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We celebrated the 80th birthday of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung with great national pride and confidence. Not only the people in the northern half of Korea but also our fellow countrymen in the south and all our compatriots abroad celebrated it as a most auspicious event for the nation.

The celebrations were an unprecedented grand international political festival held amidst the boundless good wishes of the revolutionary people across the world. Present at the celebrations held in Pyongyang, capital of the revolution, were more than 420 delegations from some 130 countries, including those led by heads of state and party, that came to extend warm congratulations to the leader. Colourful celebrations were also organized in many countries of the world. History would never have witnessed such a grand political event as our leader's 80th birth anniversary, celebrated as a common festival of mankind.

It was indeed significant to celebrate the birth anniversary of the leader as a great event in human history at a time when the imperialists and reactionaries are resorting to anti-socialist and anti-DPRK schemes. The celebrations demonstrated the greatness of our leader and the superiority of our unique style of people-

centred socialism built by the leader. The grand political festival was a historic event, in that it instilled in our people a sense of glory and joy in having the great leader, and gave revolutionary people all over the world confidence in the victory of socialism.

The greatest fortune for a nation is to have a wise leader. The foreign friends from many countries who participated in the celebrations for the leader's 80th birth anniversary unanimously said that it is the greatest fortune for the Korean people to have the great Comrade Kim Il Sung as their leader.

The masses of the people are the masters of their own destiny who shape their destiny by their own efforts, and they are also the makers of history. Nevertheless, it is only when they are led by a wise leader that they can be masters of their destiny and makers of history and play their role as such. In the past, the masses of the people could not become masters of their own destiny because they were not aware of either their demand for independence or their strength, were not rallied into a political force and were not provided with proper leadership. With the appearance of the working class in the arena of history, the masses of the people finally had the leading class that would lead their struggle for independence. But even the working class cannot perform its role as the leading class if it does not have the proper leadership of a political leader. The establishment of the socialist system creates the socio-economic conditions for the masses to occupy their position as masters in society and play their role as such, but it does not mean that they are in a position to shape their destiny for themselves. Even in a socialist society, the masses cannot maintain their position as masters if they are not provided with proper leadership.

That the masses can shape their destiny successfully only if they are led by a wise leader is clearly illustrated by the history of our people's struggle. Ours is a resourceful and courageous

nation. We are a homogeneous nation, who have always lived on the same land, creating a shining culture. Nevertheless, when our nation did not have a leader who was capable of leading the country, the people were reduced to colonial slavery, suffering contempt and maltreatment of every description and failing to add any lustre to the excellent features of their great nation. Since having Comrade Kim Il Sung in the vanguard of the revolution, our people have become a great people who have taken control of their own destiny and exalted the resourcefulness of their nation. The greatness of a people is, in other words, the greatness of their leader. The greatness of a people is not decided by the size of their national territory or population, but by the leader who leads them. The leader is born of the people, but it is not the case that only a strong people produce a great leader. Even a small and weak nation that is exploited and oppressed can produce a great leader. Nevertheless, without a great leader there cannot be a great people. The people can become great only when they have a great leader. The greatness of a people can be exalted throughout the generations only when the leadership of their great leader is inherited throughout the generations.

History records many renowned leaders, but it knows no one as great as Comrade Kim Il Sung. We communists do not believe in God, but we cannot help saying that our leader is a heaven-sent great man. A foreigner once stated that he had never believed in God, but he believed in President Kim Il Sung as he would in God. Our leader is endowed with outstanding qualities. There is no one who can rival his ideo-theoretical intelligence, leadership and virtue. History records many men who are well-known for their outstanding qualities and accomplishments, but none of them has personified such distinguished qualities and accomplishments as our leader has. The respected Comrade Kim Il Sung is a distinguished great man who embodies all the

qualities and accomplishments associated with the most elevated of great men. This is why people all over the world praise him highly, calling him the greatest of great men of humanity.

Our leader is a great thinker and theoretician with remarkable ideological and theoretical insight. The history of human thought has never known a great thinker and theoretician like him.

He has shed light on the theoretical and practical problems that arise in all fields of the revolution and construction. His thoughts and theories are literally encyclopaedic. Recently, *Kim Il Sung Encyclopaedia* was published in India, and his works and other books explaining his encyclopaedic thoughts and theories published in many of the world's countries. Our leader gives a clear-cut ideological and theoretical answer to every problem arising in the revolution and construction. Our officials, whenever they hear what he has to say, cannot but admire his remarkable insight, comprehensive understanding, and profound knowledge. Foreigners who meet him, be they statesmen or scholars, are unstinting in their praise of his outstanding wisdom and extensive knowledge.

The thoughts and theories of our leader are not only encyclopaedic but also completely original. He has developed all his thoughts and theories in a creative way. Ever since the early days of his revolutionary struggle, he has rejected dogmatism in the study of ideology and theory and elucidated all thoughts and theories in a new and original light, in keeping with the requirements of the era of independence.

The richness, profundity and originality of his thoughts and theories are inconceivable apart from his distinguished wisdom, unique faculty for inquiry, and great revolutionary practice. He is outstanding not only in his insight and analytical ability, but also in his power of memory. Everyone admires him for his capacity to remember in detail all the events in his lifetime—from his

childhood and the early period of his revolutionary activities up to the present when he is 80 years old. His faculty for inquiry is also extraordinary. He never ceases his thinking and inquiry. Though old, he still reads materials on the political situation in various countries of the world, data on science and technology, and even full-length novels our writers have produced. To reduce the burden of reading, I have the full-length novels recorded for him. He reads a lot of data and books, but that does not mean that his thoughts and theories are created in his study. He says that it is useless to inquire into a theory for the sake of learning, divorced from practice. A theory must serve practice, be created in practice and be examined by practice—this is the principle he maintains. The practice of the uniquely comprehensive, great revolution the leader has conducted throughout his life is the source of his original and profound thoughts and theories. In the course of leading the revolution and construction for some 70 years, he has accumulated the most profound and rich experience and achievements, and by generalizing them, he has formulated the comprehensive system of the thought, theory and method of Juche.

His idea-theoretical activities are entirely people-oriented. A most important duty of a leader of the revolution is to reflect the demands for independence and interests of the masses accurately, and indicate the correct orientation and means of the struggle. The masses have inexhaustible intelligence, but their demands and interests may develop into a thought or a theory representing their era only when they are analyzed, generalized and systematized. The work of putting forward a scientific thought or theory that can serve as a guideline in the revolution and construction by analyzing the demands and interests of the masses and generalizing the experiences they have accumulated in their struggle, is undertaken by an outstanding leader. Our

leader has always conducted his ideological and theoretical activities among the masses. Regarding them as his teacher, he has put forward ideas and theories by reflecting their aspirations and wishes and analyzing and generalizing their experiences in the struggle. His ideas and theories are literally the aspirations and opinions of the masses. As they truly reflect the masses' aspirations and opinions, his thoughts and theories are profound and yet easily comprehensible. People accept them as their own conviction and will. These days our people are living with a firm conviction in his revolutionary ideas alone, and the progressive people of the world are learning from his revolutionary ideas, simply because his ideas and theories most accurately reflect the aspirations and demands of the masses.

Our leader is a great man with outstanding leadership ability.

His is the wisest and most scientific leadership. Looking back through history, it is impossible to find a leader who committed no error in his political career; even leaders who claimed to govern their countries for the people, to say nothing of the anti-popular rulers, made mistakes. However, our leader has led the revolution and construction along a straight course to victory for nearly 70 years without the slightest error or deviation in his policies. His wise and scientific leadership would be inconceivable without his uniquely far-sighted intelligence. He sets out lines and policies with a vision extending far into the future. The people of the world, considering the staunchness of our country in the present complicated situation, express their admiration for the foresight of President Kim Il Sung, who has put forward the line of independence, self-sufficiency and self-defence and built an independent, socialist power. We have built a fine country and are now administering it successfully by relying on our native cadres. From this fact alone, we can feel once again how wise he was, in the complicated and difficult

circumstances immediately after the liberation of the country, to build as a matter of priority Mangyongdae Revolutionary School, Kim Il Sung University and other national cadre training centres.

His wise leadership has reached into every field of the revolution and construction. With his profound knowledge he has sagaciously taken the lead in the political, economic, scientific, educational, military, artistic, literary, and other fields. He is truly a great leader who wields the might of pen and sword combined with versatile talent. The brilliant successes our people have achieved in all fields, including politics, the economy, science, education, art and literature, can be ascribed to his pre-eminent leadership art and skill.

His leadership is great, in that with his iron will and unique leadership ability he transforms adversity into advantage and misfortune into blessing. Our revolution has travelled a path beset with unprecedented difficulties. It has had to experience endless hardship. Our revolution has had to survive the anti-Japanese revolutionary war, the Fatherland Liberation War, post-war reconstruction and other severe trials. However, he has confronted the difficulties with a strong determination that there will be a way out, even if the sky falls in, and with his unique leadership ability, he has taken the revolution and construction to one upsurge after another. Thanks to his iron will and outstanding leadership, our people have been able to work one world-startling miracle after another in the face of all the ordeals, and hew out their destiny with credit.

His leadership is people-oriented, in that he solves everything by relying on the masses and enlisting them. Since he embarked on the road of revolution in his early years, he has always been among the people, formulating lines and policies that reflect their aspirations and opinions and, by enlisting them, leading the revolution and construction to brilliant victory. Our Party has

been able to lead the revolution and construction straight to victory without the slightest error or blunder in its lines and policies because he has mixed with the people, advancing lines and policies that reflect their aspirations and opinions, and leading them to implement these lines and policies fully. His whole life has been spent in the field guiding the people. Having devoted his life to the people, he continues his on-the-spot guidance to the people even now, when he is over 80 years old. That is why our people earnestly wish that he would allow himself some rest, if only for a moment, as reflected in the song that starts *The leader goes on the road of love tonight, too, after sending the people to the cradle of happiness.*

The respected Comrade Kim Il Sung is a genuine people's leader with noble virtue, whose love for the people is boundless. There is no great man in history who can be his equal in virtue.

Since ancient times it has been said that a statesman must be virtuous and must govern the country with benevolence. The exploiting society, however, is not a society governed by benevolence, and its rulers can never embody benevolence. Exploitation and oppression of man by man is incompatible with love for man. Genuinely benevolent politics can only be practised in a socialist society where the people are its masters. Even in a socialist society benevolent politics is not implemented of its own accord. It can be realized only when a man whose love for the people is boundless, is leading the country.

Our leader personifies love for the people at the highest level. He once said that it was a maxim in his family, handed down from his grandfather's time, that one can live without money, but not without humanity. He considers that the traits of kind-heartedness, generosity and virtue that have been handed down through the generations are a source of pride for the Korean nation, so he pursues benevolent politics for the people. His love

for the people is noble, in that he shares good times and bad, weal and woe, with them and spares nothing for their good. His boundless love for the people is the motive force for our country's genuinely people-oriented politics. All the people-oriented policies enforced in our country today emanate from his noble love for the people.

His noble humanity finds clear expression in his boundless love for his comrades. He began his revolutionary struggle by winning comrades, holding dear in his heart the words of his father Kim Hyong Jik, that "Only he who will die for his comrades will find good comrades," and has never spared anything for his comrades. Regarding it as the greatest wealth to have many comrades and the greatest happiness to be loved and trusted by his comrades, he has created a beautiful history of revolutionary comradeship. It is thanks to his noble love that our Party's ranks have been built up millions strong, our invincible revolutionary armed forces have been created, and single-hearted unity in our society based on comradely love and revolutionary obligation has been guaranteed.

The leader's love for the people is infinitely benevolent, in that it embraces all the people. Respecting the people as supreme beings, he has devoted his all for the good of the working masses, including the workers, peasants and working intellectuals. He does not judge people by their class status. If someone, though born into the propertied class, mixes with the working masses and fights in defence of their independence, the leader regards him as one of the people and places trust in him as a revolutionary companion. Saying that the criterion for judging a man should be his present ideas, not his origin at birth or past career, he has embraced the masses of all strata and rallied them firmly. He is lenient even to those who fought against communism in the past or who committed crimes against the

nation, if they are determined to serve their nation. This great magnanimity enabled the successful multi-part feature film *The Nation and Destiny*, which is based on true stories, to be produced. His boundlessly deep and warm love enables every member of the nation, whether in the north, in the south or abroad, to turn out for the sacred cause of reunification, irrespective of their ideas, political views, party affiliation, religious belief and political record, upholding him as the great father of the nation. Today our people entrust their destiny entirely to the fatherly leader with the noblest virtue and enjoy a worthwhile, happy life under his care.

A leader enjoys respect and trust from the people not because he is given prominence by others but by dint of his own achievements. Comrade Kim Il Sung enjoys the absolute respect and trust of the people because he has performed immortal feats for the cause of the independence of the masses.

Since embarking on the road of revolution at the age of 14, the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung has achieved immortal exploits by leading to brilliant victory the underground revolutionary struggle, two revolutionary wars, two stages of social revolution and two rounds of reconstruction, as well as several stages of socialist construction. The Korean people, once oppressed and trampled on as a weak and small nation, were able to defeat the strong Japanese and US imperialists, which is a miracle hitherto unknown in the history of national liberation struggles, and, in a short span of time, build on the debris a strong socialist state that is independent, self-sufficient and self-reliant in defence, something that is a shining example in the history of creation and construction. These epoch-making victories and developments would be inconceivable without Comrade Kim Il Sung's wise leadership. As a prominent leader of the international communist movement, he has also achieved

undying successes for the cause of global independence. His feats, being so great, have earned tremendous admiration among the world's people. No leader in any age or country has made such great achievements in his lifetime as our leader has. For his distinguished achievements, he enjoys the world's boundless respect and admiration as the greatest leader in history.

The great leader wrote in his memoirs as follows: "Revolutionaries, believe in the people and rely on them at all times and you shall always emerge victorious; if you are forsaken by them, you will always fail. Let this be your maxim in your life and struggle." This aphorism with philosophical meaning makes clear the secret of his great achievements for the people. Historical experience shows that a leader can guide the socialist cause to victory through any adversity if he believes in the people and relies on them, and that he will fail to defend the gains of socialism if he is forsaken by them. The great leader has performed his exploits together with the people for the benefit of the people, and for this reason they will live on in the minds of the people.

A great achievement made by the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung for the people is the creation of the guiding idea with which the masses can shape their destiny with credit.

Without the guidance of a correct ideology, the masses cannot shape their destiny. Socialist society can be built only when it is guided by a correct ideology. Unlike capitalist society, which is run by money and power, socialist society, which is based on collectivism, cannot take even a step forward without a correct guiding ideology.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, by creating the Juche idea, put forward the most correct guiding ideology with which the masses can successfully shape their destiny. For the first time in history, he developed socialist theory with the masses at the centre of all

thought and practice. Aware that the truth was to be found in the aspirations of the masses for independence and in revolutionary practice, not in the propositions of existing theories, he found original solutions to all problems, based on our people's aspirations and the specific situation in our country. By reflecting the aspirations of the masses and by analyzing their experience in the struggle, he perfected the comprehensive Juche-oriented theory of socialism.

Understanding the demand of the masses to live independently, free from all hues of subordination and social and natural fetters, he elevated them to the place of the masters of the world and of their own destiny. And understanding that they had inexhaustible strength with which to reshape the world and hew out their destiny by their own efforts, he elevated them to the place of transformers of the world and of their destiny. From this, he formulated the viewpoint and attitude that everything should serve the people, the masters of the world and of their destiny, and that every problem should be solved by relying on the creative efforts and wisdom of the people, the transformers of the world and of their destiny.

The Juche idea, which he created, being the most superior ideology, accurately reflects the masses' desire for independence and their creative ability, and our style of socialism, as its embodiment, is displaying tremendous vitality. Our Party and people are vigorously advancing along the road of socialism despite the present complicated circumstances, simply because they are guided by the Juche idea. Holding high as ever the banner of the Juche idea, our Party will accomplish the Juche revolutionary cause he pioneered.

Another great achievement by Comrade Kim Il Sung for the people is the founding of Juche-type political organizations that are responsible for looking after the people's destiny.

For the masses to shape their destiny, they need political organizations that can organize and lead them in the struggle and take care of their life. They cannot carve out their destiny individually, divorced from a political organization. The destiny of the working masses, including the working class, is shaped under the leadership of their leader, who in turn takes care of the destiny of all the members of society through a political party, a power organ and other political organizations. Thus, building up these political organizations into organs that serve the people is key to shaping the destiny of the masses.

Among the political organizations in a socialist society, it is the party of the working class that is the leading political organization. In socialist society the working-class party assumes the mission of taking responsible care of the destiny of the masses. In order to fulfil this mission, it must occupy the leading position. The responsibility the working-class party assumes for the destiny of the masses cannot be separated from its leadership position. Giving up its leadership position and role is tantamount to the party's self-destruction, and to a treacherous act of abandoning its responsibility.

Comrade Kim Il Sung has led the Workers' Party of Korea to occupy the position of the political guide of society, and has strengthened it continuously. This is a manifestation of his noble love and great sense of responsibility for the destiny of the people. Our people regard the Party as their political guide and entrust their destiny entirely to it.

The working-class party, in order to perform its mission of taking responsibility for the destiny of the masses and leading them in a socialist society, must make defending the interests of the people the supreme principle in its activities. The party should not be supported only by its membership or the working class. It should enjoy the support of all the people. To this end, it must defend the masses' interests to the letter.

Comrade Kim Il Sung put forward the original idea in party building that the working-class party should represent the interests of the broad sections of the masses. In the past a party was viewed as an organized unit of a class, which defended the interests of that class, and as a weapon in the class struggle. Since the needs of the working class coincide with those of all other classes and strata that are interested in social progress, the working-class party ought to represent the interests of the broad sections of the masses. This is all the more so in a socialist society where the masses of all strata have been transformed into socialist working people.

