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# LET US BRILLIANTLY ACCOMPLISH THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE OF JUCHE, HOLDING COMRADE KIM JONG IL IN HIGH ESTEEM AS THE ETERNAL GENERAL SECRETARY OF OUR PARTY

(Excerpts)

Talk to Senior Officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea

April 6, Juche 101 (2012)

We should boundlessly respect the people, regard their interests as supreme and take care of them with maternal affection.

True to the noble will of President Kim II Sung and General Kim Jong II, who regarded "The people are my God" as their motto, we should regard the people as our God, boundlessly respect them, give prominence to them and conduct every undertaking with their demands and interests at the centre. Party organizations, out of maternal feelings, should always value and love the people, guarantee their political integrity to the last and help them add lustre to it. Just as a mother does not abandon an ugly or mischievous child but is more anxious and concerned about him or her, so Party organizations should ensure that

all the people are embraced by the Party and feel the General's affection. They should not turn their backs on those who make mistakes while performing their tasks, but embrace them and educate them perseveringly so that they can add lustre to their life in the ranks of the revolution.

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We should make radical progress in improving the people's standard of living and building the country into an economic giant.

To improve the people's standard of living and boost the country's economy is essential in the struggle to translate into reality the General's intention to build a thriving country.

The General saw to it that everything was subordinated to developing the country's economy and improving the people's standard of living, and laid solid foundations for making the people better off and boosting the country's economy. We should ensure that the priceless assets bequeathed by the General through a painstaking effort fulfil their potential, thus making our people who have invariably trusted and followed our Party the happiest in the world. This was the ardent desire of the General, and is the firm determination and will of our Party.

We should satisfactorily solve the food problem for the people.

At present, various steps are being taken to solve the food problem; we should radically increase state investment in agricultural production and encourage the entire Party, the whole country and all the service personnel and people to turn out and carry out to the letter

the Party's policy on the agricultural revolution. We should conduct farming in a scientific and technological way so as to increase the per-unit area yield and thereby meet the target for agricultural production put forward by the Party without fail, and organize food procurement and administration to the minutest detail so as to ensure a regular food supply for the people.

Efforts should be directed to developing light industry in order to solve the problem of consumer goods. We should take thorough measures for supplying raw and other materials so that light-industry factories can maintain regular production; we should also increase the production of consumer goods and improve their quality, so that everybody will want commodities made in our country. In addition, we should see to it that all the goods we produce are supplied to the people.

Priority should be given to solving the urgent problems facing the people, such as those of houses, drinking water and fuel, so that they do not experience any inconvenience in their lives.

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Officials should devote their all to the people. The people do not exist for the sake of officials, but officials exist for the sake of the people.

By learning from the President's and the General's view of the people, all officials should go among the people, sharing good times and bad with them, and make tireless efforts for their good. They should always put the people first in their consideration, direct primary concern to their livelihood, always think and work sincerely to solve the problems in their lives and do more for their benefit. They should be true servants of the people who know nothing other than working for the people, are faithful and effective in undertaking it and find pleasure and pride in the efforts they make for them.

## OF A THRIVING COUNTRY BY APPLYING KIM JONG IL'S PATRIOTISM

(Excerpts)

#### Talk to Senior Officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea July 26, Juche 101 (2012)

Kim Jong II's patriotism is based on a noble view on people—of believing in them as in heaven.

"The people are my God" was the General's motto throughout his life. He said that if there is an omnipotent entity in this world, it is the masses, not any god; it was his patriotic creed that the country exists because the people exist. His patriotic mind was always filled with the word *people*. If it is the wish of the people, I will pluck a star from the heavens or grow flowers even on a rock—this was the noble expression of his affection for the people, and his will. Even now, whenever I listen to the *Song of Affection for the People*, describing how the General's lifelong exploits that are as wide as the sea and as high as the sky were for the people alone, I cannot help shedding tears as I recall the benevolent image of the General who valued the people all his life.

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Officials should not remain simply worrying about their country; as genuine patriots they should be prepared to throw themselves into supporting the country. The slogan "We serve the country and the people!" put forward by our Party is a patriotic slogan our officials should hold high. Officials should burn with greater patriotic enthusiasm than anybody else for the country and people, and should shed sweat in the vanguard of the people's patriotic struggle. When all officials work sincerely, giving their all and sharing good times and bad with the people, sometimes carrying burdens on their backs, all the people will, with a sense of patriotism, take an active part in building a prosperous country.

