeatedly urged officials of the Party and power organs to thoroughly implement the measure taken to afford preference and privileges to the families of the martyrs, regarding it as an important policy task, and to always pay deep attention to their life so that they would never feel any inconvenience.

He visited the houses of the bereaved family members and wished them a bright future.

Saeppyol Street, the crystal of eternal thanks and respect paid by the Party and the people to the heroes in the overseas military operations, will shed its rays for all ages along with its noble name, conveying a new legendary tale of love and moral obligation blooming in the great era of Kim Jong Un to posterity.

Groundbreaking Season and Inauguration Season

A season is a natural phenomenon caused by the orbital motion of the earth.

However, there exist the seasons caused not by the orbital motion of the earth but by the boundless love for the people bestowed by the Workers' Party of Korea.

They are the groundbreaking season and inauguration season.

These phrases cannot be consulted in a dictionary. They have not been heard in any times or in any countries of the world.

They reflect noble world of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who ushers in an era of huge changes with his boundlessly noble outlook on the people that he must pick up a star and bring flowers bloom even on the stone for the sake of the people's happiness, and with his ardent devotion.

Kim Jong Un said that the WPK would invariably enforce in an expanded manner the superior politics and policies for improving the people's wellbeing and providing them with more benefits and bring an

ideal society of prosperity missed by the people even in their dreams to an earlier completion.

In recent years, 10 000 flats have been built without fail in Pyongyang every year, the more expanded and advanced regional development policy-oriented constructions launched and completed within every year and the modern rural dwelling houses built in every part of the country, thus registering proud successes in realizing wellbeing of the people.

Indeed, the DPRK makes a record of great transformations so that the phrase *groundbreaking accompanied by inauguration* has become into common uses.

In his speech made at the groundbreaking ceremony of the fifth-stage construction project in the Hwasong area on February 18, 2026, Kim Jong Un said that the country is changing its appearance and the wealth of the people is increasing each year, and along with this the Korean revolution is following step by step the course of innovation and leap forward. He highlighted that this has become an irreversible trend of the revolution and a mode of its advance.

He also said that it was necessary to further accelerate this transformation and make it a permanent custom of socialist Korea to habitually witness new miraculous construction result in the days of seeing off a year.

Groundbreaking season and inauguration season in the DPRK are the ones of delight and jubilation brought by Kim Jong Un who cherishes ardent love and affection.

They are the proud fruition born by the WPK's steadfast executive faculty of achieving success without fail once it has determined to do for the good of the people.

Question and Answer

Childcare Policy of Workers' Party of Korea

Question: When did the Workers' Party of Korea adopt the childcare policy?

Answer: The 3rd Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK held in June 2021 adopted a new childcare policy on supplying all the children across the country with nourishing food including dairy products at the state's expense.

At the meeting, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un ardently said that there is no more important revolutionary work than the work of bringing up children, the future of the country, to be healthy and strong and that it is the most important policy and supreme cherished desire of the Party and the state to provide more improved conditions for bringing them up even at the cost of huge sum of money.

It is Kim Jong Un's noble intention that, if children, the rising generations in the DPRK grow up strong and healthy in a good environment from their childhood, the socialist society will be more energetic, vibrant and vital and the national strength of the Republic grow stronger after 20 or 30 years.

Question: When was the DPRK Law on Childcare adopted?

Answer: The DPRK Law on Childcare was newly adopted at the 6th Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK held in February 2022.

The law stipulates that the state shall establish regular system of producing and supplying nourishing food for children, provide all the children with nourishing food including dairy products free of charge and on a normal basis and provide the most sufficient upbringing conditions.

Question: How is the childcare policy implemented in the DPRK?

Answer: In the DPRK, the state is totally responsible for the daily supply of dairy products to all the children across the country. It established regular system for producing and supplying dairy products on a regular basis on a nationwide scale and expanded the production capacity in the period from June 2021 when the childcare policy was adopted to June 2022.

Even in the maximum emergency anti-epidemic period, vehicles carrying dairy and rice powder for babies ran the tightly closed streets and a child on an isolated island was supplied with the dairy products.