The working-class party, if it is to take responsibility for the destiny of the masses, must be built into a party of the masses with its roots deep among the broad sections of the masses, and the working masses as its class foundation. This is an intrinsic requirement for building a working-class party that defends the interests of the broad sections of the working masses. In putting forward the original line of building a mass-based party, Comrade Kim Il Sung wisely led our Party to develop into a mass-based party in which the advanced elements of the workers, farmers and working intellectuals are enrolled.

Building a working-class party into a mass-based party that represents the interests of the masses in socialist society does not mean diluting or negating its class and revolutionary character. The party must neither abandon the needs of the working class on the grounds of representing the interests of the broad sections of the masses, nor admit anyone into the party without due consideration, on the grounds that a mass-based party is being built. It should fully embody the needs of the working class while defending the interests of the broad sections of the masses, and admit only progressive elements into its ranks while securing the working masses as its social and class foundation.

Under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Workers' Party of Korea has developed into a party representing the interests of all Korean people, with its roots deep among the broad sections of the masses, while strictly maintaining its class and revolutionary character as a working-class party.

The state power organ in socialist society plays an important role in taking responsibility for the destiny of the masses. The power organ in socialist society should, to all intents and purposes, be the people's power organ serving the people.

Comrade Kim Il Sung pointed out that state power in socialist society should represent the masses' right to independence, cultivate their creativity and organize their activities. He led our people's power organs in defending to the hilt the masses' right to independence, cultivating their creativity and enlisting their inexhaustible creativity. The preceding theories viewed the difference in class character as the essential difference between the power organ in an exploitative society that oppresses the masses and the power organ in a socialist society that conducts its activities in the interests of the people, and defined state power as the weapon of dictatorship for realizing the rule by a certain class. They went on to state that state power that performs the function of dictatorship would wither in a classless society. Comrade Kim Il Sung for the first time elucidated, based on the Juche idea, that state power is a weapon serving the interests of the class and social collective that hold the position of master in society. State power in an exploitative society is a weapon for ruling over the working masses in the interests of the ruling class, whereas in a socialist society, it is a weapon that serves the interests of the masses, the masters of society. In socialist society each working man or woman exercises his or her political rights, but the right to independence of all the people is represented by the people's

government elected by the will of the people. Cultivating the masses' creativity and enlisting it is also possible only by such a powerful political organization as the people's power. The people's government organs in our country established by the masses themselves have been developed ceaselessly into political organizations that staunchly defend their right to independence, effectively cultivate their creativity and skilfully lead them in their creative activities.

Having stated that the state power organ in socialist society should be the master responsible for the livelihood of the people, Comrade Kim Il Sung has led our people's government organs to take responsibility for the material and cultural life of the people. The government in an exploitative society serves as a weapon protecting the exploitation and plunder of the people by the ruling class, without caring whether the people starve to death or not. But in a socialist society, where the people have become the masters of the country, the government takes responsibility for all aspects of their life. Because Comrade Kim Il Sung set the steady improvement of the people's standard of living as the supreme principle in the activities of the state, and has led the people's government organs to make the people's livelihood their responsibility, our people's government organs have been able to perform their mission and role as servants of the people with credit.

If the party and the people's government organs are to fulfil their mission and role in the service of the people, their officials must possess a proper method and style of work. The masses' support for and trust in the party and the people's government depend largely on the officials' method and style of work. The masses will not follow the party and the government, no matter how correct the lines and policies of the party and the government are, if abuse of power, bureaucracy and other

outdated work practices and styles are tolerated among officials, and this will ultimately jeopardize the very existence of the working-class party and the people's government.

From the first days after the founding of our Party and the people's government, Comrade Kim Il Sung made it an important task to reject such practices as the abuse of power and bureaucracy and establish the revolutionary work method and popular style of work. Emphasizing that officials of the Party and the government organs in socialist society should be servants of the people instead of bureaucrats who lord it over them, he led the officials to serve the people faithfully. As a result, our officials could establish the revolutionary work method and popular style of work, and our Party and government organs could perform their mission and role as servants of the people splendidly. Since our Party and the Government of the Republic, founded by Comrade Kim Il Sung, take responsibility for their destiny, our people actively support and place absolute trust in them. In the future, too, we will strengthen our Party and the people's government as true servants of the people and, with them as a weapon, accomplish the people's cause of independence.

An immortal achievement by Comrade Kim Il Sung for the people was the founding of the genuine people's revolutionary armed forces that defend their freedom and happiness.

With a strong sense that the Korean nation must have an army of its own if it was to be saved from the suffering inflicted by the bayonets of the Japanese imperialists, he launched the cause of founding the army with two pistols he had inherited from his father, and in the forests of Antu 60 years ago, he declared to the whole world the founding of the Anti-Japanese People's Guerrilla Army.

Having put forward the slogan, "As fish cannot live without

water, so guerrillas cannot live without the people,” he led the soldiers to serve the people faithfully and live in harmony and unity with them. The army’s spirit of devoted service to the people and the unity between the army and the people—these are a source of power with which our revolutionary armed forces defeated the powerful Japanese and US imperialists. Thanks to his wise leadership, our revolutionary armed forces have travelled, in company with the people, a road covered with victory and glory, and have grown in strength to the point that they are invincible. Nowadays the US imperialists and their stooges are watching out for a chance to invade our Republic, but our people are able to accelerate socialist construction without vacillation as they have the revolutionary armed forces whose members are each the equal of a hundred foes.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the founder of our revolutionary armed forces, is an invincible and iron-willed commander who led us to brilliant victory in two revolutionary wars against powerful imperialists, and a military genius who created the Juche-oriented military thought, strategy, tactics and art of war. Recently he was awarded the title of Generalissimo of the DPRK, and this is recognition by our Party and people of the great feats he has accomplished in the building up of the armed forces, and in the revolutionary wars. It is our people’s great honour and pride to uphold him as the Generalissimo of the Republic. Our Party will carry forward his cause of army building and further strengthen our revolutionary armed forces into an ever-victorious, invincible army.

Another great achievement he has made for the people is that he has brought them up to be a revolutionary people with a strong sense of independence.

For success to be achieved in shaping the destiny of the people, the masses must be prepared politically and ideologically.

Ideological consciousness plays the decisive role in human activities, and a person's character and value are determined by his or her ideological consciousness. The ideological consciousness that reflects the intrinsic needs of a person, as a social being, is the ideological consciousness of independence. The greatest manifestation of love for the people is to equip them with the consciousness of independence and awaken them ideologically, whereas the worst crime against them is to paralyze their consciousness of independence and debase them ideologically.

From the first days after he embarked on the road of revolution, Comrade Kim Il Sung has directed great efforts to equipping our people with the revolutionary consciousness of independence. His leadership has enabled our people to be awakened to the consciousness of independence, shape their destiny by their own efforts, and exalt their dignity and greatness.

Our people, with their high sense of independence, are rallied rock-solid around the Party and their leader, and thus they have become a great people with a strong sense of independence and invincibility. The strength of the masses is the might of their unity, and the most solid unity is the single-hearted unity of the leader, the Party and the masses. Their firm determination and strong will to trust their leader and their Party and conduct the revolution rallied behind them is the ideological source of our people's unrivalled unity. The single-hearted unity of the leader, the Party and the masses is a term that is found only in our country. Single-hearted unity began to take shape in our country when the Korean revolution was being waged under the banner of the Juche idea with the great Comrade Kim Il Sung as the centre of unity, and it has developed onto a higher plane in a comprehensive way through the struggle to model the whole society on the Juche idea led by our Party. The single-hearted

unity of the leader, the Party and the masses is the source of the might and invincibility of our socialist system and the essential factor in our socialism winning victory after victory without wavering, whatever the adversity. The foreign guests who were present at the celebrations of Comrade Kim Il Sung's 80th birth anniversary said that the single-hearted unity of our people who are united rock-solid behind the Party and the leader would prove more powerful than nuclear bombs. The brilliant successes our people have achieved in the revolution and construction are also the fruits of their high sense of independence in shaping their destiny by their own efforts. Our people are marching forward aggressively along the road of revolution without the slightest vacillation or hesitation despite the present daunting circumstances, precisely because Comrade Kim Il Sung has devoted such efforts all his life to training them into a revolutionary people with a firm spirit of independence. The whole world is now expressing their admiration at the fact that our people are advancing unwaveringly with a strong sense of independence along the road of socialism that they themselves have chosen. Our Party will, in the future, too, frustrate all the obstructive schemes of the enemy by dint of the high revolutionary spirit of our people, and continue to carry out the revolution.

Another immortal achievement by Comrade Kim Il Sung for the people is that he has built socialism of our own style centred on the masses.

He has built in our country a style of socialism in which the masses' desire for independence is fully realized. By leading the two stages of social revolution with success and dynamically stepping up socialist construction, he has freed our people from exploitation and oppression and provided them with all the conditions necessary for leading a full independent and creative

life. Our style of socialism, which he has built through a lifelong arduous struggle, is the cradle of our people's happiness. It is people-centred socialism in which the masses are the masters of everything and everything serves them.

In building socialism, Comrade Kim Il Sung has made it a key policy for the Party and the state to assume responsibility for providing the people with everything they need, from food, clothing and housing to schooling and medical treatment. Thanks to this, our people are living without any worries. Since the emergence of human society, it is only in our socialist society that all the members of society live without any worries. Needless to say, we cannot say that our people's life is rich in every respect. We are still at the stage of building socialism. But our Party and the Government of the Republic, having identified providing the people with affluent and equitable living conditions as one of their most important tasks, are continuously improving the people's standard of material and cultural living and narrowing the gap in living standards. Recently, measures were adopted to raise the wage ceiling of the working people drastically, particularly for low-income earners, so as to narrow the gap in living standards. No other country in the world would guarantee such substantial equality in the people's material and cultural life. The superiority of a social system lies in whether all its people lead an independent and creative life as befits true masters of society. Capitalist society, in which the differences in the material life between the rich and the poor only grow bigger, the intellectual and cultural life of the people becomes poorer, and the independent right and dignity of the masses are mercilessly trampled upon, can never be called a society for the people. Through their life experience, our people have become keenly aware of how valuable and worthwhile the socialist way of life is, compared with the corrupt and debasing capitalist way of life.

In our style of socialist society our people not only have no worries in their material and cultural life, but also are leading a worthwhile life with their dignity and personality respected to the full by society. No one can be said to be leading a fulfilling life when society disregards his or her dignity and personality. In an exploitative society, the privileges enjoyed by the exploiter class are the main factor infringing on the dignity and personality of the working masses who make up the overwhelming majority in society. Such privileges, if they are tolerated in socialist society, will encroach on the dignity and personality of the people. In our country, social duty and position may differ from person to person, but everyone's dignity and personality are respected equally as revolutionary comrades. Our people exercise equal rights in state power and lead organizational life in Party and working people's organizations, where there is neither superior nor subordinate, and where they have the same rights and duties. The worth of a person in our society is judged not by power or money, but by the work they have done for the benefit of the people. Those who perform more work and render more distinguished service for the people become heroes and enjoy greater respect of society.

The true nature of our society, as a genuine people's society, can be identified in the fact that all the people are living in harmony, leading and helping one another as the members of a family would do. People living in harmony, cooperating with one another in a comradesly way—this is an essential characteristic of our socialist way of life, which differs from the capitalist way of life in which people feud with one another and fight tooth and nail. The harmonious life of our people is based on the comradesly love and revolutionary obligation between the leader and the members of society and between the members of society, and the source of this is Comrade Kim Il Sung's boundless love for the people. Thanks to the benevolent politics of the leader who

dearly loves the people, the relationship between the leader and the members of society constitutes the relationship of noble comradesly love and revolutionary obligation and, on this basis, the members of society are tied to one another by comradesly love and revolutionary obligation. Our people believe there is nothing more worthwhile than to live in harmony, helping and leading one another forward, united rock-solid around the great leader and the great Party. Our Party will defend to the last our style of socialism centred on the masses, whatever the adversity, and bring its advantages into fuller play.

An immortal achievement of Comrade Kim Il Sung for the people is that he has provided a sure guarantee for carrying forward the revolutionary cause of Juche through the generations.

The revolutionary cause of the masses of realizing independence is not completed in one generation. It continues from one generation to the next. Historical experience shows that the revolutionary cause of the masses advances victoriously when the continuation of leadership is assured; otherwise, the revolution suffers twists and turns and in the end the gains of socialism are lost.

The historical mission of a working-class leader is not only to initiate and advance the masses' cause of independence but also to establish a firm organizational and ideological foundation and leadership system for the revolution to be inherited. The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, with his deep insight into the historical inevitability of the continuation of the revolutionary cause, demonstrated outstanding foresight by making thorough preparations for it long ago, laying a solid organizational and ideological basis and establishing a leadership system for the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause down through the generations. This is a priceless achievement he has recorded for our people.

Truly, our leader's great achievements will shine throughout the generations. It is the firm will of our Party to inherit his immortal exploits in every aspect. Inheriting and developing his revolutionary achievements is a sure guarantee for accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche throughout the generations.

It is a great honour and source of happiness for our people to have Comrade Kim Il Sung. In their historical experience and daily life, they keenly feel how honoured and fortunate they are to have him as their leader. Our people, who were deprived of their country and national sovereignty and were forced to lead the bitter life of colonial slaves by the foreign imperialists, have become an honoured and dignified people who shape their destiny with credit, because they held him up and are led by him, the great leader they acclaimed for the first time in their history spanning thousands of years. They feel this honour and happiness more deeply in the light of the recent complicated situation.

Bearing deep in mind our great honour and happiness in having the great leader, we should hold him in high esteem forever with our loyalty and filial devotion.

It is the ardent desire of our people and the revolutionary people of the world to hold him in high esteem. Many friends from various countries who have recently visited Korea asked our officials to attend to him more carefully, saying this was the unanimous desire of the world's communists and revolutionary people. Because we have the great leader, a veteran leader of the world revolution, our Party enjoys great authority and our socialism is shining brilliantly.

It is our international duty as well as our noble national duty to hold him in high esteem. Bearing deep in mind the mission entrusted to the Korean communists, led by Comrade Kim Il Sung who is respected by the world's people, we must focus all our efforts on holding him in higher esteem.

We should make Party members and other working people fully aware of his greatness and immortal exploits. The ideological desire to hold the leader in high esteem emanates from a deep understanding of his greatness and achievements. In the past we published reference books for studying his revolutionary history and many other books and writings on his greatness and immortal achievements, but we cannot say that all the people are fully aware of them. The people who have read his memoirs that were published recently are struck with wonder by his greatness and eternal exploits. The history of his revolutionary struggle is so great that, although the memoirs are written in a humble way, those who read them are struck with wonder. The memoirs are an eternal asset of our revolution and a priceless textbook of the revolution. We should print them in large quantities so that the entire Korean nation, not least our Party members and other working people, can read them and learn the theories, principles, and method of the revolution and the noble spirit of loving one's homeland, nation, fellow people and revolutionary comrades. We should also have them translated and distributed among the world's people.

We should conduct education in his greatness in various forms and by various means. Even a single piece of educational material on his greatness and exploits should be prepared with great effort. We should write many books and articles that penetrate the hearts of the people, just as Comrade Kim Il Sung's memoirs do, and inculcate the people with his greatness and achievements in various forms and by various means.

Art and literature play an important role in inspiring the people with his greatness and exploits. In the past the sector of art and literature made a great contribution to imbuing the people with his greatness and achievements by creating artistic and literary works, including films and novels. The sector should, in

the future, too, produce excellent artistic and literary works in greater numbers based on his memoirs and newly discovered materials. We should give wide publicity to the legendary tales about his greatness. During the dark period of Japanese rule, the modern information work media we have today were not available, but his greatness spread far and wide in the form of legendary tales that filled our people with hope and belief. The 80 years of his revolutionary career are woven with legendary tales, which will become more precious as time passes. We should unearth more legendary tales that have been handed down among our people from the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, and give them wide publicity.

The education in loyalty to Comrade Kim Il Sung should be conducted more effectively. It is the will of our Party that loyalty to him should become higher as time passes. The loyalty of the people who braved the tempest of the revolution in support of his guidance, should become intenser as time passes and the revolutionary generation is replaced. It is the lesson of history that socialism will be frustrated when loyalty to the leader is tarnished and degenerates. We should continue to intensify education in loyalty, so as to ensure that loyalty to the leader is carried forward unswervingly through the generations. We should hold up as role models of loyalty to the leader the first generation of the revolution, who blazed the trail of the arduous revolution, and the second generation, who worked hard to build a new society and learn from them down through the generations. We should also identify role models from among the new generation of the revolution and give wide publicity to them.

Education in loyalty should be conducted in close combination with revolutionary practice in order to persuade all the people to make loyalty to the leader an element of their conviction, conscience and moral obligation, and to display it

fully in their daily life. The fact that in some countries some of the people, who used to talk much about their belief in communism and their loyalty to their leaders, became renegades to socialism, shows that they were paying only lip service to loyalty, instead of making it an element of their faith, conscience and morality and their everyday concern. We should educate all Party members and other working masses in loyalty more substantially in various forms and by various means so that they cherish loyalty and filial duty as an element of their revolutionary faith, conscience and moral obligation, which will remain unchanged come what may, and apply them in their work and life.

We should equip Party members and other working people with the Juche idea. This is the way to add lustre to the greatness and achievements of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Juche idea's author.

The Juche idea is the most priceless ideological sustenance for Juche-type communist revolutionaries. The Juche idea, the most scientific and revolutionary outlook on the world, comprehensively elucidates the ideological and moral traits to be possessed by communist revolutionaries. By conducting systematic and effective education in the Juche idea among Party members and other working people, we should make sure that they have a deep understanding of the idea and think and act as it requires.