Some days ago I said that we should do our work so that people raise a cheer for our Workers' Party at all times, wherever they are. This means that we should do our work efficiently so that they do so voluntarily not only at rallies but also when they are left alone on far-flung islands or deep in the mountains. When our officials, who have to serve the people, run until they drop, shedding their sweat, to make our country prosperous and provide the people with abundance in life, the people will cheer the Workers' Party from the bottom of their hearts at all times, wherever they may be.

#### THE CAUSE OF THE GREAT PARTY OF COMRADES KIM IL SUNG AND KIM JONG IL IS EVER-VICTORIOUS (Excerpts)

## On the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Workers' Party of Korea

October 4, Juche 104 (2015)

The WPK has been built into an invincible revolutionary party that serves the people and has formed an integral whole with them.

The leader, the party and the masses form a community in which they share their destiny in implementing the cause of independence of the masses. Just as the masses cannot carve out their destiny independently if they are separated from the leadership of the party and the leader, so the party cannot become a powerful political organization nor satisfactorily perform its role as a political guide if it is separated from the masses.

Comrade Kim Il Sung ensured that the WPK was built as a mass-based party with workers, farmers and intellectuals as its component elements, oriented all its activities to defending and realizing the demands and interests of the masses, and thus struck its roots deep among them and formed an integral whole with them.

Comrade Kim Jong II ensured that the WPK developed into a genuine motherly party that takes care of the destiny of the masses on its responsibility, administered in a comprehensive way benevolent politics and all-embracing politics based on affection for and trust in them, and thus formed inseparable ties of kinship with them.

The WPK has strived to take responsibility for the people's destiny and look after them with motherly affection and to provide our people, who have supported it with single-hearted loyalty, with a rich and happy life. It has also led officials to eliminate practices of abuse of authority and bureaucratism and work as true servants for the people.

As the WPK is fully discharging its responsibility and duty as a motherly party that serves the people, our people, regarding its embrace as a genuine motherly embrace, have entrusted their destiny and future entirely to it, and are displaying loyalty to prove themselves worthy of its trust and affection.

The integral whole of the WPK and the masses based on the former's trust in and affection for the latter and the latter's absolute support for and trust in the former-herein lies the source of the solidity and might of our revolutionary ranks and the basic guarantee for all victories. As it has been backed up by the might of this integral whole, the WPK has been able to advance with confidence in sure victory against the trials and difficulties facing the revolution and wonderfully perform its sacred mission.

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In the historic course of leading the cause of the Juche revolution the WPK has trained our people into a dignified, independent people, into a powerful motive force of the revolution.

That it has trained the masses of the people into the independent motive force for carrying out the cause of the Juche revolution constitutes its greatest achievement.

The masses are masters of their own destiny and they are responsible for implementing the cause of independence, but only under the correct leadership of a revolutionary party can they become a genuine motive force of the revolution.

The WPK set it as its most important task to unite the masses solidly around it and the leader by awakening them ideologically and rallying them organizationally, and has always paid primary concern to it.

It has united the masses into a single socio-political organism by equipping them with the Juche idea and rallying them around it ideologically, volitionally and organizationally. It has also encouraged them to give full play to their great revolutionary enthusiasm and inexhaustible creativity and thus fulfil their responsibility and role as the motive force of the revolution.

In our country all the service personnel of the KPA and other people have armed themselves with the Juche idea, the WPK's guiding ideology, as their unshakable faith and achieved single-hearted unity around it, and they are working with devotion to implement its lines and policies. Its plans and decisions for the country's prosperity and people's happiness become the revolutionary will of the

service personnel and the people, and are carried out by them.

In particular, the young people of a new generation have grown up into a dependable reserve force of the WPK and successors to the revolution, and they are performing the role of a shock brigade with credit in carrying out the cause of the Juche revolution. Thus our country is widely recognized as a youthful power without parallel in the world. Recorded in the history of the WPK is the proud achievement it has made in training young people into heroes of the times and its advance group and wing.

It has such an excellent army and people, laudable young people in particular, who follow it and the leader with absolute belief in them and are boundlessly faithful to its cause in any adversity—this is a source of great dignity and pride for the WPK, and herein lies the secret of its ever-victorious history spanning 70 years.