The 8th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee stressed that, since the adoption of the new childcare policy, positive efforts to increase the quantity of milk production and complete the dairy production equipment have been made and the well-organized system and order of supplying dairy products established in provinces, cities and counties and thus all the children of nursery and kindergarten age are provided with the dairy products on a regular basis, and this is one of the clear-cut changes made in the life of the DPRK people during the eighth term of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Question: What is the WPK's outlook on posterity?

Answer: The children are before and above the people. This is the WPK's outlook on posterity.

The WPK regards the people as supreme. It is the WPK's highest ideal and fundamental principle to regard the people as supreme and bring flower into bloom even on a rock if they want.

The WPK places the posterity, the beloved children above them.

The period since the Eighth Party Conference up to today is the one that proved how ardent the WPK's love for posterity is through the adoption of policies for children at the important Party meetings.

The childcare policy to supply all the children across the country with nourishing food including dairy products was adopted at the 3rd Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee, the task to supply quality school uniforms and bags of new type to all the students and schoolchildren was put forward at the 4th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee, the tasks to readjust the educational structure of the country for giving advanced education and improve the contents and methods of education more reasonably was put forward at the 6th and 8th Plenary Meetings of the Eighth Party Central Committee, the correct implementation of the socialist policies for students and schoolchildren was discussed as an important agenda at the 9th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee, and the need to supply school fittings, supplies and equipment and renovate all schools across the country within the next decade on the full responsibility of the state and push them forward persistently was stressed at the 11th Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee. The historic Party meetings clearly prove the greatness of policies put forward by the WPK who gives top priority to the education of younger generations.

Interview

Changes in 2025 Brought about by Ardent Long-cherished Desire and Dear Efforts

Emcee: Hello, everybody.

2025 was a stirring period, indeed. It is unprecedented in the width and depth of the changes made in the year.

So, I'd like to have an interview with you about the changes made by the DPRK in 2025 under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Kim Song Hui (KASS section chief): I still remember the speech made by Kim Jong Un at the celebration on the New Year's Eve.

Referring to the precious successes and phenomenal changes of 2025 which boosted the strength and dignity of the country with so fervent hopes and dear efforts, he said that this is certainly an honour that has resulted from our ideals and faith, our strength and strenuous efforts, and at the same time, it is clear proof that we are following the right path. He affirmed with pride that 2025 is the image of the future of our state which will grow more powerful and beautiful thanks to our excellent people's affection, wisdom and sweat.

Ri Jong Min (KASS researcher): Listening to his speech, our people deeply recollected labours devoted by Kim Jong Un who gave ceaseless field guidance all year round to provide them with more glorious future.

Indeed, 2025 was the year in which everything was concluded perfectly, recording gigantic events in history.

Emcee: I think that you, Mr. Ryu has a remarkable impression as a cameraman who filmed the changing realities of the Republic.

Ryu Nam Chol (KASS cameraman): Not many people but I might have witnessed so many daily changing realities of the country.

The most impressive to me is the development of Pyongyang, the capital city.

In particular, while filming the Hwasong area, I felt as if it had been a piece of art as the modern flats and service facilities, even roads and parks were harmonized perfectly in their modernity and classical beauty.

I did not want to stop filming the Hwasong area in which high-, medium- and low-storied apartment buildings, with formative artistic, practical and convenient value, are in ideal harmony with public buildings such as commercial and neighbourhood-serving amenities.

Emcee: The construction of flats in Pyongyang was over-fulfilled in 2025, wasn’t it?

Han Kum Chol (KASS researcher): Yes, it was.

When planning the construction of flats at the fourth stage in the Hwasong area, the officials set the number of flats under 10 000, out of thinking that they could attain the goal of building 50 000 flats when they built only thousands of flats because more than 10 000 flats had been built every year during the past 4 years.

However, thanks to Kim Jong Un's iron will that it will be good, not bad, to build more flats for the people and their can never be satisfaction in the work for the people, a grand plan for surely building 10 000 flats was unfolded even when the unprecedented grand construction campaign including the implementation of the regional development policy in the new era was ongoing and, later on, the construction of Saeppyol Street covering thousands of flats was carried on simultaneously.