In order to equip themselves with the Juche idea, Party members and other working people should study Comrade Kim Il Sung's works and Party documents. These, as an encyclopaedia of the Juche idea, comprehensively elucidate the fundamental principles of the idea and the issues that arise in its practical application. Party members and other working people should strengthen their study of Comrade Kim Il Sung's works

and Party documents so as to make the Juche idea an article of their unshakable faith.

In order to equip Party members and other working people with the Juche idea, we should intensify the study of the Juche idea and give comprehensive publicity to it.

The Juche idea is a new philosophical thought, and all the ideas and theories of our Party are developed on the basis of its philosophical principles. Only someone who has a correct understanding of the essence, content, originality and superiority of the Juche philosophy can clearly understand all the thoughts and theories of our Party, which are developed on its basis. The Juche philosophy is not a philosophy for theory's sake but a philosophy that, centring on the masses, illuminates the way for the masses to shape their destiny. In studying the Juche philosophy, attention should be focused on finding solutions that are of practical benefit for the revolution and construction, instead of indulging in empty talk on issues that are of no practical value.

Study of the ideological theory of Juche should be intensified, too. Here the main emphasis should be on resolving the pressing theoretical and practical issues in the revolutionary practice aimed at accomplishing the socialist cause. Particular efforts should be directed to the study of the theoretical and practical issues arising in consolidating socialism of our own style centred on the masses.

We should give wide publicity to the experience we have gained in the revolution and construction. By applying the Juche idea, we have managed events that have astonished the world and built up a history of great achievements and experience in the revolution and construction. Revolutionary people all over the world are deeply interested in the Juche idea and the accomplishments we have managed by applying it. Giving wide

publicity to the experience of our Party and people in their efforts to apply the Juche idea will educate Party members and other working people and inspire the world's revolutionary people in their struggle.

We should redouble our efforts against bourgeois ideology, revisionism, dogmatism, great-power worship and other counterrevolutionary ideologies of all hues, which are opposed to the Juche idea.

These days bourgeois ideology is being spread mainly through the ideological and cultural infiltration by the imperialists. It is because they opened the door to the ideological and cultural infiltration by the imperialists that the people in several countries were corrupted by the reactionary bourgeois ideology and disrupted the revolutionary cause pioneered by the leaders of the working class. We must never tolerate any ideological and cultural infiltration by imperialism.

Revisionism is a counterrevolutionary poison that negates the leader's role in the revolutionary struggle of the working class and leads to the abandonment of the revolution. The counterrevolutionary criminal acts of slandering the leaders of the working class in several countries are attributable to the emergence of revisionism. Great-power worshippers in our country once attempted to smuggle revisionist ideas into the country, but our Party resolutely rejected them. History teaches that any tolerance of revisionism in a socialist country will give way to bourgeois liberalization, corrupting the party, poisoning the people ideologically and causing the revolutionary cause pioneered by the leader to be abandoned unfinished. We should thoroughly reject revisionism in the future, too, and thus resolutely defend the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered by Comrade Kim Il Sung through the generations and inherit it with credit. We must reject the bourgeois restorationism that is

prevalent in several countries. Bourgeois restorationism is a trend of counterrevolutionary thought that turns socialism back into capitalism. Modern revisionism has now cast off its mask and has been revealed as bourgeois restorationism, which overtly turns socialism back into capitalism. The reality has clearly shown that social disorder, devastation, unemployment, poverty, crime and social evils, and not development and prosperity, prevail if socialism is turned back into capitalism. We should bring home to Party members and other working people the reactionary nature and perniciousness of bourgeois restorationism so that they exercise great vigilance against it.

We should continue to pay attention to ensuring that great-power worship and dogmatism are not revived among the people. If they are influenced by these maladies, they will not follow their leader and Party, instead dancing to the tune of others, and in the end will disrupt the revolution and fail to defend the nation's independence. Needless to say, great-power worship and dogmatism as ideological trends have been overcome in our country, but their remnants still remain. We should not remain indifferent to even the slightest manifestation of these maladies, and overcome them comprehensively.

We should prepare the younger generation as communist revolutionaries of the Juche type. The first and second generations of the revolution pose no problem to the efforts to accomplish the leader's cause. However, it is another matter with the third generation, who have grown up in a socialist society, free from exploitation and oppression and without experiencing hardship. There is no need to make them suffer exploitation and oppression on purpose or undergo such trials as experienced by their predecessors. The key to raising the younger generation as a revolutionary one that will carry forward the leader's cause is ideological education and training. Education and training in the

period of one's childhood and youth have a great influence for the rest of one's life. Being sensitive, young people are susceptible to either good or bad influences in their surroundings. This is why the imperialists and reactionaries are so tenacious in trying to blow the wind of liberalism into the minds of young people and students. The present ideological and spiritual state of our young people and students is laudable. Having seen the grand mass gymnastics performance given by the young people on this occasion, our foreign guests were envious of our excellent youth, saying that many countries had been ruined because their young people had received an improper education. We should feel proud of having such a sound and revolutionary generation. Even so, we should not rest on laurels, but further intensify the revolutionary education and training of our young people and students. In their education, it is of great importance to teach them properly about the principles of the Juche idea and our revolutionary traditions. The traditions of the anti-Japanese revolution that were established by Comrade Kim Il Sung are the most valuable revolutionary sustenance for the rising generation, who have not experienced the ordeals of the revolution, because these traditions incorporate the noble revolutionary spirit and lofty revolutionary exploits and experiences accumulated during the most arduous struggle. We should educate the younger generation in our revolutionary traditions in various forms and by various means so that they grow up into communist revolutionaries who resolutely fight for the victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche by displaying the same spirit and fortitude as those demonstrated by the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters when they fought on Mt. Paektu in support of Comrade Kim Il Sung. We should also encourage them to train themselves continuously through the practical efforts to defend the homeland and tackle the challenging and important

tasks for socialist construction, devoting their wisdom and zeal.

We should ensure that officials, Party members and other working people give full play to the revolutionary practice of giving one's all for the benefit of the people. Comrade Kim Il Sung, who has devoted his whole life to the people, feels most satisfied when the work for the benefit of the people is done perfectly so that they are pleased. Devoting oneself to the people is the way to bring pleasure and satisfaction to him and to ensure him a long life in good health.

To work faithfully for the people in our country today is to conduct socialist construction effectively so as to give full play to the advantages of socialism of our own style centred on the masses. Only then can the country be reunified at an early date and the revolutionary cause of Juche be completed as Comrade Kim Il Sung intends.

Socialist construction is an undertaking to implement the lines and policies put forward by the Party and the leader. All officials, Party members and other working people should bring about an uninterrupted upsurge on all fronts of socialist construction by implementing the Party's lines and policies to the letter.

The Korean people are now filled with a firm conviction and fiery energy to battle forward resolutely along the road of socialism of our own style, displaying unflinching loyalty to the Party and the leader. The key is that officials should organize and guide the work as appropriate to the elevated spirit of the people. Officials should always think and plan their work properly to implement Party policies, and dovetail their organizational and political work so as to rally Party members and other working people to the undertaking.

In mobilizing the people's high revolutionary zeal and creative enthusiasm, it is very important for officials to employ a correct method and style of work.

Our officials should serve the people faithfully, as Comrade Kim Il Sung has said, and make it a rule to go among the people and work by relying on them. To do so, they should have a revolutionary outlook on the masses and enhance their spirit of serving the people. It is also necessary to fight against the abuse of power, bureaucratism and other outmoded work practices and styles that have been revealed among officials. Recently we have achieved a certain degree of success in the struggle to wipe out the abuse of power and bureaucratism and establish a revolutionary work method and people-oriented style of work among them, but we must not rest content. Since the remnants of outdated ideas still remain in the minds of people and the ranks of cadres are constantly being replenished with the new generation who lack revolutionary training, we should conduct the struggle continuously; otherwise, the abuse of power and bureaucratism might revive.

In order to rid officials of their outdated work practices and styles, we should intensify Party organizational life and conduct an ideological campaign. Priority in all work should be given to education, but we must never compromise with any infringement on the interests of the people. If officials encroach on the interests of the people by misusing their authority, we should take issue with it before it is too late, combat it strongly and apply Party or legal sanctions according to the severity of the case.

In order to establish a revolutionary work method and people-oriented style of work, officials should make it their habit to go among the masses. Only when they work and live by mingling with the masses and listening to them will officials not act in a subjective and bureaucratic manner. Our Party has established a well-regulated system to ensure that officials go among the masses on a regular basis. All officials should, as required by the work system established by the Party, go among the masses,

share good times and bad with them, and find prompt solutions to the problems they are facing. “We serve the people!”—this is a consistent slogan of the Party, and it is the Party’s demand that officials should not be separated from the masses even for a moment. It is an obligation for all officials to always go among the masses and serve them faithfully.

It is a noble duty for our officials, Party members and other working people to add lustre to their honour in holding Comrade Kim Il Sung in high esteem through the generations, and herein lies the source of the eternal pride and happiness of our people. All officials, Party members and other working people must hold high the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung with loyalty and filial piety and thus further exalt the pride of the Korean nation and the honour of Juche Korea.

**LET US HOLD THE GREAT LEADER
COMRADE KIM IL SUNG IN HIGH
ESTEEM AS THE ETERNAL
PRESIDENT OF OUR REPUBLIC**

**Talks to Senior Officials of the Central Committee
of the Workers' Party of Korea**

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These days as I stand beside the bier of the late Comrade Kim Il Sung, what dominates my mind is the thought of how the late leader can be held in high esteem forever and how his great ideas and immortal exploits can be defended and carried forward.

Come what may, we should make sure that he remains with us forever just as he looked during his lifetime. We should make sure that the great leader is always with us by preserving his benevolent lifetime image.

We acclaimed him as President of our Republic in response to the unanimous will of all the people, and they built this presidential palace with devotion. He worked here until the last days of his life. He himself named the palace the Kumsusan Assembly Hall. Therefore, I have resolved to preserve him forever in this presidential palace and rebuild it as a memorial hall.

Since his death, it has been suggested by many members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee and by numerous people that I be elected President of the Republic. I am grateful to my comrades and people for the trust they place in me,

but we must decide this matter after due consideration.

The issue of establishing a leadership system for the Party, state and army is vital for the future of the revolution and construction.

In his lifetime, President Kim Il Sung gave important instructions on several occasions concerning what this leadership system should be like. Bearing his instructions in mind, I have thought over and over again about how we should establish the system once he had passed away.

The leadership system for our Party, state and army must be such that it can thoroughly defend the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered and led by the President and carry it forward faithfully. Thus we should develop our Party, state and army into the eternal party, state and army of Kim Il Sung.

The respected leader Kim Il Sung was an outstanding leader of our state, whose like our nation greeted for the first time in its 5 000-year history, a benevolent father of our people and a great thinker, a great statesman, a great revolutionary and a great man to whom the world looked up.

He was gifted with ideas and theories and a pre-eminent leadership ability that no one else in the world could possess, and embraced all the people with a noble benevolence that no one else could possess. He was the greatest of great men, who enjoyed respect and reverence for his outstanding ideas and theories and distinguished leadership ability, and for his benevolent personality and lofty virtue that had never before been recorded in the history of mankind.

His passing is the greatest loss for our Party and revolution and a source of the bitterest sorrow for our people. People across the country have wailed over the sudden death of their great leader, their great father, and unable to suppress their yearning for him people are paying a tribute to his memory in front of

statues of him in all parts of the country, including that on Mansu Hill, and at historic sites associated with him even in the pouring rain, day and night. All our fellow countrymen have expressed in deep grief their condolences at his death, and many overseas compatriots have come to their motherland and shed tears of grief before his bier. The whole world is expressing deep condolences at his death as a great loss for mankind, and hundreds of millions of people are sharing our sorrow. Witnessing all this, we have come to realize more keenly what a great man he was for our people and nation and the peace-loving people the world over.

Korea, a small country of no importance in the international arena in the past, is well-known in the world thanks to his leadership and his reputation, and the eyes of the international community are now focused on it. All credit for our country becoming a powerful and dignified country and our people becoming a dignified and proud people goes to him.

We should hand down to history and posterity our honour and pride in having carried on the revolution under the leadership of such a great leader, and add eternal lustre to them. To record such a prominent great man, such an outstanding leader, in our history is a duty that our Party and people, who fought and lived together with him, are obliged to perform for history and the coming generations

With ennobling humanity, he bestowed great affection and trust on us and led each of us warmly. We must remain faithful to the moral obligation to the great leader, the great mentor, who brought all of us up to be revolutionaries, to carry through the revolution to the end with an unshakable faith.

He was the first President of our Republic, elected by the unanimous will of all the Korean people and with their absolute support. The President of our country is none other than Comrade Kim Il Sung. Foreign friends also called him President Kim Il Sung

out of feelings of respect and intimacy. The word *president* has been deeply engraved on the minds of our people and the entire nation as unthinkable apart from his name, and the words *President Kim Il Sung* are etched on the minds of the world's people.

It is imperative for us to ensure that the great leader always lives on the hearts of our people and the world's progressive people with his intimate honorific title and undying fame. There can be no other president of our country than President Kim Il Sung, who will live forever, and no person can have the title of president other than him.

Although he is gone, I am absolutely determined to hold Comrade Kim Il Sung, who rendered such distinguished service to our country and people, to the world and to mankind and who enjoyed the highest respect and reverence, as the only President, as the first and eternal President in the history of our country.

We should ensure that his honorific title, that is so familiar and priceless to mankind, is inscribed in the history of our country, and the coming generations extol President Kim Il Sung alone with pride when they say *president*.

Proceeding from such a standpoint and attitude I am resolved to hold him in high esteem just as we did in his lifetime and ensure that President Kim Il Sung alone is recorded as the eternal President in the history of our country.

Hence, I propose abolishing the presidential system in our country's Constitution and accordingly, revising the system of state power. In our era there has been no other such great man who was endowed with such a natural disposition as our leader, and therefore, we should enshrine in law that in the future, too, Comrade Kim Il Sung alone will be venerated as the only President of our country and no one else will be vested with the official title of president.

According to the Socialist Constitution drawn up by Comrade Kim Il Sung, there has been the post of president, the head of state, in our country until now. And the Central People's Committee has discharged the function of leadership as the highest state leadership body under the direct guidance of the president, and the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly has worked as the permanent body of the Assembly. With the presidential system soon to be abolished, it is of no significance to preserve the Central People's Committee, which has worked under the guidance of the president. Therefore, I think it is rational that the functions performed by the Central People's Committee and by the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly are merged so as to set up the state mechanism of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly which will perform the functions of the highest power organ when the Assembly is in recess, staffed with a chairman and several vice-chairmen.

As for the suggestion that I assume the role of president, rather than declining it I cannot accept it because it does not conform to my will. As a soldier and devoted follower of Comrade Kim Il Sung who is loyal to his ideas and lines, I cannot accept the honour of the title of president, nor would it be appropriate for me to do so.

I and all other comrades should, as in the past, so in the future, remain loyal and filial to him as his soldiers and devoted followers.

True to his will and to the deep trust placed in me by you and other people, I will focus my attention on strengthening our Party and armed forces while leading the revolution and construction.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said it would never be easy to accomplish our revolutionary cause, and told me over and over again that I should not be too preoccupied with the administrative

and economic affairs of the state but channel greater energy into consolidating the Party and the People's Army. In his lifetime he entrusted me with the work of the Party and the army, and he himself mostly took charge of foreign affairs and economic work.

Our Party is the highest political organization leading the revolution. Strengthening the Party and enhancing its leadership role ceaselessly is a decisive guarantee for consolidating the driving force of the revolution and leading the revolution and construction along the road to victory by rallying the masses of the people closely behind the Party. Only when Party ranks are built up firmly and its leadership guaranteed properly can socialist economic construction as well as the state and cultural construction be successfully promoted.

Strengthening the People's Army is also very important. Regarding army building as the fundamental issue in the revolution, Comrade Kim Il Sung founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army before anything else in the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and waged an armed struggle for the liberation of the country; after liberation he directed his primary attention to strengthening the Korean People's Army. Without the military guarantee provided by revolutionary armed forces, peaceful economic and state construction cannot be ensured, nor can the security of the country and people be safeguarded. As the Supreme Commander of the revolutionary armed forces appointed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, I view the building up of the People's Army as the most important revolutionary task devolving on me.

We are currently on the arduous struggle to safeguard the cause of socialism and bring it to completion in a very complex situation. The victory of our revolution is scarcely thinkable without a strong party and army. We are defending the socialist cause and the country's honour and dignity unperturbed despite

the current situation when the imperialists and reactionaries are stepping up their anti-DPRK and anti-socialist schemes; this is attributable entirely to the fact that our Party is strong and our revolutionary armed forces are invincible. Whether our revolution emerges victorious or fails depends, in the final analysis, on how we consolidate our Party, the general staff of the revolution, and build up the People's Army, the revolutionary armed forces of our Party.

Therefore, I am convinced that it is the correct alternative conducive to the success of the revolution that I make every possible effort to strengthen our Party and the People's Army, true to the lifetime instructions of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

If I assume even the duties of state administration, I may be involved against my will in legislative, administrative and economic affairs and, in the long run, I may be separated from the work of the Party and the army. This would not be good.

I do not think that everything will go better and Party leadership of the administrative and economic affairs of the state will be more effective simply because I take direct responsibility over these affairs. All the organizations in our country, including the legislative and administrative organs of the state, are doing their work in line with the Party's lines and policies under its leadership. When the Party is strengthened and its monolithic leadership is thoroughly ensured, the overall work of the country will go well.