That it has built Juche-oriented socialism in which the people's demands and ideals for independence are realized is a historic exploit of the WPK.

Socialism is the aim of the working masses, and building it is the most important task facing revolutionary parties.

The WPK opened up a new path for building genuine socialism that is in keeping with the people's ideals and, in the whole course of the struggle to this end, has consistently adhered to the Juche-oriented revolutionary lines and principles.

It has resolved all the problems arising in socialist construction in conformity with our people's independent aspirations and our country's specific situation and by relying on its own forces. It has invariably advanced straight forward along the road of Juche-oriented socialism, rejecting intervention and pressure by foreign forces. Even in such trying periods as that of the Arduous March it made sustained efforts to speed up socialist construction by resolutely thwarting the hostile forces' pernicious moves to suffocate our style of socialism.

The socialism that has been built in our country according to the Juche-oriented line of the WPK and under its wise leadership is a people-centred socialism whereby the masses have become true masters of the state and society and their independent demands are fully realized.

Our people exercize their rights as masters in all spheres of state and social life, and the politics of respecting and loving them, that of giving top and absolute priority to their demands and interests, is administered in the country. As ours is a genuine socialism for the people, a people-centred socialism, they regard it as their lifeblood and work with devotion to spruce up their socialist land and develop it into a thriving socialist country as soon as possible.

Under the wise leadership of the WPK and through the devoted struggle of the people who are faithful to it, our country has risen up as a dignified politico-ideological and military power in a short historical period; it is making redoubled efforts to build the knowledge-based economy and socialist civilization in the new century, demonstrating the might of the invincible socialist power.

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The entire WPK should hold high the slogan,

"Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!" Cherishing the view of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong II on the people, all the officials should believe in them as in heaven, give prominence to them and become their faithful servants who always go deep among them, share weal and woe with them and work with devotion for their benefit.

The entire WPK should launch an intense struggle against the abuse of power, bureaucratism and corruption, thus maintaining its original features as a revolutionary party of Juche, a motherly party, and thoroughly defending and serving the demands and interests of the masses.

Under the leadership of the WPK we should bring to completion the cause of the Juche revolution, the cause of socialism, pioneered on Mt Paektu.

We should hold fast to the general line for building socialism and thoroughly carry it out.

The general line put forward by the great Comrade Kim Il Sung, the line of carrying out the ideological, technological and cultural revolutions while strengthening the people's government and steadily enhancing its functions and role, is a strategic line to be permanently adhered to in building socialism.

We should ensure that our people's government and socialist system are further strengthened and the people's government fully discharges its responsibility and role as the representative of the people's right to independence, the organizer of their creative abilities, the administrator responsible for their livelihood and the protector of their independent and creative life. Work system and method of

the people's government should be improved as required by the developing reality, and the unified guidance of the state over society and its functions as the organizer of economic work be enhanced, thereby giving powerful impetus to the building of a thriving country.

#### MAKING SELFLESS, DEVOTED EFFORTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE IS THE MODE OF EXISTENCE AND SOURCE OF INVINCIBLE MIGHT OF THE WORKERS' PARTY OF KOREA

(Excerpts)

Speech Delivered at the Military Parade and Public Procession of the Pyongyang Citizens Held in Celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Workers' Party of Korea

October 10, Juche 104 (2015)

Heroic officers and men of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Internal Security Forces,

Officers and men of the units participating in the military parade held in celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea,

Members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and Young Red Guards,

Respected Pyongyang citizens,

Party members and other working people across the country,

Overseas compatriots and foreign friends, Comrades.

Today, with great pride in and joy of being victors, we are greeting the October holiday, flying high the flag of the Workers' Party of Korea.

For our country and people, October 10 is a significant revolutionary holiday when they celebrate the founding anniversary of the genuine vanguard of the revolution, its militant General Staff, which has taken responsibility for their destiny and is leading them.

Today's grand military and civilian parade will fully display the inexhaustible strength which our Party has built up over the past 70 years in the course of leading the service personnel and people. It will also demonstrate to the whole world the revolutionary spirit of all our service personnel and people who, full of courage and conviction, are advancing towards a bright future, united solidly around the Workers' Party of Korea.