Under the wise leadership of Kim Jong Un who pressed the button for blasting to herald the start of the project and gave a field guidance to the construction site, the construction of 10 000 flats at the fourth stage in the Hwasong area was completed with success and the Hwasong area has become more famous not only as a cradle of the happy and civilized life of the people but as a land of history, which tells new miraculous tales of indomitable socialist Korea.

Kim Chang Gyong (KASS section chief): The Hwasong area really reflects high ambition of the Korean people; it is symbolic of the civilization of our socialist Korea, which gives a glimpse into the level of transformation we are going to achieve.

Construction in this area had been planned and promoted with the aim of solving the housing problem of the people, but as we see, it has led to transformation, namely formation of an urban district. This can be called a great revolution in capital city construction and clear proof of our ideals and executive abilities.

The realms of our construction are expanding and its goals are getting higher with each passing day, and not only the Hwasong area but also all other parts of the country are underdoing transformation according to our will and the speed of their realization, from planning to implementation, is being further accelerated.

Ri Jong Min: At present the phrases *groundbreaking ceremony* and *inauguration ceremony* have become the ones which are quite familiar with our people. If the groundbreaking and inauguration ceremonies held in 2025 are all combined, they will be a cherished desire of the Party who never rests contents with doing things for the people, and a history of changes of the Republic.

Emcee: The WPK made efforts not only for the golden age of the capital city construction but for the rural housing construction and the new regional development policy-oriented projects construction being vigorously promoted on the nationwide scale. What do you think of it?

Ryu Nam Chol: The rural housing construction that is being carried at a time in every part and corner of the country becomes more vigorous year after year and it continuously leads to the auspicious events of moving into new houses and thus makes the whole country seethe with delight all the year round.

In addition to it, construction of hospitals and leisure complexes was added and carried out at the same time so as to further extend and deepen the width and depth of the unprecedented regional development revolution. As a matter of fact, building city and county hospitals is not an easy undertaking. Their construction needs dozens of times of labour, high building techniques, dear materials and huge funds in comparison with the construction of dwelling houses or industrial buildings.

However, the WPK who spares nothing for the good of the people made a final decision, which is difficult to make even in the days of abundance, without hesitation and heralded the start of the construction.

The Pyongyang General Hospital, the first creation of the public health revolution and with which Kim Jong Un said that it is really one of the strongest wishes he has wanted to fulfill, something that has

always been in the forefront of his mind, and the Kangdong County, Kusong City and Ryonggang County Hospitals were built and they became the valuable results which made us confidently call 2025 a year of amazing transformation.

Numerous entities of the regional-industry revolution came into being in 20 cities and counties including Kangdong County, the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area and Samjiyon Tourist Resort that unfolded a new scene of civilization and efflorescence, the largest-ever greenhouse farm built on the island area in the northwestern tip of the country once severely hit by natural disaster, the Unsan Paper Mill which is of weighty significance in developing the paper industry of Korean style and satisfying the country's long-term demand for paper, and *Ragwonpho* (Port of Paradise) erected as a standard in aquaculture, a paradise of the people are the successes achieved in 2025.

Han Kum Chol: I'm sure that Mr. emcee watched and heard through TV and radio the pictures of the residents and their voices full of delight and excitement while seeing the goods produced by the newly built regional-industry factories.

The pictures of the regional people who are pleased to have goods produced with raw materials in their regions are those of happiness that even an artist cannot draw as it is.

Emcee: Indeed, the WPK is a great mother who plans all the happiness—not only the ones desired by the people but the ones they failed to dream—and translates them into reality.

Speaking of the construction of leisure complex alone started in 2025, it is a project never previously seen in the history of regional construction.

Kim Song Hui: The construction of leisure complex is also associated with the warm affection of the WPK.

Taking new important measures for hastening the epochal development, comprehensive rejuvenation of the regions in August 2024, Kim Jong Un initiated the construction of leisure complex which would lead the regional people to civilization and gave energetic guidance to create its model.

Accordingly, the multifunctional leisure complexes in Kangdong and Jongphyong Counties and Kaephung District furnished with facilities for the people to see films and enjoy sports and cultural activities, commercial outlets with a clean sanitary environment, as well as various other welfare facilities were completed so as to provide the regional people with the latest science and nourishment of civilization without interruption.