That is why we should ensure that a legislative measure is taken at the next session of the Supreme People's Assembly to amend the relevant parts of the Constitution by bringing under deliberation the issues of abolishing the presidential system in our country and revising the structural system of power.

I believe that all cadres, Party members and other people will agree with my proposal.

**LET US MAKE OUR COUNTRY,
OUR MOTHERLAND, EVER MORE
PROSPEROUS, TRUE TO
THE GREAT LEADER
COMRADE KIM IL SUNG'S
INTENTION**

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

December 31, 1994

We are seeing out this year, still grieving over the death of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The great leader dedicated all his efforts to the freedom and happiness of our people and to the prosperity and development of our country. Making our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous was his intention and his cause. We must remain true to his intention and cause and make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous.

I am going to send our people and the officers and men of the Korean People's Army New Year greetings to the effect that we should work energetically, with a single heart and with one purpose, to make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous. Our country is Juche Korea, home to Kim Il Sung's nation, and our motherland is our socialist country. In this sense, I will use the words "our country" and "our motherland" in my New Year greetings. It is my firm determination to bring further prosperity to our country, our motherland. I will make no

concessions in carrying forward Comrade Kim Il Sung's intention and cause.

What is important in making our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous is to ensure that all Party members and other working people nurture an unshakable faith in socialism.

Only then can they strive to defend their socialist motherland and make it prosperous. Nurturing an unshakable faith in socialism is all the more important after socialism collapsed in the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries and since the imperialists and reactionaries are manoeuvring craftily to crush our country's socialism. The people of the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries failed to defend socialism and returned to capitalism, simply because they did not nurture a faith in socialism. Only now are they admitting that socialism was better and regretting its loss.

Although socialism collapsed in several countries, it still remains alive in the hearts of the people. I wrote the treatise *Socialism Is a Science* and published it in order to deal a blow at the imperialists and reactionaries who are opposed to socialism, and to instil confidence in the sure victory of socialism in the hearts of the people. The treatise clarifies the scientific accuracy and truthfulness of socialism.

People all over the world say that the treatise is my political programme by which Korea will follow the road of socialism without vacillating. Our country is politically stable and all the people are firmly united. International social circles recognize the solidity of our socialism.

Ours is socialism that is centred on the masses, where the people are masters of everything and everything serves them. Today, the progressive people of the world, the people of the countries where socialism collapsed in particular, are envious of and look up to our socialism that is centred on the masses.

Recently some scholars from a country where socialism had collapsed visited our country; I was told that after looking round Pyongyang, they said they had learned a lot from Korea's socialism, adding that they could not find anyone who was begging, drunk or dressed in jeans.

Party organizations should intensify ideological education among cadres, Party members and other working people in various forms and by various methods so that they cherish a strong faith in socialism and devote themselves to the victory of the socialist cause.

In order to make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous, the Party's leadership system must be firmly established. Our prosperous and powerful country and motherland would be scarcely conceivable, separated from the system by which the whole Party, all the people and the entire army move as one under the Party's leadership.

In establishing the Party's leadership system, it is important to establish the revolutionary discipline of accepting the Party's policies unconditionally and implementing them to the letter. Recently, the Party put forward the policy of enhancing the role of the county so as to bring about an upturn in the people's standard of living; the chief secretaries of all county Party committees should work with a sense of responsibility by giving play to the spirit of carrying out the Party's policies without any qualification. We should make stronger demands on officials so that they all accept the Party's policies without any conditions attached, and carry them out. They should display burning loyalty in implementing the Party's policies until the last moment of their lives. The greatest shortcoming of our officials is their way of working with an initial blaze of enthusiasm that quickly cools. They should not work in such a manner. One's burning loyalty to the Party must never cool, right up until the last moment of one's life. Party organizations should not take over administrative and

economic work and act high-handedly on the plea that they have been instructed to establish the Party's leadership system. As I always say, the Party must exercise political guidance over administrative and economic work.

In order to make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous, we should all unite with a single heart and single purpose.

The single-hearted unity of the revolutionary ranks is an important guarantee for making our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous. It is only when we strengthen the unity of the revolutionary ranks that the driving force of the revolution can be consolidated and the building of socialism stepped up. Our revolutionary ranks are now united with one heart. We must not rest content with this, but continue to strengthen the single-hearted unity of the revolutionary ranks further, as required by the prevailing situation and the revolutionary tasks facing the Party.

What is important in strengthening the single-hearted unity of the revolutionary ranks is to ensure that the whole Party, all the people and the entire army uphold the leader with loyalty.

Above all, cadres should uphold the Party's leadership with loyalty. A general by himself is no general. I formulate policies and implement them by relying on people who are faithful to me. As there are faithful men beside me, so I exist; and as I exist, so there are faithful men beside me. In the past, the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters did not know that Comrade Kim Il Sung would become the general secretary of our Party or the generalissimo, but they were convinced that they could accomplish the Korean revolution only when they held him in high esteem, and they travelled the road of the long-drawn-out revolution without wavering, following him. What is precious is their belief that they could accomplish the Korean revolution

only by following him. Cadres should learn from the noble revolutionary spirit of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters and, whether in good times or bad, maintain their loyalty to the Party. A day lived loyally in bad times is more important than a hundred loyal days in good times. Those who follow the Party in good times but abandon it in bad times are devoid of a sense of obligation. Revolutionaries must value their revolutionary obligation and remain true to it, to the last.

We should ensure that the young generation, too, learn from the noble revolutionary spirit of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters and support the Party's leadership with loyalty. In particular, we should see to it that the young people are faithful to the Party's leadership and support it to the end. The young people are the successors to our revolution; and when they are faithful to the Party's leadership and support it to the last, the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered by Comrade Kim Il Sung will be carried forward and completed with success through the generations. This is why I pay such deep attention to the young people and direct such great efforts to the work with them. I ensured that the joint editorial to be published on New Year's Day was written in the name of the organ of the Youth League, along with those of the Party and the People's Army. The young people will be pleased about this.

The People's Army is faithful to the Party's leadership. The officers of the People's Army place absolute trust in me; they are prepared to fight a life-or-death battle if I order them to do so. I meet the officers of the People's Army now and then to give them encouragement. I intend to visit a unit of the People's Army tomorrow, New Year's Day, to encourage the soldiers. I feel most happy when I am among them. We should ensure that all the officers and men of the People's Army defend the socialist motherland with their arms, loyally supporting the Party's leadership.

Class education should be strengthened among Party members and other working people.

Party organizations and officials are paying inadequate attention to class education. The low level of people's class consciousness and the poor demonstration by the working people of the revolutionary spirit of Mt. Paektu, the revolutionary spirit of fortitude, which the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters cherished, can largely be attributed to their poor class education.

The current standard of living of our people cannot be said to be very high, but it is still higher than it was in the past. The young generation, not knowing what hardship is, are enjoying a life in which there is nothing in the world for them to envy. If class education is not conducted effectively, there may appear such tendencies among the rising generation of complaining about their life today, oblivious of the past when their grandfathers and grandmothers were exploited and oppressed and, worse still, of them abandoning the revolution and seeking a comfortable life for themselves, because they are enthralled by revisionist ideas; then it will be impossible to defend socialism, which was built by the blood and sweat of the preceding generations. In recent years socialism collapsed in several countries, mainly because they neglected class education and abandoned the class struggle. After assuming state power, Khrushchev weakened the function of the dictatorship of the state as a weapon of the class struggle. As a result, socialism could not be defended in the Soviet Union. Since socialism collapsed there and the Soviet Union itself was broken up, those who schemed against Soviet power in the past and their descendants have become parvenus, and those who fought in defence of Soviet power and their descendants have become beggars and unemployed. Historical lessons show that for a working-class party to neglect class

education and abandon class principles amounts to digging its own grave.

We are now defending socialism and conducting the revolution and construction in direct confrontation with US imperialism. We are waging what could be called a war without gunfire. We should get ready to wage a bloody struggle should the enemy attack us, and we must win the fight against the US imperialists by any means. Only when class education is intensified among Party members and other working people so as to raise their class consciousness can they rise up in the struggle against the US imperialists and safeguard socialism with their lives and make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous.

We should intensify class education among Party members and other working people, especially the rising generation, to ensure that they do not entertain even the slightest illusion about their class enemy. For this, we need a proper methodology. Telling the young generation what the landowners and their agents were like, what it was like to wear hemp clothes and straw sandals, and about other aspects of life in the days of their grandparents' generation does not amount to adequate class education. Informing them of how hard their parents worked in their youth is also a form of class education.

Class education should also be conducted by means of works of art and literature. Whenever the sector of art and literature is instructed to create works that can contribute to class education, the writers attempt to write only about the exploitative nature of landowners and capitalists, and not about how the parents of the rising generation fought to defend the motherland in the period of the Fatherland Liberation War, how they rebuilt the devastated cities, farm villages and factories on the debris by tightening their belts and built socialism in the period of post-war reconstruction,

or how they devoted their youth to the motherland and people in the period of the grand construction of socialism. Few of the songs and films created in recent years are about the worthwhile way in which the parents of the rising generation spent their youth. We should see to it that works of art and literature depicting how our people built our socialist motherland in the difficult circumstances in the past under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the Party are created in large numbers for educating the young generation.

In order to make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous, we should rapidly develop science and technology.

Only by doing this can we make our people's life more bountiful and cultured, humble the imperialists' pride in their "technological superiority" and bring about the prosperity of the socialist motherland.

In order to develop science and technology as quickly as possible, we should train the next generation of scientists and technicians in a planned way. It seems that such training is not being organized in detail. Comrade Kim Il Sung pointed out that after Dr. Won Hong Gu passed away we had no ornithologist worth mentioning, and that it had been wrong for us not to have assigned young scientists for him to train as able scientists. Experts on Chinese characters have been trained because young scholars were apprenticed to Hong Ki Mun, and they proved their worth in the translation and publication of the scores of volumes of *Rijo Sillok* (Chronicles of the Ri Dynasty).

While training a large number of young scientists, we should maintain an appropriate proportion of them in the ranks of old, middle-aged and young scientists. Scientists must achieve success in their research in their twenties or thirties and thus establish their reputation. They must become doctors and associate doctors in their twenties and thirties and academicians in their forties and fifties.

In order to develop science and technology, we should increase investment in this sector. The sufficient supply of the latest research equipment and experimental apparatuses is essential for conducting successful scientific research work. For the present, the state-of-the-art equipment needed for the development of the electronics industry should be imported. We must raise the electronics industry to the world standard at an early date.

We should, at the same time as increasing investment in the scientific research sector, strengthen the education of scientists. Party organizations should strengthen their ideological education and organizational life so as to ensure that they all devote their wisdom and energy to scientific research with a high degree of loyalty to the Party, a strong will and the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude.

We should conduct effective external work so as to create circumstances favourable for our revolution.

We should be assertive in the talks with the United States. Recently we took the step of opening our territorial airspace to passenger planes from foreign countries. Having done so, we had to shoot down a US military helicopter that had intruded into our territorial airspace. The United States once again submitted an apology to us. This was a great victory for us. We returned the pilot of the helicopter only after receiving the apology. Afterwards, the pilot said that he had not been confined to a jail or barracks but had been treated well and given good accommodation. We must entertain no illusions about US imperialism. We must not make concessions or retreat in the confrontation with the US imperialists, but set our face against them.

THE WORKERS' PARTY OF KOREA IS THE PARTY OF THE GREAT LEADER COMRADE KIM IL SUNG

October 2, 1995

Fifty years has elapsed since our Party was founded.

Greeting the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea, and looking back with deep emotions upon the glorious road of struggle our Party has traversed, scoring a historic victory and effecting the greatest change by acclaiming the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung as its head and under his leadership, our Party members and our people express the warmest gratitude and pay the highest respect to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, who founded and led the Party.

Under Comrade Kim Il Sung's wise leadership, the Workers' Party of Korea was established as a working-class party of a new type and has developed in the flames of struggle for half a century into a trained and seasoned veteran revolutionary party, an unconquerable party enjoying the unqualified support and trust of the people. Under his leadership, our Party created a brilliant new history in the people's cause of independence, the cause of socialism, and made great, imperishable achievements in this cause.

The history of the Workers' Party of Korea is precisely the history of the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung's great revolutionary activities. Both the thorny path of our Party's struggle and its road of glorious victory bear his sacred footprints.

Both our Party's great achievements and its unbreakable strength and high prestige are associated with his respectful name.

The Workers' Party of Korea belongs to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. It is his great name and exploits that have made our Party's 50 years brilliant. His name and exploits will be immortal together with our Party's history.

The Workers' Party of Korea is a glorious party, which under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has paved a new road of building a revolutionary party in the age of independence, setting a shining example in this work.

Regarding party building as a fundamental question in the revolution, Comrade Kim Il Sung made strenuous efforts from the early years of his revolutionary activity to found the party that would lead our revolution. With an unshakable belief that the masses of the people are the motive force of the revolution, he waged the revolutionary struggle by organizing these masses. He also did the work of founding the party, beginning with the laying of its basis in the grassroots, by going to the masses of the people to train true communists from among them and forming grassroots Party organizations.

The organizational and ideological bases for founding our Party were laid and consolidated in the crucible of the 20-year-long arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung. The ranks of communist hard core were trained and toughened, true unity and cohesion were achieved in the revolutionary ranks centring around the leader, and the mass basis for the communist movement was solidly laid, through all manner of hardships in the do-or-die struggle.

In the course of organizing and leading the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle to victory, Comrade Kim Il Sung created glorious revolutionary traditions, the lasting cornerstone of our Party and revolution.

Thanks to the solid organizational and ideological bases for founding the party and the glorious revolutionary traditions, which were prepared during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, our Party was founded opportunely even in the complex circumstances after liberation. It has been able to fulfil its mission successfully as the political General Staff that guides the building of a new country ever since its founding.

The establishment of the Workers' Party of Korea enabled our people to shape their destiny successfully under the guidance of their reliable vanguard, their fighting General Staff. Its establishment unfolded a new history of the revolutionary party in the era of independence.

After founding the Party in an original manner, the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung gave wise leadership to the work of party building and developed it into a great revolutionary party.

The history of our Party building is the history of brilliantly implementing the Juche idea and translating into reality the idea and theory of building the Party on the basis of the Juche idea under Comrade Kim Il Sung's leadership.

Our Party is a Juche-type revolutionary party, built and strengthened, guided by the Juche idea.

The guiding ideology of a party defines its character, its aim of struggle and the basic direction of its development and activities, and decides its fighting efficiency and strength. Only a party guided by a great ideology can be a great party.

It is the most brilliant achievement of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung that he created the immortal Juche idea and thus showed the masses of the people a correct way to shape their destiny independently and that he built a new, revolutionary party, guided by the Juche idea, for the first time in the history of the communist movement.

The Juche idea is a new scientific world outlook that correctly

reflects the masses' desire for independence and the requirements of the times. It is a great idea that has brought about a historic change in the development of the revolutionary idea of the working class. The Juche idea is the ideological and theoretical basis of our Party building as well as the only guide to the revolution and construction. Our Party has been guided consistently by the Juche idea in its building and activities. Therefore, it has become a powerful revolutionary party with a most durable foundation, a great, authoritative party capable of leading the revolution and construction triumphantly. The building of our Party is characterized basically by the fact that it has built itself and conducted its activities, guided by the Juche idea.

Based on the great Juche idea and the rich experiences in his leadership of the revolutionary struggle at different stages, Comrade Kim Il Sung newly elucidated the fundamentals and basic principles of building a working-class party and the ways to implement them, and fully systematized the Juche-oriented idea and theory of party building.

This idea and theory are, in a nutshell, the people-centred idea and theory of party building on the basis of the fundamental principles of the Juche idea. Solving all problems in party building and activity by centring on people and through work with people is the essence of this idea and theory. The solidity and strength of the party and all the success in party building depend on how the cadres and other members of the party are educated and bound together organizationally and ideologically and how the masses, the socio-class basis of the party, rally behind the party. Work with people is the basis of party building, the essence of party work and the mode of activity proper to the working-class party which regards ideology as a weapon. Only when it lays the primary emphasis on work with people, can the

working-class party build up its ranks firmly, strengthen its mass foundation and lead the revolution and construction successfully.

The Juche-oriented idea and theory of party building shed fresh light on the fundamental principles of building the working-class party, based on the principles of the driving force of revolution. This force is an integral whole of the leader, the party and the masses. Only under the guidance of the party and the leader can the people hold their position as the driving force of revolution and play their role satisfactorily. In the driving force of revolution, the leader is the top brain and the centre of unity, and the party is a political organization that materializes the leader's idea and guidance. The party as a political leadership body is inconceivable apart from the leader's idea and guidance. Separated from the masses, the party cannot lead the revolution and construction to victory. The unbreakable unity of the leader, the party and the masses centring around the leader constitutes the solidest and most powerful revolutionary force, as well as a great motive force of the revolution and construction. Therefore, the working-class party must be built up into the leader's party, the political organization which realizes the leader's idea and guidance, and must achieve inseparable unity with the masses. This is a basic requirement for the existence and development of the working-class party and a fundamental principle that must be constantly maintained and carried forward in party building.

Comrade Kim Il Sung's idea and theory on party building expound the absolutely scientific and revolutionary principles, basic rules and ways which the working-class party must implement thoroughly in its building and activity; therefore, they have become a powerful ideological and theoretical weapon with which to consolidate our Party organizationally and ideologically, strengthen the unbreakable ties between the Party and the masses and steadily enhance the leadership role of the Party.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung built our Party into a revolutionary party with a firmly established monolithic ideological system.