Availing myself of this significant opportunity when we are proudly looking back on the sacred history of the Workers' Party of Korea that is resplendent with victory and glory, and reflecting the boundless reverence and loyalty of the millions of members of our Party and all service personnel and people, I would like to extend the noblest respect and infinite glory to the great Comrade Kim Il Sung who founded our glorious Party and the great Comrade Kim Jong Il who is the eternal General Secretary of our dignified Workers' Party of Korea.

My noble respect goes also to our anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners, the martyrs of the People's Army and other patriotic martyrs who dedicated everything that was precious to them to promoting the development of

our Party and the prosperity of the country in loyal support of the great leaders.

Our people, with unfailing loyalty to the Party, have overcome all the challenges and difficulties in the red revolutionary spirit of Paektu in order to glorify the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding as a revolutionary, auspicious event, thereby performing unequalled feats of labour and preparing gifts dedicated to their motherly Party.

As I stand in this square of victors, the venue for the celebrations, which is brimming over with our people's fervent loyalty, I am so grateful that this venue of today would have been unimaginable without them, and at this moment I am seeing the dear people with deep respect.

Our Party has been able to propel the revolution forward over the past 70 years without flinching, whatever the storms, achieving only victory and glory, because this great people have entrusted their destiny entirely to it and followed it in faithful support of its cause.

The history of our Party is the path travelled by our great people, its might is their might, its greatness is their greatness, and its victory is the victory they have won.

On the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Party I, on behalf of the Workers' Party of Korea, extend warm thanks and make a deep bow to all the beloved people who have infused our Party with inexhaustible strength and courage and remained faithful to it in even the gravest period of the revolution, sharing weal and woe with it in overcoming the harsh trials of history by dint of their unyielding willpower.

My heartfelt congratulations and warm thanks go to our

trustworthy Party members, heroic officers and men of the People's Army and laudable young vanguard who, in hearty response to the Party's appeal, have worked with patriotic devotion and created one heroic miracle after another, reducing ten years to one, on all the fronts where a thriving socialist nation is being built, so as to proudly enter the venue of the grand festival of victors.

At the same time I warmly welcome our overseas compatriots and foreign friends who are here to congratulate our people on this auspicious day.

Comrades,

The history of the Workers' Party of Korea is that of the proud course it has travelled shouldering the destiny of the people and leading the Korean revolution to victory under the guidance of the great leaders.

President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il built it into an invincible revolutionary party, a genuine political leadership organization, which serves the people and advances in unity with the masses; as such it is the first of its kind in history.

Having inscribed a hammer, a sickle and a writing brush on its red flag, our Party has never been separated from the people and has always advanced the revolution by believing in them as in heaven.

History records no revolution like ours that has braved at every step the grave trials and adversities decisive of its success in such an arduous and complicated situation.

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Despite all the difficulties, our Party has consistently charged forward with iron nerves in every adversity,

ushered in a new age of epoch-making changes on this land, and scored one great victory after another.

In the whirlwind of history, our Party has trusted our great people alone, and they have been its only supporters, advisers and assistants.

The history of the world revolutionary movement teaches us the lesson that irrespective of whether it is in power or has a long history, the leadership authority and fighting efficiency of a party do not rise of their own accord, nor can it automatically lead the revolution effectively.

The high authority our Party enjoys today and the great exploits it has performed are the fruition of the brilliant revolutionary ideas and outstanding leadership of the great President and General, who formulated the revolution as the affection for and trust in the people and fully applied this concept to its building and activities.

That it has struck deep root in the people's mind and served them alone with devotion—herein lies the secret of our Party's leading the cause of independence, Songun and socialism without letup in the face of the tribulations of history while maintaining a firm grip on the tiller of the revolution.

The Workers' Party of Korea is an invincible one that has achieved unity with the masses of the people.

In the whole period of leading the revolution, our Party has, whenever it was trying to identify the course it must follow and whenever it faced grave trials, called on the people first, listened to their opinions, though simple, and drawn unquenchable courage from their sincerity.

The creative strength of the omnipotent masses was the source of the great miracles our Party worked while building a powerful socialist bulwark that was independent, self-supporting and self-reliant in national defence, on this land where centuries-old backwardness and poverty prevailed and ushering in a new era of building a powerful country in the face of the pernicious blockade imposed by the imperialists.