Dimensions of a region can be measured, but there is no limit in the ideals and wishes of the WPK. The creations erected in the DPRK tell this to us.

Emcee: I agree with your opinion. Now I feel as if I were listening to Kim Jong Un. He said that the country is changing its appearance and wealth of the people is increasing each year, and along with this our revolution is following step by step the course of innovation and leap forward, and this has become an irreversible trend of the revolution and mode of its advance.

Indeed, 2025 was a year of pride in which the civilization of the capital city transformed the regions, the transformation of the regions gave a spur to the development of the capital city, and all the regions, sectors and units across the country made progress in a competitive, balanced and simultaneously and thus the historic cause aspiring to overall development of socialist construction has successfully passed its first stage.

All our people believe that not only things are changing and developing but also their ambitions will be realized earlier than they desired and pictured.

Mt Kuwol, Celebrated Mountain of Korea

Mt Kuwol is a celebrated mountain of Korea that has been called Kumgang in the West Sea since ancient times for its magnificent geographical features of the mountain and curious and unique scenic beauty.

It covers 110 square kilometers in the areas of Anak, Unryul, Unchon and Samchon Counties of South Hwanghae Province.

Mt Kuwol consists of many curious peaks including Tangun Peak, Inhwang Peak and Asa Peak as well as Sahwang Peak rising to a height of 954 metres. It has got such streams with crystal-clear water as Han Stream and Kuwol Stream, Sokdam, a pond which is said to never go dry even in a severe drought season, and big and small spectacular waterfalls including famous Ryongyon Falls and Samhyongje Falls.

Mt Kuwol has got deep valleys like Sansong, Obong and Ungye, Ravines and many pools including Puyon and Mayon, thus further enriching its scenic beauty as a celebrated mountain.

For its natural beauty of the mountain and ravines and rich biological diversity, the Mt Kuwol area was registered as World Biosphere Sanctuary in 2004 which was after the Paektusan area in the DPRK.

The sanctuary has comparatively diverse flora. There are several hundred kinds of higher plants, most of which are angiosperm, and scores of kinds of bracken. The forest on Mt Kuwol is composed of different kinds of pure and mixed forests and the major high trees are pine, oak, chestnut, pine-nut and linden. Scores of kinds of endemic species of plants and crisis-affected plants grow there.

Fauna in the sanctuary is diverse, too. Scores of kinds of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fishes inhabit there. It has also hundreds of kinds of butterflies and insects.

The sanctuary also has such natural monuments as Honggol yellow magnolia, Kuwolsan water-deer, Kuwolsan Rana coreana and Jongdal hot spring.

Mt Kuwol has a lot of historical remains and relics. Kuwolsan Fort and Woljong Temple are typical ones.

Together with Jongbangsan Fort and Suyangsan Fort, Kuwolsan Fort has been designated as one of the 3-major forts in Hwanghae Province. It was built first by the people of Koguryo dynasty. It seems like a ship and it is 5 230 metres in circumstance.

As it a very old one in Korea, Woljong Temple is a valuable cultural heritage characterizing the Korean-style ancient building as its structure and form are elaborate and is in good mechanical order.

At present Mt Kuwol serves as a pleasant place for cultured life and rest of the working people, a tourist resort and a well-known scenic

spot thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's devoted service and love for the people.

Tongamdong Relics

The *Tongamdong* relics were unearthed in the cave site in the mid-slope of a hill which is about 40 metres above the sea in Tongam-dong, Sunchon City, South Phyongan Province in the period from May 2011 to June 2015.

14 pieces of stone tools, 8 pieces of bone tools, over 5 000 animal bone fossils and more than 1 000 spore and pollen fossils were unearthed there.

The *Tongamdong* relics are divided into 2 cultural layers. Discovered in the cultural layer No. 1 were a fist axe, a hammer and 13 kinds of fossil animal bones, and in the cultural layer No. 2 a fist axe, a hammer, bone tools and 12 kinds of fossil animal bones. Numbers of spore and pollen fossils were also found in both layers.

According to the measurement made by different scientific dating methods, the age of the cultural layer No. 1 was confirmed to be about 880 000 years ago and the cultural layer No. 2 about 720 000 years ago.