The monolithic ideological system of the party is the leader's ideological system and his leadership system. Establishing the monolithic ideological system is the basic way to build the party as the leader's party. Only when the monolith of ideology and leadership is ensured through the establishment of the leader's ideological system and his leadership system is it possible to achieve the ideological unity and organizational cohesion of party ranks and make the party play its role satisfactorily as a political leadership body. The working-class party must be an ideological purity and organizational integrity, the entire party being dyed in its leader's ideas and moving as one under his unified leadership.

Our Party's struggle to establish the monolithic ideological system has been a struggle to equip Party members thoroughly with the leader's ideas and unite them firmly behind the leader in ideology and purpose; at the same time, it has been a struggle to overcome the heterogeneous ideas and factional elements which conflict with the leader's idea and guidance and disturb unity and cohesion. Under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, our Party has steadily intensified ideological education to equip all the Party members with the Juche idea, the revolutionary idea of the Party, and has conducted a powerful ideological struggle against flunkeyism, dogmatism, revisionism, factionalism and other unsound ideas, as well as factional elements. As a result, it eradicated factionalism, which had greatly harmed our revolution through history, and prevented modern revisionism and all other opportunist trends from infiltrating into our ranks. That our Party overcame factionalism and flunkeyism in the Korean communist movement and prevented the infiltration of any opportunism,

including modern revisionism, was the historic victory achieved in the struggle to ensure the unity and cohesion of Party ranks and its purity and establish the monolithic ideological system of the Party.

Through the struggle to establish the monolithic ideological system, the unity and cohesion of our Party developed into the unity of the entire Party in ideology and purpose, reinforced by morality and loyalty, based on the leader's idea and centring on the leader. Today all our Party members are armed solidly with the monolithic ideology of our Party, the revolutionary idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung; they know no other ideas but his revolutionary idea. They resolutely defend and carry out the lines and policies of the Party, cherishing loyalty to the Party and the leader as their revolutionary faith and obligation. That all Party members are united rock-solid behind the leader with one idea and faith and with comradely love and revolutionary loyalty underlies the solidity and unbreakability of the unity and cohesion of our Party.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung built our party into a militant party with a strong sense of organization and discipline.

This sense of organization and discipline is the intrinsic requirement of the socialist, communist movement based on collectivism, as well as the basic guarantee for the fighting efficiency of the revolutionary and militant party. The monolith of ideology and leadership is ensured by organization and discipline, and apart from them there can be no unity or cohesion. A working-class party with no organization or discipline will not only be unable to lead the revolution, but will itself be reduced to a lethargic, nominal existence.

By correctly embodying the principle of democratic centralism in party building and its activity, Comrade Kim Il Sung firmly established the monolithic system of leadership and a

revolutionary and voluntary discipline within the Party. For our Party the principle of democratic centralism is its organizational principle, whereby democracy is brought into fully play on the basis of firmly establishing centralized discipline. Centralism is revolutionary discipline and order according to which the entire party acts as one under the monolithic leadership of the leader. Without this, neither the unity of the party nor concerted action can be ensured. Democracy means formulating the party's lines and policy by incorporating the will of the party members and giving full play to their voluntary enthusiasm and creativity in the struggle to implement them. When centralized discipline is weakened and unprincipled "democracy" is tolerated, disorder is created in the party, and the party will be torn asunder. As a result of the correct application of the principle of democratic centralism in our Party, the guidance of the leader is effected smoothly from the party centre down to the lowest echelon and a revolutionary tone has been firmly established: All Party organizations and Party members accept the Party's lines and policy as their own and implement them to the letter by displaying a high degree of enthusiasm and creativity.

Enhancing the function and role of party organizations and intensifying the party life of the members is a major factor in improving organization and discipline in the party. By strengthening all its organizations and enhancing their function and role in every possible way, our Party has ensured that they carry out their activity strictly in accordance with the Party's organizational principle and the system of Party work, and always work vigorously full of vitality. At the same time, it has channelled great effort into intensifying the Party life of its members. Party members are linked with the leader through the Party organization and accept the leader's ideas and guidance and draw the breath of the Party through Party organizational and

ideological life. Party life is a revolutionary school that arms Party members with the leader's ideas, tempers their Party spirit and fosters the sense of organization and discipline. The unity of the ideology and action of millions of Party members is inconceivable apart from Party life. A well-organized system of Party life and a revolutionary tone of Party life have now been firmly established in our Party; all members belong to a particular Party organization, regularly leading their life in accordance with the unitary norms of Party life and taking part in it of their own accord as the masters. As a result, the Party life of the members has been put on a regular basis and has become a part of their daily life, and the organization and discipline of the Party have been strengthened markedly. Thus our Party has become a most highly organized and disciplined party; all the Party members breathe and act as one, based on a high degree of awareness and consciousness; the Party thus fully displays its might as a militant organization.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung built our Party into a mass party firmly rooted in broad sections of the population.

A working-class party can be invincible only when it welds itself to the masses and enjoys the active support of the wide sections of the population. As a matter of principle, the demand of the working class represents the fundamental interests of the working masses, and the historic mission of the working class is to achieve social emancipation, not only for itself, but for all toiling people. Ours is an era of independence, in which the masses of the people have emerged as the masters of history; the cause of the masses for independence can advance victoriously only through the energetic struggle of the working class and other broad strata of the people.

By correctly reflecting the fundamental interests of the working class and other toiling masses, as well as the demand of

the era of independence, and proceeding from the specific situation in our country, the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung set the line of building a mass party of the working people comprising workers, peasants and working intellectuals, and put this line into effect with success. The flag of our Party, inscribed with a hammer, sickle and brush, is a graphic symbol of a revolutionary party in the era of independence, the first of its kind in history. It is the banner of unity and victory of the masses of the people, who are independently shaping their destiny.

In accordance with the line of building a mass party, our Party enlisted into itself many progressive elements from among workers, peasants and working intellectuals, and properly combined the quantitative growth and qualitative consolidation of Party ranks. Thus it continually expanded and strengthened itself, while firmly maintaining its working-class and revolutionary character. Our Party was built as a mass party and the mass line was fully implemented in its activity. As a result, it has grown in strength and developed into a party that defends and represents the interests of the working masses and their demand for independence. It has become a revolutionary party of the working class rooted among the broad sections of the masses and inseparably united with them.

The validity and vitality of our Party's line on building itself into a mass party were verified more clearly as the building of socialism developed in depth. The process of building socialism is the process of transforming all members of society on the pattern of the working class, the process of assimilating all society to the working class. The line of building a mass party fully conforms to the law that governs the building of socialism. By implementing the line of building a mass party, our Party was able to maintain its working-class character and at the same time continually increase its ranks, strengthen its mass foundation and

accelerate the process of assimilating the whole of society to the working class.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung built our Party in a far-sighted way to carry on its cause down through the generations.

The masses' cause of independence is the cause of the leader, the cause of the party. It is a historic cause that is carried on through many generations. It is only when the working-class party firmly carries forward the ideas and guidance of the leader down through generations that it can invariably maintain its revolutionary character and appearance as a leading political organization and carry out its honourable mission. If a party is to correctly carry forward the ideas and guidance of the leader, it must fully ensure the continuity of its own development. Otherwise, the line of the revolution discontinues, and renegades from the revolution appear to ruin the cause of the leader, the cause of the party. This is a serious lesson of history.

The respected Comrade Kim Il Sung not only founded our Party and developed it to be an invincible one, but, with his extraordinary far-sightedness of many years' standing, laid a solid foundation for a brilliant continuation and accomplishment of the cause of the Party. Looking into the distant future, Comrade Kim Il Sung clarified the way to be followed by our Party and our revolution, laid firm organizational and ideological bases for the Party and established the leadership system for the continuation and accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

The ideas and leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung are an unshakable inheritance of our Party. Today, as a revolutionary party with high prestige and indestructible might, our Party enjoys full support and trust from the people and is confidently leading the revolution and construction.

The working-class party is the weapon for the revolution. The foundation of the party and its organizational and ideological strength are aimed at realizing the masses' cause of independence.

In the past 50 years since its foundation, our Party has led the masses of the people, winning a great victory in the revolution and construction, and gaining rich and valuable experience.

Since national liberation through a bloody revolutionary war against the Japanese, our revolution has advanced through an unprecedentedly complex situation and an arduous struggle. The division of the country by foreign forces, the Fatherland Liberation War against the invasion of the allied forces of imperialism, the ceaseless manoeuvres for aggression and sabotage by imperialism, the turbulent international situation and the collapse of socialism in several countries, and the subsequent intensification of anti-socialist, anti-DPRK machinations by imperialists and reactionaries—in the face of all these events, we carried out the two stages of social revolution successfully, reconstructed the country twice, built a form of socialism centred on the masses, and added lustre to our socialism while defending staunchly the sovereignty of the country and the achievements of the revolution. The revolution and construction have been promoted with vigour in spite of innumerable difficulties and hardships, bringing about great changes in the life of the country and its people.

Our socialism defends and ensures the independence for the masses and satisfies their demand for independence to the full. All the members of society exercise equal rights to independence in political, economic and cultural lives, and enjoy valuable and worthwhile lives free from all manner of social unrest and worry. Our society is a most stable and durable one, in which all the people are united single-heartedly around the Party and leader,

forming one great, harmonious family. Our entire society is overflowing with health and vitality and is full of revolutionary mettle. The communist morality, now being displayed to a high degree among our people, of devoting oneself to society and the collective, and of helping and leading one another forward in a comradely way demonstrates the advantages and might of the socialist system in our country and graphically shows the ennobling ideological and spiritual traits of our people.

Under the leadership of the Party, our people have traversed the road of victory, braving the difficulties and obstacles in their way, and are working energetically for fresh victory, full of confidence in and optimism for the future. Even in the present complicated situation, our socialism continues to win one victory after another without vacillation, and our socialist motherland is demonstrating its dignity and honour far and wide.

The imperialists and reactionaries have often resorted to various machinations to check the advance of our Party and people, and to stifle our socialism, but they have failed in every attempt.

The practical experience of our revolution patently proves that the people, who are untied as one under the leadership of their great leader and the great party and fighting for their just cause, are unconquerable, and that the present age is a new, historic age, the age of independence, when the masses of the people have emerged as masters of their own destiny. Guided by our Party, our people have paved a new path to accomplishing the masses' cause of independence, the path to genuine socialism, and built and developed a socialism centred on the masses of the people, thus dealing decisive blows at reactionary propaganda that vilifies socialism, and confirming in practice the scientific and genuine nature of socialism, its advantages and its invincibility.

For our Party, which is entrusted with the responsibility for the destiny of the country and nation, national reunification has been the supreme task since the first day of its founding. Our Party has consistently followed the policy of national reunification, a policy based on the three principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity. Reflecting the aspiration for reunification of the whole nation in the north, south and abroad, it put forward the most reasonable, fair and realistic proposal of reunifying the country through federation, and is now striving for its implementation. It is also making every effort to realize the great unity of the nation under the banner of national reunification. Our Party's policy of national reunification is truly patriotic and it enjoys the unanimous support and approval of the whole nation. Thanks to the impeccable policy and consistent effort of our Party for national reunification, the national aspiration for reunification has mounted higher as never before and the national unity of all compatriots in the north, south and abroad has grown stronger. The ever-growing reunification force of our nation will defeat the divisive forces at home and abroad and realize the cause of national reunification without fail.

Our Party has led the masses' cause of independence to brilliant victory, making great achievements along the way, because it has applied Juche principles and methods of leadership in the revolution and construction in a thoroughgoing way.

In leading the revolution and construction, our Party has always safeguarded the demands and interests of the masses, relied on them and carried out its fight by forming an integral whole with them.

That the masses of the people are the masters of the revolution and construction and that they have the power to promote them—this is the fundamental principle of the revolution,

as elucidated by the Juche idea. The policy that defends and realizes the masses' demands for independence and their interests is the most revolutionary and scientific, and relying on the masses of the people and giving full play to their strength and wisdom is the basic demand of revolutionary leadership. If one believes in the people and relies on them, one will always emerge victorious; and if one is divorced from them and is forsaken by them, one will always fail—this is the concept of “The people are my God,” the motto of the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung, and this has become the basic starting point and supreme principle in all the activities of our Party.

The respected Comrade Kim Il Sung was the great leader of the people and their father. His ideology, leadership and virtue were based on love for, and trust in, the people. All his life he was among the people, shared joy and sorrow with them and devoted his all to them. He placed deep trust in the strength, wisdom and excellent qualities of our people and solved all problems by relying on them and by giving rein to their revolutionary zeal and creative force.

Our Party has fully applied in all its activities the noble idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, “The people are my God,” and his revolutionary method of leadership. It has always formulated its lines and policies by reflecting truthfully and incorporating the opinions and requirements of the masses, and implemented them by enlisting their efforts and resourcefulness. It has given definite priority to ideological work, namely, the political work of awakening the masses of the people ideologically and rallying them organizationally, over all other undertakings; it has also worked tirelessly to oppose abuse of authority and bureaucratism and establish a revolutionary method and popular style of work among officials. The iron rule in the activities of our Party and in the work of our officials is to go among the people, breathe the

same air with them, work devotedly for them and execute revolutionary tasks by relying on them under the Party's slogan "We serve the people!" Our Party is a motherly party, which takes care of the destiny of the masses of the people under its charge, and its politics is a benevolent one in that it is the politics of love for the people and trust in them.

Because of their genuine comradeship and their inseparable relationship, in which the Party and leader trust and love the people and the people place unqualified trust in them and support them with loyalty, the single-hearted unity of the leader, Party and masses has been strengthened and developed and the revolutionary enthusiasm and creative force of the masses have been fully displayed on a high plane. Relying on the masses of the people and welding itself to them in the struggle—this is the secret of how our Party has been able to promote the revolution and construction with vigour in such complicated circumstances and trying ordeals, and has won victory after victory by turning misfortune into a blessing and unfavourable conditions into favourable ones.

In leading the revolution and construction, our Party has established Juche with all consistency and firmly adhered to the line of independence.

Independence is man's intrinsic desire and the lifeblood of a country and nation. The revolution and construction are conducted with a country and nation as a unit, and they are the very struggle against all manner of domination and subjugation. They are for the independence of the country and nation, the independence of the masses. The Party and people of each country must become masters of the revolution and construction in their country and wage them independently and creatively. It is only when the working-class party establishes Juche firmly and strictly adheres to the line of independence that it can defend the

dignity of the country and nation, ensure their independent development and lead the masses' cause of independence to victory. Owing to the circumstances in which our country found itself and the historical characteristics of our revolution, establishing Juche was presented as an all the more pressing and important task to our Party.

From the first days of his revolutionary activity, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung blazed the trail of independent development of the Korean revolution, holding aloft the banner of independence. He made it a fundamental principle to establish Juche and maintain independence in the revolution and construction, then led the effort to implement it. The line of Juche in ideology, independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in defence, as advanced by Comrade Kim Il Sung, is a revolutionary line of independence run through with the principle of Juche and the spirit of independence. Our Party has staunchly safeguarded this line and implemented it to the letter.

Our Party has solved all problems arising in the revolution and construction, as dictated by its ideology and faith, on its own responsibility and on the principle of self-reliance, doing things in our own way to suit our situation and the interests of our revolution. It has been opposed totally to the worship of big powers, dogmatism and all other ideas of relying on foreign forces, and rejected categorically any pressure and interference from outside. Free from established theories and formulas, it has analysed and judged everything solely from the point of view of the interests of the revolution and hewed out the road of the complicated and arduous Korean revolution by its own efforts, as dictated by its faith and determination. By conducting energetically among its members and the working people an education in Party's policies, revolutionary traditions and

socialist patriotism, with an emphasis on the education in the Juche idea, it has imbued them with the revolutionary ideology, lines and policies of their Party, instilled in them high national dignity and pride and given full play to their revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and the revolutionary tone of living our own way.

Since they strictly adhered to the Juche stand and the line of independence, our Party and people have not vacillated in the raging wind of modern revisionism and all other opportunist trends, and in the trying situation in which socialism collapsed in several countries, and they have been able to defend and add lustre to our own style of socialism. Our political and ideological strength, the powerful socialist independent economy and the unconquerable self-reliant military power, which our Party and people have consolidated rock-solid through the implementation of the revolutionary line of independence, self-sufficiency and self-reliant defence, are the sure guarantee for defending the sovereignty of the country and the achievements of the revolution, advancing the revolution and construction victoriously and thwarting the aggression and interference of imperialism and dominationism. The fact shows that the political and diplomatic pressure of imperialism, its attempts to disintegrate us ideologically and culturally, its economic blockade and military threat—none of these are able to infringe upon the sovereignty of our country, nor can they demolish or suffocate our socialism.

The independence of a country and nation is the basis for fair international relations, and an independent foreign policy is the justest and most principled foreign policy. All countries and nations, whether they are large or small, developed or less developed, have the rights to independence and equality as equal members of the international society. When they all maintain independence and respect each other's independence, they can develop fair international relations and build a truly peaceful and

friendly new world where independence prevails. By following a foreign policy based on the ideals of independence, peace and friendship, our Party and Government have developed the relations of friendship and cooperation with many countries in the world, consolidated the country's international position, strengthened international solidarity with our revolution and rendered an active contribution to the cause of independence throughout the world.

The Juche stand and independent line, consistently maintained by our Party in the revolution and construction, have clearly demonstrated their correctness and great vitality in practice.

Our Party has resolutely adhered to its revolutionary principle and invariably implemented the revolutionary line and policy in leading the revolution and construction.

Consistently adhering to the revolutionary principle in accomplishing the masses' cause of independence, the socialist cause, is an important question affecting the destiny of the revolution. Maintaining the revolutionary principle means defending the fundamental interests of the revolution and leading it to victory without any deviation, whereas falling back from the revolutionary principle means betraying the fundamental interests of the revolution and leading it to failure. The history of the revolutionary movement shows that if one retreats even a single step from the revolutionary principle, one will retreat two steps, and once this happens, one will go back ten steps, and thus will eventually make a mess of the revolution. Opportunism of all hues is characterized by a lack of revolutionary principle and by inconsistency in line and policy. The revolutionary principle in carrying out the socialist cause is guaranteed by the working-class party's loyalty to and faith in the socialist cause as well as by its will to carry this cause to completion.