Bearing full responsibility for the political integrity and material and cultural life of the people and taking care of them has been a matter of paramount importance for our Party and a mission it cannot neglect even for a moment.

Our Party, even in the worst situation when the country's destiny was in the balance, has prepared precious seeds and socialist assets for the happiness of the people through painstaking efforts and invariably pursued people-oriented policies; this is an expression of the politics of love for the people that can be administered only by our Party that has shouldered the responsibility for their destiny.

As our Party has always regarded the masses of the people as the root of its life and as the source of its inexhaustible strength and given top and absolute priority to their interests, our people have followed it, believing in it as the genuine guiding light of their destiny and as their mother, and a grand flower garden of single-hearted unity has made its proud appearance on this land.

Comrades,

The might of the Workers' Party of Korea which is struggling on behalf of the people lies in the fact that it has powerful revolutionary armed forces.

Our people have keenly realized the truth that a nation without arms is destined to be ruined and that the people's dignity and happiness are guaranteed by revolutionary arms.

Our Party has always channelled primary efforts into building invincible military might with which it can fully defend the security of the people and their lives and property.

Thanks to our Party's original line of self-reliant defence and Songun politics, the People's Army has been developed into an elite revolutionary army that is capable of defeating any aggressor forces at a stroke, and the all-people and all-country defence system has been consolidated steadily, with the result that our country has now become an impregnable fortress and a world-class military power.

Our revolutionary armed forces have always been a powerful and valuable weapon in defending the country, the revolution and the people, and a mighty vanguard force and shock brigade in bringing about the country's prosperity and people's happiness.

In the course of organically combining the defence of the country with socialist construction after putting forward the line of promoting economic construction and building up the defence capabilities in parallel, our Party gained valuable experience in radically increasing the overall national strength by itself and, at the same time, improving the people's standard of living, even though everything was in short supply. . . .

Comrades,

A source of unique pride for the Workers' Party of Korea is the large contingent of young people who have been trained to shoulder the future of the revolution and the nation.

Foreseeing the protracted nature of the revolution in the initial period after its founding, our Party made it a strategic line to attach importance to young people and has trained them into warriors who will implement the cause of the Juche revolution.

The whole Party has shown constant concern for educating young people and boldly tasked the youth league with large projects. Under the trust and affection of the Party that has put them forward as its young vanguard our young people have volunteered in every period of the revolution to serve at the posts of national defence and to work in difficult and challenging sectors, and displayed their youthful wisdom and courage to the full.

That our revolution is still advancing vigorously filled with unflagging energy and vitality without stagnation and marking time is because it has a steel-strong legion of young people who always march straight ahead, following the Party.

The proud and grand youth monuments in various parts of the country, including the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station which our young people have recently completed by devoting their patriotic sweat and dedicated to the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Party founding, graphically show how the reserve force of the Workers' Party of Korea is being

prepared and how the lineage of the Korean revolution is being carried forward.

Because our Party has spared nothing for young people, our country has now greeted a fresh heyday in the youth movement and is demonstrating its might as the one and only great youth power, in which an ideal solution has been found for the youth problem.

The historical course our Party has travelled leading the Korean revolution to victory through thick and thin eloquently proves that there is nothing to be afraid of and there is nothing impossible if the people are faithful to their party and if there are a powerful revolutionary army and large contingent of young people.

The lifeblood of a revolutionary party, its strength and its bright future are dependent on attaching importance to the people, to the army and to young people—this is just the invaluable conclusion to be drawn from the 70-year history of our Party.

By continuing to hold fast to the three-point strategy of attaching importance to the people, to the army and to young people as its foremost weapon, our Party will advance forward vigorously towards final victory and accomplish the Korean revolution.

Comrades.

The Workers' Party of Korea organizes and guides all the victories of our people.

The infinite glory and invincibility of our Party originate from holding up the great President and General as its eternal leaders and enjoying the absolute support and trust of all the Korean people.

If our Party is to lead Korea to a bright future, it must invariably defend its revolutionary nature as the party of the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism both in name and in reality, and exalt its brilliance in every way.

The great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is, in essence, the people-first principle, and the mode of existence of our Party is serving the people.