With the discovery of the *Tongamdong* relics following the unearthing of the *Komunmoru* relics in the DPRK, it has been proved once again on a scientific basis that human beings had lived in the

Taedong River basin since the early period of the first term of the Old Stone Age and Korea is one of the cradles of human culture.

And invaluable materials for further deepening the study of culture in the Old Stone Age not only in Korea but in the Asian region have been provided.

Fist axes unearthed in the cultural layers Nos, 1 and 2 belong to the earliest period in Asia and therefore, they are the remains putting an end to the previous view that the fist-axe culture existed only in the areas of Europe and west Asia and clearly proving that it existed also in Korea and other areas of east Asia.

Fossil tooth of a big castor had been found in some relics of the Eurasian continent in the past. It was unearthed in the cultural layer No. 1 of the relics. It is the one found for the first time in Korea, and it draws attention of the archeological circle.

The bone tools in the cultural layer No. 2, which can be said to be very unusual in the world as they were founded in the relics belonging to the former term of the Old Stone Age, serve as an important material in elucidating the process of the Korean ancestors' production activities.

Results of the research on the fossil animal bones and spore and pollen fossils unearthed in the cultural layers Nos, 1 and 2 prove that the area was covered with thick woods and it had hot and wet environment applicable to the climatic conditions of the tropical or subtropical zones covered with grassy plains and forests.

As seen above, the stone and bone tools and the fossil animal bones and spore and pollen fossils newly unearthed in the *Tongamdong* relics

are the valuable remains proving that Korea is one of the cradles of human culture and, at the same time, the material data capable of deepening the study of the Old Stone Age culture in Korea and Asia.

Mt Kumgang Registered as UNESCO World Heritage

Mt Kumgang, a celebrated mountain in the DPRK was registered as the world cultural and natural heritage.

The 47th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee held in Paris, France, in July 2025 approved that Mt Kumgang is the world cultural and natural scenery as its cultural traditions, natural ecological system and scenic beauty form a miraculous whole, and decided to register it as one of the world cultural and natural heritages.

Exceptional natural beauty in which beautiful natural scenic beauty of Inner Kumgang, Outer Kumgang and Sea Kumgang of Mt Kumgang boasting of being a world famous mountain, twelve thousand jagged peaks, rocks of fantastic shape, graceful falls, ponds and lakes, fresh air and crystal-clear water, colours peculiar to seasons, etc. are combined harmoniously to unfold an excellent scenery, diverse biota, cultural heritages including old temples, temple sites, stone pagodas, Buddhist writings on the rock, stone sculptures, etc. and such intangible heritages as the legends and episodes like Kumgangsan legends serve as the leading features of the celebrated mountain.

With the registration of Mt Kumgang as the world heritage, correctness and vitality of the Juche-oriented policy of protecting cultural heritages laid down by the Workers' Party of Korea were clearly proved and the celebrated mountain of DPRK boasting of its superb scenic beauty came to further demonstrate its fame as a common wealth of mankind, a world tourist attraction.

Korean People's Superior Culture of Pickles

The Korean people has introduced pickles in their dietary life since long ago and, in this course, created superior culture of pickles.

Shells of scores of kinds of shellfishes including a clam, a scallop and a short neck clam, fishbones, jars, crocks and earthenware unearthed in the *Kungsan* relics in Unha-ri of Onchon County are the remains showing a part of culture of pickles created by the Korean people. Even a foreign history book recorded that the people of Koryo dynasty, irrespective of rank, made and had pickles.

Pickles are renowned as a macrobiotic foodstuff which is tasty and rich in their nutritive elements. In the pickles, proteins rich in fish and the entrails are resolved into amino acids, peptide, etc. and mixed with spices to emit a unique fragrance and give savoury taste. Pickles are especially effective in preventing and curing diseases of adult people for their effects of preventing thrombus, aging as well as anti-cancer effect.

Some nations of the world utilize pickles in their dietary life but no country put the production of pickles on an industrial basis. It is because that huge investment is needed and difficult scientific and technical problems should be solved in order to establish the method of producing pickles in an industrial way. Accordingly, many people regard it as nonprofit as employing a steam-hammer to crack a nut to produce pickles in an industrial way.