The respected Comrade Kim Il Sung was a great communist revolutionary and a genius of the revolution and construction. With unshakable revolutionary faith and steel-like revolutionary will, he led our arduous and tortuous revolution along the straight road to victory, with unfailing loyalty to the masses' cause of independence, the socialist cause of Juche. Comrade Kim Il Sung led our Party and people by setting a brilliant example of the art of leadership. He defended the revolutionary principle under all circumstances and conditions, and skilfully combined principle and adroitness in the revolution and construction.

Proceeding from the fundamental interests of the revolution, our Party has always adhered to the principle of independence, and to the principles of the working class and socialism in the revolution and construction, and thoroughly carried out the revolutionary line with consistency. Our Party accelerated the revolution and construction with continuous creative efforts and innovation to meet the demands of the developing reality. While dealing with the rapidly changing situation actively and shrewdly, it has never taken a single step back from the fundamental interests and principles of the revolution and firmly maintained the revolutionary principle and line. Highly creative attitude and adroitness based on the revolutionary principle and consistency in its line and policy—these are the important principles and art of leadership our Party adheres to in the revolution and construction, as well as being the characteristics of our Party's revolutionary line and policy.

Throughout its leadership of the revolution and construction, our Party has never deviated from the revolutionary principle, never allowed itself to be swayed to right or left without principle, and never made a mistake in its line. Thanks to our Party's revolutionary principle and the consistency of its line and policy, our revolution has been able to advance victoriously

along the road to socialism with no twists and deviations, even in the most arduous conditions. And also our own style of socialism, centred on the masses of the people, has become a firm conviction of our people and taken root deeper in the people's life. Our people place unqualified trust in our Party, the Party that has confidently led the revolution and construction. They entrust their destiny entirely to it and are fighting indomitably to complete the revolutionary cause of Juche under the leadership of the Party.

Our Party's great exploits and precious experience in party building and party activity, as well as in the revolution and construction, are the brilliant fruition of the revolutionary idea and revolutionary leadership of the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. They are the eternal treasures of our revolution, which we must defend, inherit and develop through generations to come.

Our revolution has emerged victorious under the leadership of our Party, and in future, too, it will advance in triumph and will be carried forward to brilliant completion under its leadership.

We still have a long way to go, and our revolution is beset with as many hardships and trials as ever. No matter how long and thorny the road ahead for our revolution, pioneered and led by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, we must steadily follow this way in accordance with the behest of Comrade Kim Il Sung. This is the unshakable faith and will of our Party.

We must safeguard the people-centred socialism of our own style, established by the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung, bring honour to it and complete the socialist cause of Juche. We must unfailingly achieve national reunification, the vital demand of the entire nation, on the principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity set forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung. Upholding the lofty will of Comrade Kim Il Sung,

our Party must strengthen solidarity with the progressive people of the world and work hard to realize the cause of independence for mankind.

In order to carry forward the sacred cause of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the revolutionary cause of Juche, from generation to generation, we must further consolidate our Party, which organizes and guides all the victories of our people.

We must hold in high esteem the beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung as the eternal leader of our Party and revolution, and develop our Party as the glorious Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung for ever.

We must defend his great ideas, theories and revolutionary methods of leadership, and thoroughly apply them in Party building and activities. We must do all the work of the revolution and construction just as Comrade Kim Il Sung planned and intended and showed in his personal example, and we must conduct everything in the same way as Comrade Kim Il Sung. This is the way to develop our Party as the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung and the way to brilliantly inherit and complete the revolutionary cause of Juche.

We must resolutely safeguard the revolutionary idea of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and thoroughly put it into effect.

The revolutionary idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Juche idea, is the sole guiding ideology of our Party and the banner of victory for our Party and revolution. It would be impossible to speak about the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung or to think of the victory of the Party's cause separately from his revolutionary idea.

Holding high the banner of modelling the entire Party on the Juche idea, we must further strengthen education in the Juche idea, so that the Party is imbued with only one ideology, the Juche idea, and make the whole Party breathe and pulsate with

the Juche idea. We must train all Party members to be communist revolutionaries of the Juche type, firmly equipped with the Juche-oriented revolutionary outlook on the world, and think and act at all times as demanded by the Juche idea.

We must defend the purity of the Juche idea and ceaselessly develop it in depth. Degeneration of ideology brings about degeneration of the Party; it leads the revolution and construction to ruin. Adherence to the purity of the Juche idea means keeping our Party's revolutionary character and defending the Party's cause. We must ceaselessly fight against the infiltration of bourgeois reactionary ideas, revisionism and all other ideological trends of opportunism so as to prevent the heterogeneous ideological trends from getting even the slightest chance of gaining ground and growing in our ranks. While defending the revolutionary essence and purity of the Juche idea, we must add lustre to its greatness and develop and enrich it as required by the times and the developing realities.

True to the Party's slogan "Let us meet the requirements of Juche in ideology, technology and culture!" we must deal with all work of the revolution and construction as required by the Juche idea. We must thoroughly implement the Juche idea in building the Party, the army, the economy and culture, to further strengthen the political, economic and military power of the country, bring about development and the flowering of socialist national culture, and fully display the advantages of our own style of socialism centred on the masses of the people.

We must staunchly defend and cherish the unity and solidarity of our Party created by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, and cement this cohesion more solidly.

The unity and cohesion in party ranks means its lifeblood and strength. Our Party's unity and cohesion is the purest and most durable, based on the monolithic ideological system, and a

guarantee for the indestructible might of our Party.

We must consistently hold fast to the work of establishing the Party's monolithic ideological system as the basic line of Party building, and defend and strengthen further the unity and cohesion of our Party, which is firmly united in ideology and will as well as in morality and loyalty based on one ideology and one centre. All the cadres and Party members must make loyalty to the Party their faith, conscience, morality and the creed of their lives, and follow the Party's leadership, firmly united in mind and will.

We must oppose all kinds of unsound elements detrimental to the Party's unity and cohesion and ensure the purity of Party ranks. Our Party's unity and cohesion has reached a high level, but we must not rest content. The unity and cohesion of the Party can be maintained and consolidated only through constant ideological education and ideological struggle. We must not tolerate nepotism, parochialism, factionalism and other elements that undermine and hamper the Party's unity and cohesion. We must overcome them promptly so that the Party is always permeated with the spirit of unity, the atmosphere of unity.

We must thoroughly put into effect the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's idea, "The people are my God," so as to further cement the inseparable ties between the Party and the people and ceaselessly strengthen and develop the single-hearted unity of society.

Our Party exists for the people and regards it as its duty to fight to meet the interests of the people and their desire for independence. Taking loving care of the people, serving them and forming a harmonious whole with them—these are the intrinsic nature and basic characteristics of the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Our people are a great revolutionary people, who were

brought up by the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung and who braved the tempest of the revolution under his leadership; they are an excellent people equipped with noble ideological and mental traits under our Party's benevolent politics and the socialist system of our country. Our Party strongly believes in our people, who are boundlessly loyal to the Party and revolution; it overcomes all difficulties and hardships by relying on their unrivalled heroism and unquenchable creative force. Our people's unquestioned trust in and unanimous support for our Party are a source of invincible strength for the Party. Serving our fine people is a great honour and pride for our Party.

We must thoroughly implement the consistent ideas and policies of our Party, which takes loving care of the people, champions their demands and interests and fights for their independent and creative life. We must build more effectively our Party as a genuine motherly party that leads and takes care of the destiny of the people on its own responsibility, and must enhance the spirit of service for the people among officials so that they might put the benevolent politics of the Party into practice more efficiently. We must ensure that all the officials serve the people devotedly, acting as their servants and the champions of their interests.

We must fully implement the Chongsanri spirit and Chongsanri method, as created by Comrade Kim Il Sung, and hold high as ever the Party's slogan "Let the whole Party go among the masses!" All the officials must acquire more firmly the revolutionary and popular style of work: They should always go deep among the masses, share good and bad times with them, teach them and at the same time learn from them, and carry out the revolutionary tasks by giving rein to their revolutionary enthusiasm and creative zeal. We must resolutely oppose and reject abuse of power, bureaucracy, irregularity and corruption

among officials, and ensure that they acquire modest and unpretentious traits and establish a frugal and upright way of life.

The Party just believes in the people and the people in the Party, striving vigorously as one, thus further consolidating the single-hearted unity of society as a whole. As we have advanced in the past by braving difficulties on the strength of the single-hearted unity of the Party and people, so we must in future, too, pave the way of victory and glory by relying on the might of single-hearted unity.

Today our Party and people have embarked on the road of new historic advance. Our Party will inherit and develop faithfully the idea and achievements of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and accomplish his cause down through generations.

The Workers' Party of Korea will shine for ever as the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

**THE GREAT LEADER
COMRADE KIM IL SUNG
WILL ALWAYS BE WITH
OUR PEOPLE**

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

February 11, 1996

This coming July 8 marks the second anniversary of the death of the great leader Kim Il Sung. This is the third year since he left us. According to traditional custom, this July 8 can be called the third anniversary; the end of the mourning period. But we cannot calculate the mourning period for him in this way.

For him, the great leader, the mourning period should be counted by full years. So, July 8 next year, the third anniversary of his death, will be the actual end of the mourning period.

The two-year period of mourning is a traditional custom of our nation and some other Eastern nations, by which the mourning period for the deceased is extended and the date the mourning period ends is fixed. We cannot fix the mourning period for our leader, a great man unprecedented in history, according to traditional custom.

President Kim Il Sung was a peerless great man, whom our people acknowledged for the first time in their thousands-year-long history; he was not only the father of our nation but also was recognized worldwide as the Sun of mankind.

He was the greatest of great men, in that he embarked on the

road of revolution in his early years, dedicated his all to the freedom and happiness of the people, surmounting all manner of trials and hardships, and wound up his brilliant career as a communist revolutionary having striven to the utmost throughout his life.

The imperishable revolutionary achievements he recorded for the cause of the people's independence, the socialist cause, shine brilliantly and occupy a leading place in the long history of mankind and of the communist movement.

The unprecedented image of his greatness—his great ideas and theories, outstanding leadership, noble humanity, unrivalled personality, unassuming character and simple way of life—moves the world.

As the days go by, we feel more keenly that he was a man born with the endowments of a great man. It does not stand to reason to observe convention or traditional custom, in ending the mourning period for the President, a veteran statesman of world politics and the eternal Sun of Juche, who opened the new era of independence for the first time in human history.

Even though his heart has stopped beating, he is still with his people. He will live for ever as the top brain of the integral whole of the leader, the Party and the masses and as the founder of socialist Korea, which is emulating him. His history continues in our thriving country, where his instructions are being implemented to the letter.

If we attempt to draw a line under the mourning of the death of the President, who still lives with his people, this will run counter to the moral conscience of the Korean communists who intend to honour him throughout the ages as the sun of Juche. Our people, who are enjoying a happy life thanks to the great achievements he performed for the country, are missing their fatherly leader all the more as the days go by. Indeed, our people

are the eternal members of his family; they cannot live for even a moment outside his embrace.

Our people remember the President both in joy and in sorrow and their yearning for him grows stronger on each anniversary of his death; so it would not be right to specify the end of the mourning period for him according to traditional custom. Ever since his sudden death, we have cherished his memory in an original way without regard to stereotyped convention. Therefore, there is no need to subject ourselves to ancestral custom. It is natural that we should look back on his memory with the noblest moral obligation of the Korean communists to their leader, the supreme representative of the revolutionary seniors, on this year's July 8, the second anniversary of his death. In particular, we should cherish his memory with greater reverence on July 8 next year, the third anniversary of his death.

When the anniversary of his death comes round, the people will look back on his brilliant career and imperishable revolutionary history that was filled with devotion to the country and people, and renew their determination, recalling what he wished them to do and what they have done in order to carry it out. As there is no limit to their longing for him, our people will cherish his memory of their own accord with the noblest moral obligation when July 8 comes round every year.

We should make it an immutable tradition to mark July 8 as a day of condolences for the whole nation. This is the noblest moral obligation of our people and the progressive peoples of the world, who honour him as the eternal great leader of the Juche revolutionary cause and the father of all peoples, and also our firm will.

**LET US EXALT THE BRILLIANCE
OF COMRADE KIM IL SUNG'S
IDEA ON THE YOUTH MOVEMENT
AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS
MADE UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP**

**Discourse Given to *Chongnyon Jonwi*, Organ
of the Central Committee of the Kim Il Sung
Socialist Youth League on the Fifth Anniversary
of the Youth Day
*August 24, 1996***

Today all our young men and women, full of confidence in victory, are celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Youth Day with a high sense of pride and honour of being the young vanguard who carry forward the noble, revolutionary cause of Juche.

Youth Day is a revolutionary festival that demonstrates our young people's determination and will to safeguard and add brilliance to the great achievements of the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung for the youth movement and to develop this movement onto a new, higher stage under the Party's leadership.

The destiny of the revolution and the future of the country and nation depend on how the rising generation, the young people who represent the future, are educated, trained and prepared. Under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the young people of Korea traversed a glorious road of struggle for their country and revolution, a proud road of

victory, and created the brilliant new history of the Juche-oriented youth movement.

Carrying forward and developing the glorious traditions of this movement is a noble duty our young men and women have now assumed before the present times and the revolution. Advancing along the road of Juche illuminated by the great Comrade Kim Il Sung is the way for the Korean youth movement to acquire an unconquerable strength and a broad vista, and for our young people to experience honour and happiness and look forward to a bright future. All our young men and women must successfully fulfil their mission and duties as the young vanguard and as the successors to the revolution in the struggle to accomplish the Juche revolutionary cause in loyal support of our Party's leadership. By so doing they will exalt the honour of the Korean youth and display their revolutionary mettle.

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The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung pioneered and led the Juche-oriented youth movement in Korea.

He opened up a new epoch in the youth movement of our country and led it to develop vigorously along absolutely correct lines. From the first days of his revolutionary activities he regarded the youth question as an important matter vital to the success in the revolution and the destiny of the nation. On the strength of his outstanding thought and leadership he gave intelligent guidance to the youth movement and attained imperishable accomplishments.

On the basis of his Juche idea the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung newly explained the young people's position and

role in carrying out the revolution, developed original ideas and theories on youth movements and brilliantly translated them into the youth movement in our country.

The Juche youth movement pioneered and led by Comrade Kim Il Sung is an absolutely revolutionary movement in that it struggles for the people's independence under the leadership of the working-class party, trains young men and women to become the vanguard of the revolution and construction and heirs to the revolutionary cause, and ensures that they fulfil their mission and role.

On the basis of the principles of the Juche idea, Comrade Kim Il Sung defined young people as a fresh militant contingent that constitutes the driving force of the revolution, a powerful force that propels social progress. Young people aspire after the new, love justice and truth and have the fighting spirit and stamina to put their decisions into practice, unafraid of sacrifice. Because of these excellent qualities they are the most enterprising and vigorous contingent in transforming society and harnessing nature and can play an active pioneering role in the revolution and construction.

Comrade Kim Il Sung viewed young people as successors to the revolutionary cause and instructed that they were to be entrusted with the honourable mission of taking over and continuing the revolution. Young people are the new generation that represents the future. It is the young people and none other that should give continuity to the lifeline of the revolution and take its future on their shoulders. In order to continue to advance vigorously and accomplish the revolutionary cause, which is carried on from generation to generation, the young people must inherit the revolutionary spirit of the previous generation, safeguard and develop the results of the struggle of their predecessors and win fresh victories without interruption.

Comrade Kim Il Sung regarded revolutionary education and training of the younger generation as the key to the solution of the youth question and stressed this work as the main task of the youth movement.

Young people are in their ideological and mental adolescence. This is an important period when they shape their outlook on the world. How the young people develop and which direction the youth movement takes depend on how the young people are guided, educated and trained. If they are given correct leadership and revolutionary education and training, they can be moulded into a revolutionary generation. If not, they will tread the path to reaction, corruption and degeneration, the path that obstructs social development. If the youth movement of our times is to be a revolutionary one, it must receive the leadership of the working-class party and its leader and serve the masses' cause of independence. Without this leadership and without revolutionary education it would be impossible for the young people to acquire revolutionary consciousness, or become organized into a strong revolutionary force fighting for the masses' cause of independence, or play their role as a new revolutionary generation. The idea that the working-class party should take a grip on youth work and educate and train young people on revolutionary lines is fundamental to the question of youth in our country.

The idea and theory of the Juche-oriented youth movement, as elucidated by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, form a guideline that must be adhered to in developing the youth movement in the age of independence. The idea and theory are new ones distinguishing themselves from the previous theory, one that confined youth and students to the role of a bridge leading to the enlightenment of the masses and guiding them to the revolutionary movement, a theory that viewed young people as an aux-

iliary to the revolutionary force. Thanks to the original idea and theory of the youth movement evolved by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the youth movement has developed into a mass movement embracing broad and different sections of the young population and opened a new chapter of history in its development as a powerful component of the revolutionary cause to realize the independence of the masses.

Throughout the years of his leadership to our revolution the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung made a point of training young people along revolutionary lines and of enhancing their role in the revolution and construction. He consistently followed the policy of giving importance to young people.