True to the ennobling intentions of the great President and General who implemented for the first time in history the politics of prioritizing, respecting and loving the people and devoted their all throughout their lives to the good of the people, our Party will, in the future, too, strive to add glory to the sacred history of the people-first principle.

The whole Party will conduct its building and activities only as instructed by the great President and General, and make selfless, devoted efforts for the benefit of the people by thoroughly applying the people-first principle to its overall work, thereby enhancing its fighting efficiency in every way possible.

The genuine features of the Workers' Party of Korea will be expressed in the appearance of the country that is transformed under its leadership and in the looks of the people who are always smiling happily.

Nothing is more precious than the people, as they constitute the foundation of the country, and nothing is more sacred than their interests.

Our Party will cherish the people's sincere loyalty to it as the greatest asset of the revolution and bring earlier everything splendid in the future by shouldering all the burdens and clearing a thorny path for the sake of our brave, resourceful and beautiful people.

It will, in the future, too, endeavour to fulfil its heavy yet sacred mission as a motherly party that, full of infinite vitality and untiring zeal, invariably works with affection for the people and devotes its all to their interests. It will also remain boundlessly faithful to its basic duty of taking full responsibility for their destiny, whatever the storms.

The Korean revolution is advancing not by dint of any mysterious divine power but on the great strength of our people, including the heroic working class of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, who are following and safeguarding their Party with a single mind.

The Party respects and believes in the people as in heaven and regards them as its mentors, and they boundlessly trust and follow it as they would do their own mothers—this single-hearted unity is precisely the true appearance of Korea and the great foundation of the Songun revolution.

Our officials should instill in their hearts the Party's intention of respecting the people and its affection for them, be infinitely courteous to them and clear a path, whether it be snowy or muddy, to realize all their wishes. In this way they can ensure that cheering for the Workers' Party, for the single-hearted unity and for socialism resounds throughout the country.

It is our Party's belief that all its members, the service personnel and the working people, regarding their workplaces, military posts and villages as part of the garden of the offices of its Central Committee and always sharing their innermost thoughts with it, will fully display their unstained loyalty and patriotism in the effort to implement its ideas and defend its policies.

Comrades,

Our Party will make proactive and persevering efforts to bring earlier the bright day of national reunification, the greatest wish of the Korean nation, resolutely frustrating all the various obstructive schemes by foreign forces by dint of single-hearted unity and Songun.

Comrades,

As the working people exist eternally, so lasting justice and victory will be ensured by the struggle for the people and together with the people.

Regarding as its guiding light the noble ideas and achievements of the great President and General who devoted their whole life to training the people by believing in them as in heaven and exalted the brilliance of Korea, our Party will continue to love the people and fight for them, and strive to translate their beautiful dreams and ideals into reality.

No challenges of history or frantic attempts by the enemy will ever check the advance of our service personnel and other people, who have achieved unity with the Party, nor can the enemy slow the fighting speed of the Korean people who are rushing forward towards a bright future, regarding the Party's revolutionary ideology and the blizzards of Paektu as the motive power for their advance and the red flag of our dignified Party as their sail.

The world will clearly see how the Workers' Party of Korea gives full play to the strength and wisdom of our great people and builds a great Paektusan nation, which will be the most prosperous and powerful on this planet.

As the great Workers' Party of Korea that believes in the people as in heaven, the people who are one and the same with the name of our sacred revolution and its 70 years of victory, is the locomotive leading the revolution and holds the switch weight of history, the avenue of the cause of the Juche revolution will always be adorned with victory and glory.

I appeal to all Party members.

Let us all make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of our great people.

Long live the great Korean people, united single-heartedly around the invincible party, the Workers' Party of Korea!

#### NEW YEAR ADDRESS (Excerpts)

January 1, Juche 108 (2019)

This year, too, we should push ahead, in a bold manner, with huge construction projects for national prosperity and the people's wellbeing.

The whole Party, the entire country and all the people should turn out to transform Samjiyon County into a model of modern mountainous city, an ideal socialist village, and complete on the highest possible level the construction projects that would represent the present era, including the Wonsan-Kalma coastal tourist area and other new tourist areas. It is important to steadily improve architectural designing and construction methods, and ensure domestic production and better quality of finishing materials, so as to build all the architectural structures magnificently and in our own style and provide our people with a cultured, happy life. With the national-level construction projects underway on an extensive scale, we should build up the capacity of producing cement and other building materials as planned.