However, the Korean people's superior culture of pickles has become the culture representative of the new era thanks to the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who cherishes noble outlook on people that even a star should be pick up if it is for the good of the people and an ardent love for the country.

The Kumsanpho Fish Pickling Factory, the cradle of culture of pickles in the era of the Workers' Party, produces over 50 kinds of 23 categories of pickles in an industrial way. The factory produces over 10 kinds of pickled shrimps mixed with green pepper, unripe garlic, leek, etc., fermented mullet and flatfish and canned pickles in various kinds of method. The by-products resulted from ripening are utilized to produce soy.

Thanks to the popular policies of the state, the new culture of pickles in the era of Workers' Party provides the DPRK people with bigger delight and happier life.

Salt Producing Remains Newly Unearthed in DPRK

The salt producing remains dating back to the Bronze and the New Stone Ages were unearthed in the area of the Wonup Workers' District of Onchon County, Nampho Municipality.

The research group of the Institute of Archeology, the Academy of Social Sciences deepened the examination and unearthing of the historic remains in the area.

In this course, they discovered the salt producing remains, the facilities storing sea water and baking salt belong to the Bronze and the New Stone Ages (5 000-5 500 years ago), the first of their kinds in Korea.

The facility storing sea water takes the form of a dome favourable for storing sea water and is divided into two cultural layers (strata containing archeological relics and remains).

A hard mud layer for storing sea water and the top-shaped earthenware pieces belonging to the Bronze Age were unearthed in the

upper cultural layer, and a thick mud layer mixed with wood ashes laid to store sea water and the earthenware pieces with engraved pattern belonging to the New Stone Age in the lower cultural layer.

The facility for baking salt is also divided into two cultural layers.

A stove with a flue for concentrating sea water and the top-shaped earthenware pieces belonging to the Bronze Age were unearthed in the upper cultural layer and a stove without flue and the earthenware pieces with engraved pattern belonging to the New Stone Age in the lower cultural layer.

In the course of analysis through the comparison of the ingredient and saltiness of the soil in the facility storing sea water and its environs by applying different analyzing methods in connection with the relevant units, the research group concluded that the saltiness of the soil in the facility is much higher than the one in the environs and thus they are the remains of producing salt.

And, through the dating of earthenware, they clarified on a scientific basis that those unearthed in the upper cultural layer belong to the Bronze Age dating back to 5 000 years ago, and those in the lower cultural layer belong to the New Stone Age dating back to 5 500 years ago.

The DPRK Society of Archeology deliberated on the analysis of the array of the remains, the unearthed earthenware and soil in the area of the Wonup Workers' District of Onchon County, Nampho Municipality and confirmed that the upper cultural layer is the remains with which the ancestors produced salt in the way of boiling down sea water in the Bronze Age dating back to 5 000 years ago, and the lower cultural layer is the ones in the New Stone Age dating back to 5 500 years ago.

DPRK Is a Country of Miracles

In 2025 mass media in many countries of the world extended unstinting praise to the unusual creations erected in succession throughout the country as an index to the rapid development of the DPRK.

"The DPRK changes its appearance every year thanks to the regional development policy put forward by Leader Kim Jong Un. The regional-industry factories have been built in scores of cities and counties, and new hospitals and leisure complexes completed. It's a great event. The DPRK is a demonstrable and decisive country carrying any undertaking through to completion once it is determined to do it.", "It is very surprising and pleased to see that the rural rejuvenation is being accelerated in such a rapid speed.", "It is to my liking that the dwelling houses in rural areas in the DPRK are colourful. I wish I would live there.", "I felt I had had a dream when I saw the dwelling houses in rural areas built by the DPRK. It seems as if the dwelling houses I imagined in my childhood came true.", "Newly built fine dwelling houses can be seen everywhere of the DPRK. What is most surprising is that the people are provided with such dwelling houses free of charge.", "The DPRK is a country of miracles."

These praises are made by the internet subscribers in many countries about realities of the DPRK where a new era of regional and rural rejuvenation is unfolded.

A Russian newspaper carried a following article on its column of special titles.