He started out with work among young people in his revolutionary activities and pioneered the path of the Korean revolution through the youth movement. He awakened those young people who were not affected by outmoded ideological trends to their mission and duty to their country and revolution. He formed them into revolutionary organizations and persuaded them to commit themselves to the revolutionary struggle for the independence of the masses. Under his energetic guidance and revolutionary education, a large number of young communists emerged from the new generation to form the backbone of the revolution against the Japanese and to play the vanguard role in the sacred war of national liberation. The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung treasured young people and trained them into genuine communist revolutionaries in the bloody anti-Japanese war. This exploit and the experience he gained in the course of it, are the precious legacy of our revolution and a highly valuable foundation for the development of the Korean youth movement.

Under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, our youth movement reached a new stage after liberation. Comrade Kim Il Sung clearly indicated the road to be

followed by liberated Korean youth. He proposed the line of building a mass youth organization, thus uniting young people from all walks of life in a single youth organization under the banner of building a new country. By doing so he made it possible to prevent the disruption of the youth movement and enabled young people from all social strata to turn out as one in the building of a new society despite a very complicated situation. Comrade Kim Il Sung set it as an important task of the youth movement to train young people into ideologically sound and well-qualified builders of socialism in conformity with the in-depth development of the revolution and construction. He gave wise guidance to persuade young people to temper themselves still more through ideological education, organizational life and actual revolutionary activities, and ensured that the youth league satisfactorily carried out its duty and played its role as an organization for ideological education.

The politics of attaching great importance to young people pursued by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was based on his noble love for and trust in them and on his firm belief in the future of the country and the revolution.

The respected Comrade Kim Il Sung always dearly loved young people, firmly believed in them and spared nothing in his efforts on their behalf. When discussing important affairs of the Party and state and putting forward even a single policy, Comrade Kim Il Sung first considered the aspirations and requirements of young people and saw to it that their ideals and wishes were realized. He did everything possible to train young people into becoming stalwart pillars of the country and the masters of the future. Immediately after liberation, when times were hard in our country and we had to carry out many tasks to build the country, Comrade Kim Il Sung ensured that a university and a school for the bereaved children of revolutionaries were built

immediately for the rising generation. During the grim Fatherland Liberation War, so decisive of the destiny of the country, he looked into the future of our victorious country and summoned the former students fighting on the front line back to the university to resume their studies. These unprecedented facts alone clearly show how much he treasured young people. Comrade Kim Il Sung said that training young people to be ideologically and morally sound is the greatest proof of love for them. When modern revisionists were creating illusions about imperialism and corrupting the rising generation both ideologically and morally, he put all his efforts into intensifying anti-imperialist and anti-revisionist education as well as revolutionary education, so that our children and youth were not infected by evil ideas and trends. The slogan "Love the future!" was the revolutionary creed of Comrade Kim Il Sung, who with firm belief in the prospect of the revolution and in the future devoted all his life to the future and to our younger generation. This slogan reflects Comrade Kim Il Sung's noble intention and his great personality. Thanks to his paternal love and deep solicitude, our young people were able to grow into the new generation of genuine masters of the future, possessing unyielding revolutionary spirit and noble moral traits. It is also thanks to his love and care that the excellent traits of young people, who are full of stamina and ardour, love justice and remain open to all that is new, were given full play in the struggle for the independence of the masses.

Indeed, the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was the great father of our children and youth who, through his affection for them, trained them in a revolutionary way and gave his all to the rising generation. He was the best model of a communist revolutionary.

Comrade Kim Il Sung attached great importance to the question of youth in the revolution and construction and saw that spe-

cial effort was put into preparing them as the heirs to the revolution. The intelligence and far-sightedness of his leadership are seen ever more clearly in the history of the socialist movement. In the days when the question of the replacement of one generation by another was not as yet put to the fore in carrying out the socialist cause, Comrade Kim Il Sung intelligently foresaw the key importance of the education and training of the third and fourth generations of the revolution in carrying forward and accomplishing the Juche cause. He put great effort into getting the third and fourth generations of the revolution to follow the noble revolutionary spirit and loyalty to the revolution of the first and second generations. Thanks to Comrade Kim Il Sung's far-sighted leadership, a sure guarantee has been provided in our country for the socialist cause to advance vigorously through the generations. In many countries that had been building socialism, the socialist cause encountered twists and turns and met with frustration. This is mainly because in the past these countries neglected the revolutionary education and training of their young people, and as a result, there was no preparation of reliable reserves of the revolution who would succeed to the first and second generations.

Under the intelligent guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Korean youth movement has advanced dynamically along the road of Juche, and our young people have performed lasting exploits for the country and the revolution, for our times and history.

The history of our revolution abounds with stories of the heroic struggle and great achievements of the youth for the Party and the revolution, for the country and the people. It was young people who took the lead in winning victory in the great anti-Japanese war for national restoration and in saving the country and the nation from distress. It was also young people who

fought heroically during the Fatherland Liberation War to safeguard the freedom and independence of their country by sacrificing their lives. Our young people demonstrated their honour as shock brigades in building a socialist country of independence, self-sustenance and self-reliant defence, starting from scratch in a land where not a single unbroken brick remained. There were many difficulties and trials in the course of our unprecedentedly arduous revolution. Each time they cropped up, our youth staunchly safeguarded the Party and the leader; they were the first to support and implement the Party's intentions and ideas. In our revolutionary history, young people have never been a burden to the Party. They have always been loyal to the Party and have taken the lead in implementing its lines and policies.

The red banner of our Party is imbued with the precious blood of our youth, who steadily traversed the revolutionary road to follow the Party and unhesitatingly gave up their lives. The great victories our Party and people have gained in the revolutionary struggle and construction work are associated with the brilliant exploits and achievements of our young men and women.

Today the character traits of our young people are highly laudable. They regard it as the highest honour and revolutionary duty to return the love and trust of the Party and the leader by remaining faithful and filial, as befits all true sons and daughters. They are the young vanguard of our Party who uphold the Party's leadership loyally by rallying firmly around the Party with one mind and purpose and who carry out the aims and wishes of the Party without fail, even going through fire and water if necessary. They trust and follow only our Party in any adversity, defend it with their lives ahead of all others and breathe and move in accordance with its ideas and intentions. Even in the severe situation in which socialism is experiencing trials in the international arena and imperialists are carrying out anti-socialist

and anti-DPRK manoeuvres more intensely than ever before, they continue to follow the road of socialism steadfastly under the leadership of the Party, while holding aloft the red flag of the revolution. Our young soldiers, who had been set adrift from their posts and had floated to the enemy area against their will by an unexpected calamity, stood up to the enemy with courage by remaining unperturbed in the face of intimidation and appeasement, demonstrating the mettle of the soldiers of the Korean People's Army who are equal to a hundred foes. They returned proudly to the embrace of the Party and the socialist motherland. This is a clear proof of the revolutionary faith and indefatigably militant spirit of our youth. Our young people have acquired true zeal for devoted service to their motherland and their fellow citizens, for their society and collective, and they have developed a deep love and feeling of obligation for their comrades. They also set great store by the revolutionary conscience and have a strong sense of justice. They volunteer before others for difficult and toilsome posts in socialist construction and they are models of communist virtue in our society. Unfailing faithfulness to the Party and the leader, the spirit of devoted service to the motherland and fellow people, noble moral obligation for the revolutionary forerunners and comrades, a strong sense of organization and discipline, diligence and simplicity—these are the characteristics of the young people of Korea who have been educated and trained by the great leader and great Party.

Our young people are well prepared also in the fields of culture and technology. Having experienced the advantages of the 11-year compulsory free education, thanks to the benefit of the state, all our young men and women have acquired high cultural and technical standards, and a large proportion of the promising scientists and technicians in our ranks of intellectuals is young people of the rising generation.

That our youth has grown up to be a powerful, militant force in our revolution and the successor to the cause of socialism is a great and invaluable achievement of the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. Having a revolutionary and militant body of young people educated and trained by him is a source of great pride for our Party and people. Because of these fine young people, our Party and country are powerful and our revolution is ever-victorious.

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Our Party, inheriting the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's idea of cherishing our young people, loves and treasures them dearly. It has proposed, as one important strategic policy in carrying forward and consummating the revolutionary cause of Juche, to develop the youth movement even further and to enhance the role of young people.

“Love the youth!”—this is a new slogan our Party advanced to instil strength and confidence in young people and bring them up to be a great driving force of the revolution, upholding the noble aims of the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung. In pursuance of our Party's ideas and intentions, as expressed in this slogan, our young people, the Party and our people should implement in a thoroughgoing way the Party's policy of developing the youth movement and enhancing the role of young people.

Today our revolution is at a historic turning point and our youth movement has entered a new stage of its development.

As required by our developing revolution and youth movement, our Party adopted an important measure of renaming the League of Socialist Working Youth Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League. To have named our youth organization after the great

Comrade Kim Il Sung is an event of historic importance in the development of the youth movement in our country, a source of the greatest honour and pride for our young people. This historic measure is a vivid reflection of the unshakable will of our Party and the unanimous desire of our young people to defend and add glory to the undying exploits performed by the great Comrade Kim Il Sung for the development of the youth movement. It shows the desire of our young people to inherit and carry on his cause through posterity, despite the change of generations in the revolution.

Our youth league should remain eternally the youth organization of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, and the youth movement in our country should develop along the road he indicated to be a Juche-oriented youth movement. Defending and adding lustre to the ideas and theories on the youth movement that he expounded and the great achievements he made for the development of the movement is the way for the Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League and all young people to fulfil their honourable mission and duty and to attain their ideals and aspirations.

All our young men and women should fully prepare themselves to be the Party's young vanguard and successors to the revolution who carry forward the revolutionary cause of Juche. Moreover, as befitting a generation waging revolution and struggle, they should learn more, work more zealously and strive with redoubled effort. They should live out their youth in a worthwhile manner and with honour.

Young people should become the faithful, filial sons and daughters of the Party and the leader.

Unconditional faithfulness to the Party and the leader is a basic trait our young people should acquire.

Comrade Kim Il Sung is the eternal leader of our Party, our

people and our revolution and the Sun of mankind the people across the world revere. His cause, the revolutionary cause of Juche, is the sacred cause he pioneered and led to victory, the most just cause of the revolution that blazes a trail for the consummation of the masses' cause of independence. His revolutionary idea is the eternal guiding ideology of our Party and revolution and the revolutionary banner of our era. His revolutionary achievements are the eternal cornerstone of our revolution, the common revolutionary wealth of mankind.

Revering the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung eternally and inheriting his cause loyally is the revolutionary duty of our young people, their highest form of moral obligation and their greatest honour and pride.

All our young men and women should become communist revolutionaries of a Juche type who are equipped with his revolutionary idea, the Juche idea, and have the Juche-oriented revolutionary outlook on the world. Our young people of today and all the youth of future generations should revere him as the great leader and great father, defend his idea and achievements and champion his cause with single-hearted faithfulness and filial piety.

Safeguarding our Party and following its leadership with loyalty is a fundamental guarantee for inheriting and consummating with success Comrade Kim Il Sung's cause, the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Our Party's leadership is the lifeline of our youth movement and young people. Only under its leadership can the youth movement advance in a straight line along the road of Juche, fulfil its mission and role and carve out the destiny and future of the young people with honour.

With the thoroughgoing conviction that they know only our Party and none other, all our young men and women must believe in and follow our Party, entrust their destiny and future to it,

follow the road it indicates and unite with it as one. The ranks of our youth should become our Party's militant spearhead, defending it in the van and carrying out its ideas and policies while rallied firmly around it.

Young people must be the staunch champions, powerful builders and reliable defenders of socialism who are safeguarding and developing our socialism of Juche.

The revolutionary cause of our Party and people is the cause of socialism, and our socialism of Juche is the great gain of our revolution. Our socialism, established by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, is a people-centred socialism in which the Juche idea has been embodied, as well as the socialism for national independence. Our socialism of Juche is the most invincible, advantageous form of socialism, in which the masses are the masters of everything and everything serves them, a socialism that thoroughly defends and guarantees the independence of the country and nation.

The destiny of socialism is the destiny of the country and people and the destiny of its young people. Our young men and women are a proud generation born in the socialist motherland, who have grown up enjoying real happiness and a worthy life. Our socialist motherland is the cradle for the happiness of the rising generation, and only on the road of socialism can their hope and future come into bloom. Where socialism degenerates and the trend of bourgeois liberalism prevails, the younger generation is the first to become ideologically and mentally unsound and to lead a decadent life. Where socialism collapses and capitalism is restored, the rising generation becomes the most wretched victim and falls into the most miserable condition. This is proved by the history and reality of many countries where socialism has become degenerate and collapsed and capitalism has returned.

Socialism is the ideal of the masses who are fighting for independence, as well as the future of mankind. Socialism in our country has traversed the road full of victory and glory under the guidance of the great leader and the great Party, and is advancing steadily even in today's grave situation, demonstrating its power. Our youth must be proud of Juche-oriented socialism in our country and hold a firmer conviction in its superiority and invincibility. Capitalist society is the society of "the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer," where money is omnipotent and in which people become more corrupt and demoralized every day. Young people must be clearly aware of the anti-people character and depravity of capitalist society, and thoroughly reject any illusions about capitalism. All our young men and women must have a firm belief in our socialism of Juche; they must carry out their responsibility and play their role to the fullest in championing, building and defending socialism.

Defending socialism resolutely is an honourable task of the youth of our country. Nowadays, owing to the pernicious anti-socialist offensive of the imperialists and the nasty tricks of the betrayers of socialism, socialism is undergoing trials and its image has been seriously damaged. The struggle to safeguard socialism is an acute political and ideological confrontation with the imperialists and with all sorts of enemies of socialism. Originally, socialism was born and developed in the relentless struggle against its enemies. In our country socialism has been consolidated and has developed into an invincible power in its uncompromising struggle against imperialists, reactionary forces, revisionism and opportunism, and through all kinds of hardships and grave ordeals. Juche-oriented socialism, whose advantage and viability have been verified in the revolutionary practice, has struck deep roots in the minds of our people. Young people must highly value and ardently love our socialism, the lifeblood of our

people, and smash every attempt of the imperialists and reactionaries to disintegrate it. They must sharpen their vigilance against infiltration by all manner of anti-socialist ideas and bourgeois modes of life, reject them categorically and staunchly defend the socialist ideology and our socialist system from the abuses, slander and subversive moves of the enemies of socialism. Our young people must oppose non-socialist practices in all spheres of work and life, keep to the socialist principle and order and establish the sound, revolutionary way of work and life more thoroughly.

The struggle for socialist construction is the most worthwhile struggle for young people. They must display their youthful strength and wisdom to the full in socialist construction to make their country, their motherland, ever more prosperous and to add lustre to the Juche-oriented socialism. A turbulent situation and imperialists' machinations against socialism and our Republic have laid great obstacles in the building of socialism in our country. Our Party calls upon the entire people to surmount the obstacles and difficulties and effect a new upsurge in socialist construction in the spirit of the Arduous March, rallied firmly around the Party. It appeals to young people to take the lead in this work. Recently the soldiers of the People's Army, who took part in the construction of the Kumgangsan Power Station, made heroic efforts in extremely difficult conditions, giving full scope to the revolutionary soldier spirit under the slogan "When the Party is determined, we can do anything!" As a result, they carried out the gigantic project for harnessing nature successfully and performed great exploits. The revolutionary spirit displayed by the soldiers of the People's Army is the spirit to carry out unflinchingly the militant task given by the Party with absolute and unconditional loyalty under whatever circumstances. It is the spirit of self-reliance and fortitude with which they carry out any task,

however difficult it may be, by their own efforts. It is the self-sacrificing, heroic fighting spirit to dedicate their lives unhesitatingly to the Party and revolution, to their country and people. Our young people must emulate the revolutionary spirit of the soldiers of the People's Army, bring about miraculous successes and perform brilliant exploits, and become heroes and heroines. No matter in which sector and in what post they may be working for socialist construction, they must always fulfil their tasks responsibly and in an exemplary manner, and exalt their honour as the shock brigade in the struggle to implement the Party's revolutionary economic strategy.

Defending the socialist motherland is the noblest of all duties and the highest honour placed upon the young people. Young people are the main force of the People's Army. Our reliable young soldiers, who are unfailingly loyal to the Party and revolution, country and people, are now standing at their posts in national defence. Our Party and people feel secure, with firm confidence in the intense loyalty and unconquerable power of the People's Army, whereas the enemy fears it more than anything else. All our young people must regard it as the greatest honour to take up arms to protect their country. They must be reliable defenders who support our Party and defend the security of their country and people with arms in hand. Following the examples set by the heroes and heroines who performed great exploits by dedicating their youth and life unhesitatingly to the fight to destroy the aggressors and defend the country during the Fatherland Liberation War, our young people must defend the socialist motherland and prevent any aggressors from threatening the security of our country and people.

The young people must be the vanguard in the struggle for national reunification.

National reunification is the supreme desire of the nation, and the younger generations, as the masters of the country, have to

carry the reunified country on their shoulders. Our youth must turn out vigorously in the nationwide struggle to hasten the independent and peaceful reunification of the country. In this struggle all the young Koreans in the north, south and abroad must closely unite. In ardent support of the ten-point programme of the great unity of the whole nation, set forth by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, our young people must strengthen unity with the young compatriots in south Korea and abroad and give active support and encouragement to their just patriotic struggle for national reunification.

Our young people must acquire noble moral qualities as true human beings.

True human beings must exhibit not only unstained political and ideological qualities but also noble moral traits. Morality is a major criterion for judging a person's worth and personality. It has an important effect on social harmony and solidarity and on the unity and cohesion of the revolutionary ranks.

Our young people must cherish loyalty to the Party and leader as their unshakable revolutionary faith, untainted conscience and noble obligation, and unite solidly behind the Party, not only in ideology and will, but also as a moral obligation. In socialist society, which is based on collectivism, communal interests and needs set the standard for all activities, and devoted service to society and the collective is most valuable and highly moral. Young people must know how to subordinate their individual interests to social and collective interests and display a high sense of loyalty and devotion in the communal labour and activities for society and the collective. They must value their organization, love their comrades and establish a genuine comradeship whereby they help and lead one another forward and firmly unite with each other within the social community and organization.