We should make proactive efforts to implement the tasks for the second stage of the forest restoration campaign, improve landscaping, urban management and road administration, and take every precaution against environmental pollution.

All sectors and all units should fulfil their quotas of the national economic plan in all its indices by identifying and enlisting every last reserve, possibility and potential and by increasing production and practising economy.

The politico-ideological strength of our socialist state should be increased in every way possible.

It is necessary to unite the broad sections of the masses solidly around the Party by thoroughly applying the Jucheoriented view on the people, a people-oriented philosophy, in Party and state activities.

Party and government organs and working people's organizations should give top and absolute priority to the people's interests whatever they plan and whatever they conduct; they should lend an ear to their sincere opinions, prioritize their wants and anything beneficial to them, and strive to translate them into reality without any conditions attached. Anywhere, anytime and under any circumstances, they should make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people, direct primary attention to their livelihood, and ensure that everybody benefits from the politics of affection and trust, the one of embracing and taking care of them all. They should intensify the struggle to eradicate both serious and trivial instances of abuse of power, bureaucratism and corruption, which would wreak havoc on the harmonious whole of the Party and the masses and undermine the socialist system.

#### ON SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION AND THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC AT THE PRESENT STAGE

(Excerpts)

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It is essential to apply the people-first principle to the letter in all aspects of State activities and social life.

This principle is a political ideal of regarding the masses of the people as masters of the revolution and construction, relying on them and making selfless, devoted efforts for their sake. It embodies the Juche-oriented revolutionary philosophy that the people are the most precious and powerful beings in the world; it reflects the unwavering commitment of our Party and the government of our Republic to love the people dearly and satisfy their demands and interests.

The people are the root of our socialist State and its foundation; and they are responsible for developing it. All the activities of our Party and government organs should be wholly oriented and subordinated to safeguarding and realizing the people's demands and interests and faithfully serving them—this is the way to promote the revolution and construction with success and bring the viability and advantages of socialism into full play.

Maintaining the viewpoint and attitude of prioritizing the people in the activities of the State presents itself as an important matter, in view of the fact that abuses of power, bureaucratism and other violations of their interests may appear among officials in the course of socialist construction. The negative practices of lording it over the people and abusing the authority granted by them will impair the prestige of socialism and its people-oriented character, and weaken the people's support for and trust in the Party and the State. Ultimately, they may even threaten the very existence of our socialist system.

With a view to carrying forward and holding high the ennobling ideas and intentions of the great leaders, who believed in the people as in heaven and devoted their lives to the interests of the people, our Party defined the essence of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the guiding ideology of our revolution, as the people-first principle; it then gave absolute priority to applying the Juche-oriented view on the people, a people-oriented philosophy, in the activities of the Party and the State.

The slogan "Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!" encapsulates the people-first principle maintained by our Party and the government of our Republic. In all spheres of State and social life we have given top and absolute priority to that which is oriented to the people and popular among them; and we have spared no investment in their wellbeing. In recent years our State has launched gigantic construction projects in a bold manner. This is not because there is a surplus of funds in the country's coffers; these projects are aimed at providing our people, who are the best in the world, with better conditions for leading a happy, cultured life.

Our Party and the government of our Republic have acted resolutely in declaring war on the abuse of power, bureaucratism and corruption, which are infringing on the people's interests, and waged an intensive struggle against such practices, having identified it as a matter with a vital bearing on the existence of our State.

In the course of the endeavour to apply the people-first principle in all the activities of the Party and the State and in all fields of social life, the Party, the State and the people have formed a community in which they share the same destiny with one another; and our Republic has advanced dynamically along the orbit of its development, never flinching in the face of unprecedented trials and difficulties.

As socialist construction progresses, we should pay closer attention to applying the people-first principle. Then we can double the dynamic for the advancement of our revolution and continue to demonstrate the advantages unique to our style of socialism, those which other countries cannot imitate.

That the Party and the State make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people, and the people support their Party and State whole-heartedly, entrusting their destiny and future entirely to them, is the genuine features of our State, which embodies the people-first principle.

The government of the Republic will invariably hold fast to the people-first principle as the core of its mainstay, and, by relying on the strength of the people, strive to hasten the bright future of socialism that they aspire after.