"The period of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea can be said to be the days in which the character and original features of the Workers' Party became more distinct. During the period, many policies for the improvement of the people's wellbeing including the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, new childcare policy, socialist policy for students and the rural revolution programme in the new century were enforced. The Regional Development 20×10 Policy, that is the first since the founding of the Party and the state, has been adopted and is being carried into effect in a thoroughgoing way. Big advance has been made in all fields of the DPRK including the economy, culture and military affairs. All the successes are fruitions born by the strenuous efforts made by all the DPRK people in union despite difficulties. Even though they were faced with the constant sanctions imposed by the hostile forces, the world public health crisis and the severe natural disasters, the DPRK people never yielded nor flinched before them. It should be noted that wise leadership and love and affection of devoted service for the people given by President Kim Jong Un of the State Affairs trained such people."

The world raised the voice by admiring the changed appearance of the DPRK getting more cultured and enlightened day by d a y under the outstanding leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. "The Pyongyang General Hospital has opened. The DPRK is the only country where the common people receive medical treatment in the world first-rank hospital equipped with modern medical facilities. Receiving medical treatment in the hospital offered as a gift by Leader Kim Jong Un, his people will recover from all illness.", "The DPRK has completed the Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Area with its own efforts. The DPRK develops at the speed of light. The DPRK's development is made by President Kim Jong Un of the State Affairs.", "The DPRK surpasses the Western countries. The DPRK continues the construction of dwelling houses for the sake of the people despite

severe sanctions. The Western countries never do the construction of dwelling houses for their people."

Media in many countries reported that the DPRK does without fail whatever it is for the good of the people, irrespective of advantage and disadvantage of conditions, popular policies are enforced as ever and the measures are taken for the health, life and safety of the people despite difficulties and the undertakings for improving their living standard are unfolded in succession, adding that such realities are unthinkable apart from the ardent love for the people of President Kim Jong Un of the State Affairs.

Definite Is Victory of Juche Korea

Possession of powerful military capabilities is a fundamental guarantee for defending dignity and sovereignty of a country and its people and achieving peace and development.

Seeing the military parade and the military hardware exhibition *Defence Development-2025* held in October 2025 in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea, the world progressive peoples praised as follows.

"President Kim Jong Un of the State Affairs is a leader of strong will. *Defence Development-2025* demonstrated the DPRK's ability as it is.", "Looking at such modern armed equipment as *'Hwasongpho'* missiles which put the whole earth in their striking range, I came to be struck more evidently with the might of the DPRK, a military power.", "600-mm super-large multiple rocket launchers are excellent, indeed.", "The level of the DPRK's mechanized force holds advanced ranking in

the world.", "The military parade held in the rain proved the will of the Korean People's Army to safeguard the country and people.", "Of all the armies I have seen, the army of the DPRK is the one whose qualification of combatants is on the highest level.", "Under the leadership of Leader Kim Jong Un, the DPRK advances with its own huge and miraculous developing capabilities. What the DPRK will develop next time cannot be guessed. In a word, the DPRK changes its appearance rapidly.", "Definite is the victory of Juche Korea as it has a powerful revolutionary army who reliably guarantees prosperity of the country with arms and powerfully leads an all-people grand march for the comprehensive state prosperity by dint of ardent pioneering spirit and indomitable mettle." …

As regards with the DPRK's military capabilities that become more powerful day by day while producing new-type Juche weapons at will despite the hostile forces' extreme stifling, a military expert of a country commented as follows. "Exactness of the DPRK's missiles and the speed of their rapid development are astonishing. The DPRK's missile armed force makes me substantially realize the great realities of the DPRK winning victory after victory.", "A cruise missile fired from the mobile launcher flied for a long time at low altitude and delivered precision strike at the building on the seaside. It is a perfect missile.", "The DPRK's cruise missile making an irregular movement has been further developed and it seems that nuclear warhead loading is possible."

Presses said… The combined tactical drill of different arms held in the DPRK proves why the Korean People's Army is so fearful. H.E. Kim Jong Un develops the land, sea and air forces simultaneously. Many people praise highly that Marshal Kim Jong Un turns the DPRK into a world military power.

Seminar on Historic Significance of Ninth Congress of WPK and First Session of 15th SPA of DPRK Held by Sector of Social Sciences

A seminar on the historic significance of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the First Session of the 15th Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was held by the sector of social sciences in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, on April 23, 2026.

Presented at the seminar were papers that gave profound explanation of the historic significance of the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the First Session of the 15th SPA which marked another new milestone in the history of the sacred struggle for the Juche revolution.

Speakers explained that holding the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un again at the top post of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Republic is a noteworthy event offering a decisive guarantee for a fresh victory in the socialist construction.

The mightiness of the Republic is unconceivable apart from the high authority of the great leader and the success or failure of the socialist construction on a new stage is guaranteed absolutely only by his distinguished ideas and leadership, they said.

They stressed that Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology, which gives perfect solutions to the complicated and difficult theoretical and practical problems arising in the period of the comprehensive development of socialism, serves as the valuable revolutionary wealth ensuring the future development of the Republic, the most programmatic guiding principle in modern times to be praised forever.

They also said that his extraordinary leadership ability and prominent mode of creation serve as an absolute strength that enabled the DPRK to possess the world strongest military capabilities, strengthen the country's war deterrent and vigorously open up a period of comprehensive development in the socialist construction.

The speakers stated that the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the First Session of the 15th SPA serve as a historic turning point which set a new milestone in redoubling the pride and self-confidence of victors among the DPRK people and putting the period of comprehensive development of socialism on a higher stage.

They highlighted that the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the First Session of the 15th SPA reviewed with pride the successes of daringly opening up a new era of unprecedented changes even in the extreme difficulties and thus instilled in all the people an immortal glory and self-confidence of being the great victors and the steadfast conviction to invariably advance along the road of socialism.

They continued that, at the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the First Session of the 15th SPA, Kim Jong Un reviewed the valuable results gained in the course of the efforts for the comprehensive development of socialism and indicated the bright path for bringing about more comprehensive and innovative progress in all spheres of the revolution and construction with the honour of victors who opened up a new trend

of prosperity, irretrievable and irresistible any longer, despite the worst-ever crisis and challenges.

They expounded that the leadership of the WPK is a science, truth and victory is a valuable philosophy that the DPRK people grasped more deeply as an absolute law in the course of the sacred struggle to open up a path of comprehensive state prosperity following the Party.

The speakers proved that the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the First Session of the 15th SPA serve as an important occasion which elucidated the invincible fighting strategy capable of giving fullest play to the great strength of the DPRK people.

They noted that the struggle for making a balanced and simultaneous development in all fronts of socialist construction is a huge and great undertaking that can gain success only by the powerful politico-ideological strength and the revolutionary spirit of self-sustenance.

They highlighted that the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the First Session of the 15th SPA clarified "The people are god", single-hearted unity and self-reliance as the most correct and powerful banner dynamically pushing ahead with the advance and development of the revolution, an invariable guiding principle peculiar to the Korean revolution.

The Ninth Congress of the WPK and the First Session of the 15th SPA also set it as the most important prior task to deeply grasp and adhere to the requirements of the period of comprehensive development in order to make the fresh innovation, bold creation and steady progress in all fields and sector of social life, they added.

They proved that the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the First Session of the 15th SPA that clarified invincible fighting strategy capable of giving fullest play to the great strength of the DPRK people serve as a historic occasion providing a fundamental guideline capable of opening up a period of a great leap for the comprehensive state prosperity with confidence.

The speakers stressed that it is necessary to fulfill responsibility and duty assumed in the struggle for implementing the programmatic tasks put forward by Kim Jong Un at the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the First Session of the 15th SPA.

With the development of society and the people's ideological consciousness and the acceleration of advance of the revolution, the contents and forms of ideological education should be constantly developed in depth and this requires the social scientists who are at standing at the outpost of ideological front to conduct more intensely the theoretical propagation true to the aspiration of the times and expectation of the Party and people, they noted.

They also stated that the social scientists should offensively conduct their studies to give scientific solutions to the problems which are urgent and of key importance in the struggle for attaining the new long-term objects set forth by the Party.

All the participants in the seminar were full of enthusiasm to fulfill with credit their mission and duty as social scientists in the sacred struggle to thoroughly implement the programmatic tasks set forth at the Ninth Congress of the WPK and the First Session of the 15th SPA, true to Kim Jong Un's ideas and leadership.