In their everyday life it is important to observe public morals

and rules of etiquette. Young people should be exemplary in keeping the socialist way of life and collectivist rules of life and remain pure in their economic and moral life; they must speak and behave in a cultured and refined fashion and keep their appearance and manners decent. They must properly observe etiquette and morality in all aspects—ranging from respecting revolutionary predecessors and their elders to loving children.

When our young men and women acquire noble mental and moral qualities and put them into practice efficiently in their work and life, they can further demonstrate the proud features of the youth of socialist Korea, animate the entire society and lead the might of our socialism to a higher plane.

Young people must become people of ability equipped with modern science and technology.

Today science and technology are making rapid progress, and they are playing a still more important role in the development of society. Only by developing science and technology rapidly to meet the demand of the present era can we consolidate the power of our independent national economy, further accelerate socialist construction and give full play to the superiority of socialism.

Our Party has resolved to raise the science and technology of the country to the advanced level of the world in the near future. In this work it expects a great deal from young people. Bearing in mind the heavy duty entrusted by the country and the people and great expectations of the Party, young people should make energetic efforts to occupy the fortresses of modern science and technology. Every one of the young people of the new generation must be well-learned in modern science and technology and be able to create new techniques. Study and research work must be conducted zealously in one's youth when one is sensitive and vigorous. A revolutionary atmosphere of study and research should be established among young people so that they all study

hard, meditate and research ceaselessly. Young scientists and technicians should adhere to the Juche-oriented stand so as to develop science and technology to meet the realities of our country and create modern science and technology one after another.

In order to bring up young people to be the young vanguard of our Party and reliable heirs to the revolution, we must strengthen the youth league and enhance its function and role still further.

To meet the practical demand of the youth movement in our country, which is developing onto a new, high stage, the youth league must further consolidate its organizations so that they become militant bodies boundlessly loyal to the Party, having a strong sense of unity and a great ability to organize. The league must make them all lively organizations that conduct the work with young people briskly and in accordance with the Party's ideas and policies.

In conformity with its duty as an organization for politico-ideological education, the youth league must concentrate its effort on intensifying the organizational and ideological life of its members. If the league neglects to perform its own duty, occupied with campaigns for public functions or social labour, it cannot conduct political and ideological education among young people as it should, nor can it make itself firm and animated. The league must always maintain its basic character as an organization for politico-ideological education and direct its main effort to strengthening ideological education and the organizational life among young people. It must conduct ideological education in various forms and methods and in an original way to meet the demands and mental needs of young people; it must give wide publicity to the ideal communist traits displayed by young people and efficiently organize the work of making them generalized.

The life in the revolutionary organization is the most valuable political and ideological life for youth; through their organizational life our young people receive revolutionary education and add glory to their political integrity. The youth league organizations must organize their life in a proper way and ensure that members participate in the organizational life willingly and sincerely with a high sense of honour and pride in being members of the Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League.

It is an important requirement of the organizational activity of the youth league to conduct work with the youth independently and actively. Our Party always pays profound attention to fostering the independence of the youth organization and provides all the conditions needed for this. Youth league organizations must further increase independence in their activities and thus creatively plan and conduct work with youth, take the initiative in doing everything and conduct all work actively.

The youth movement in our country is closely connected with progressive youth movements of the world, and the youth league must strive to strengthen the international solidarity of the youth movement. The youth league must develop unity and cooperation with the world's progressive young people who are seeking independence, in conformity with the ideals of independence, peace and friendship, and must actively support and encourage the youth of all countries in their just struggle for sovereignty, independence, peace and socialism.

The role of educational institutions must be further enhanced in training the youth.

An educational institution is a comprehensive base for the education and edification of youth and children. Today in our country the rising generations are studying under the universal 11-year compulsory educational system and many young people are receiving education at colleges and universities. If

educational institutions do their job properly in educating and edifying adolescents and children, they can train them to be revolutionary talents possessing a revolutionary world outlook as well as scientific and technical knowledge.

Educational institutions must regard the Juche-oriented educational idea and policy of our Party as a firm guide and continue to improve and strengthen educational work in conformity with the mission of socialist education and the requirements of the educational theses, and thus train young students and schoolchildren to become ardent revolutionaries and able adults.

It is very important for institutions of higher learning to give good education to young students. University days are a very important period for a person to shape a revolutionary world outlook and lay the basis for knowledge of modern science and technology. Through university education, national cadres are trained.

Universities and colleges must train our young students into reliable workers who support the Party and bring honour to their socialist country with science and technology. They must devote great efforts to educate students in a revolutionary way and turn them into ardent revolutionaries who will share the fortunes of the Party and faithfully serve the Party and the revolution, the country and the people in any adversity. In addition, they must raise the scientific and theoretical levels of education, establish a revolutionary habit of studying and train all students into excellent scientists and technicians possessing the scientific and technical knowledge of their specialized fields both in breadth and depth.

Youth organizations and educational institutions are both entrusted with the common duty to train the new generation into revolutionaries loyal to the Party and successors to the Juche

revolutionary cause. Therefore the youth league organizations and schools at all levels must give good education and enlightenment to adolescents and children, taking concerted action and pooling their efforts.

The entire Party, state and society must pay attention to the training of young people.

Educating and training them is the work of preparing the coming generation for the revolution and the future of the country. This is the most important task of the previous revolutionary generation. Other work we may leave unfinished, for it can be taken up and furthered by the succeeding generation. But lack of proper training in the younger generation cannot be amended by anyone. It will result in an irretrievably serious situation. When I say that we must live not merely for today but for tomorrow, I mean that we must love the future and struggle for the future generation. All the Party organizations, state bodies and officials must have a correct viewpoint on the problem of younger people, pay close attention to their careful training and put great efforts into this work. We must ensure that our younger generation grows up to be reliable successors to the revolution under the concern, guidance and care of the entire Party, state and society.

Party organizations must further intensify Party guidance in work among the younger people. All the Party organizations and Party officials must conduct the work of training them on revolutionary lines responsibly, tirelessly and substantially. State bodies and social organizations must work hard to provide the social environment and material and cultural conditions for an efficient political, ideological, scientific, technological and physical training of the younger generation. Families must also pay close attention to the education and edification of their children. In this work state bodies, social organizations, schools and families

must, under the guidance of Party organizations, fulfil their responsibility and cooperate with each other.

It is very important in this work to create a revolutionary atmosphere and spirit in society. People are influenced by social climate, and the younger generation in particular is greatly influenced by the surrounding atmosphere. We must thoroughly establish working-class and socialist principles and order in all spheres of state and social lives and ensure that a sound and revolutionary climate prevails throughout society so that the youth and children grow up under a good, revolutionary influence at all times. In addition, we must take thorough measures to protect our youth and children from the infiltration of all sorts of unsound, corrupt and reactionary ideas and cultures.

Our young people are the glorious generation who shape their most splendid future and make a new history of youth movement in the era of independence under the guidance of the great Party. The future of our young people, who are exalting Comrade Kim Il Sung's idea on the youth movement and the achievements made under his leadership by following our Party, is bright, and the Korean youth movement will always triumph.

LET US CARRY OUT THE GREAT LEADER COMRADE KIM IL SUNG'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR NATIONAL REUNIFICATION

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Our people will soon greet the 52nd anniversary of the liberation of our country, the historic event, by which the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung opened the way to a new life for our nation.

On this occasion our people look back with warm hearts upon the tireless efforts and the great achievements the respected leader made for the reunification of our country for half a century ever since the day of national liberation.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung strongly desired and worked hard all his life for the reunification of our country. He was unhappy more about the national sufferings caused by national division than about anything else, and took all the pains and put his heart and soul into the cause for national reunification till the last moment of his life in order to hand down a reunified country to posterity.

To reunify the country in accordance with the noble idea of the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung is the revolutionary duty and moral obligation of our Party and our people. It is a sacred national task devolving upon our generation. No matter what kind of difficulties and obstacles may stand in the way of national reunification, we must carry out the great leader

Comrade Kim Il Sung's instructions for national reunification and fulfil the responsibility and duty our generation has assumed before the country and nation.

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The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is the sun of our nation and the lodestar of national reunification. He devoted all his life to the country and nation and made imperishable achievements in the cause of national reunification. By his pre-eminent ideas and leadership he pioneered the cause of national reunification, guided it victoriously, laid solid foundations to realize it and opened the bright prospects for the reunification of the country.

The question of national reunification arose as a result of the division of the country by foreign forces at the end of the Second World War. The history of half a century since the division of the country into north and south is a history of an acute struggle between the two conflicting lines of reunification and division, patriotism and treachery, and a history of the victory of patriotic forces that aspire after national reunification.

Ever since the division of the country, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung regarded national reunification as the supreme task of our nation, consistently maintained the line of one Korea, the line of reunification, wisely led the struggle to reunify the country and strengthened and developed the reunification movement into a nationwide movement.

The line of national reunification proposed and invariably maintained by the great leader is a line of thorough national independence for the complete sovereignty and independence of the country and nation and a truly patriotic line for the

development of the country to be reunified and for national prosperity. The question of the reunification of our country is a question of putting an end to the foreign domination and intervention of south Korea, establishing national sovereignty throughout the country, linking again the blood ties of the divided nation, and realizing unity as one nation. If our nation, which has lived as a homogeneous nation in the same land for thousands of years, remains divided by foreign forces, it will be impossible to avoid national misfortune and calamities and free itself from foreign domination and subjugation. Reunification is the only correct way to establish the complete sovereignty of the country and nation, brighten the nation's dignity and honour, and achieve the prosperity of the country and nation. The line of reunification enjoys unreserved support from all the Korean people because it reflects the fundamental interests and demand and unanimous wish and aspiration of our nation.

In the complex and difficult situation in which the US imperialists' occupation of south Korea and the manoeuvres of divisive forces at home and abroad against reunification were continuing, the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung maintained the line of reunification firmly and consistently and led the reunification movement on his initiative. While strengthening the northern half of Korea into a bulwark for national reunification, the great leader ensured that the people in the northern half gave active support and encouragement to the south Korean people in their patriotic struggle for independence, democracy and national reunification without forgetting them even for a moment. He thwarted the challenge and the manoeuvres of the divisive forces at home and abroad against reunification at every step and developed the reunification movement steadily. It was our leader who developed the nationwide struggle to frustrate the manoeuvres of the flunkeyist and treacherous forces to keep the

country divided by convening the historic joint conference of the representatives of political parties and public organizations from north and south Korea in the grim days when “separate elections and a separate government” were being cooked up in the name of the UN in south Korea immediately after liberation; it was our leader who roused all the Korean people to the struggle to check and thwart the manoeuvres of the divisive elements for “two Koreas” at a time when a sharp antagonism and struggle was going on between two lines, one for one Korea and the other for “two Koreas,” in our country; it was also our leader who opened the way to dialogue and negotiations between north and south which had been totally out of contact, ensured success in adopting the north-south joint statement and agreements and opened a new phase in the movement to reunify the country. The great leader, who had immeasurably noble love for the country and nation, passed not a day without being concerned over the question of national reunification, nor did he take a single day’s rest in peace.

Comrade Kim Il Sung worked energetically to strengthen international support for and solidarity with the movement for national reunification. Thanks to his strenuous external activities, the validity of our Party’s line of national reunification was widely known to political, public and press circles in various countries, international concern for the question of Korea’s reunification increased, and the world progressive people’s support for and solidarity with the movement for our country’s reunification grew stronger.

Thanks to the great meritorious service rendered by the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who adhered to the line of national reunification and devoted all his efforts to the reunification of the country, the reunification movement continued to develop, sweeping away the obstructive moves of

the divisive forces, and became an indestructible force. The ardent desire of the nation for the reunification of the country is growing higher with each passing day, and all the Koreans in the north, south and abroad have turned out for the movement to reunify the country. The development of the reunification movement into a powerful nationwide movement as we see today and its advance in the midst of worldwide interest and support and encouragement from the progressive people prove a brilliant victory of the line of reunification over the line of division.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung set forth the three charters of national reunification which clarified the fundamental principles and methods of national reunification, and provided the guideline that must be maintained in accomplishing the cause of national reunification.

The three principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity are the cornerstones for national reunification which manifested the fundamental standpoint and fundamental way of solving the problem of national reunification by the efforts of the nation and in keeping with its will and interests. The three principles of national reunification are the great common programme of the nation which the north and south confirmed in their July 4 joint statement and proclaimed solemnly to the public at home and abroad.

The ten-point programme of the great unity of the whole nation for the reunification of the country is a political programme to strengthen the motive force of national reunification by achieving the unity of the entire nation. This programme clearly shows the objective and the ideological basis of great national unity and its principles and methods in an all-round way.

The plan of establishing the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo (DFRK) is a blueprint that shows the full picture of the

state to be reunified and the method of its realization. It indicates the basic method of reunifying the country most reasonably and smoothly on the basis of tolerating the ideas and systems of the north and the south.

The three principles of national reunification, the ten-point programme of the great unity of the whole nation and the plan of establishing the DFRK constitute the three charters of national reunification by which Comrade Kim Il Sung elaborated the basic principles and methods of national reunification into an integral system on the basis of his great Juche idea and his valuable experience of the struggle to reunify the country. The three charters of national reunification are permeated with the spirit of national independence regarding national sovereignty and dignity as lifeblood and embody his noble love for the country and nation for reunifying the country peacefully by achieving north-south reconciliation and the great unity of the entire nation. The three charters clarify the fairest and most reasonable and rational way of reunifying the country at the earliest date in keeping with the real conditions in our country where different ideas and systems exist in its north and south for a long time and in accordance with the entire nation's aspirations towards reunification.

Because the great leader provided the three charters of national reunification, our nation is in a position to develop the struggle for national reunification with the clear objective, direction, confidence and courage and to realize its cherished desire for its reunification successfully by its united effort. The three charters of national reunification are, indeed, the banner of national reunification as well as the justest and most realistic fighting programme for reunifying the country independently and peacefully.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung rallied the entire

nation under the banner of great national unity, prepared the driving force of national reunification and strengthened it further.

Our nation is the motive force of reunifying the country, and its strength lies in great national unity. When our own force of reunification is prepared, the victory of the cause of national reunification is assured.

Regarding patriotism and the spirit of national independence as the basis of national unity, Comrade Kim Il Sung made it the principle of great national unity to subordinate everything to the cause of national reunification, transcending the differences in thoughts, ideas, political views and religion, and led all the people aspiring after reunification, regardless of their past records, to the way for reunification and patriotism with great generosity and magnanimity. He put forward the slogan for national unity, “Those with strength, devote their strength; those with knowledge, offer their knowledge; and those with money, contribute their money!” and encouraged the Korean people from all walks of life to help towards the cause of national reunification, with the mind of loving the country and the nation. His thoughts and ideas of great national unity and his noble love for humanity and the nation were the source of strength that encouraged the Korean compatriots from all sections to set out courageously on the road of national unity and national reunification.

Comrade Kim Il Sung attached great importance to forming the all-nation united front and energetically led the work of uniting the reunification forces in the north, south and abroad. Basing himself on the experience of the anti-Japanese national united front during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, he put forward the policy of forming the great national united front for the country’s reunification and wisely guided the struggle to implement it. As a result, a great advance was made in the work

for organizing the compatriots in the north, south and abroad under the banner of national reunification. When the movement for the reunification of the country developed into a movement involving all the nation and their ardent desire for national reunification soared as never before, a Pan-National Rally representing the Koreans in the north, south and abroad was held and the Pan-National Alliance for Korea's Reunification (Pomminryon) representing the reunification will of the entire nation was born. The formation of the Pomminryon is an important success achieved in strengthening the motive force of the country's reunification and developing the reunification movement onto a higher stage.

Today the motive force of reunification, the patriotic cause, is expanded and strengthened on a national scale involving the north, south and abroad and cemented more firmly; it is advancing vigorously towards the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, overwhelming the flunkeyist, treacherous, divisive forces.

The exploits which the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung accomplished on the road of the country's reunification are the priceless heritage for our people and nation and a solid foundation on which to reunify the country. His lifelong efforts dedicated to the country and nation and his great services to the noble cause of national reunification and independence will shine for ever in the history of our country.

2

Reunifying the country in our generation without fail by carrying forward the cause of the country's reunification pioneered and guided by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung

is a firm decision of our Party and a revolutionary will of our people.

The territorial partition and the division of the nation lasting over half a century are obstructing the uniform development of our nation with a history of 5 000 years and causing immeasurable misfortunes and sufferings to all our nation. If we fail to reunify the country in our generation, the new generations will also suffer the tragedy of national division, even the national community between the north and the south will disappear and the nation will remain divided for ever. When the imperialist colonial system has collapsed and all the countries and nations, that were once oppressed, are advancing along the road of independence, it is an intolerable national shame that our nation that values its dignity and honour as lifeblood has to see its sovereignty trampled upon by foreign forces.

We must achieve the cause of the country's reunification, the lifelong will of the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung and the vital demand of the nation. National reunification is the greatest national task that must not be delayed any longer. We must reunify the country at all costs and put an end to the tragic history of national division, the history of disgrace. By reunifying the country, we must save the destiny of the nation from the crisis, hand down the reunified country to the coming generations and defend and exalt the dignity and honour of the nation.

In order to reunify the country, we must defend the imperishable achievements which the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung made for national reunification all his life and carry out the Juche-oriented line and policy for national reunification.

The three charters of national reunification set forth by the great leader are the programmatic guide which all our nation that desires reunification must support. The specific method may change in the struggle for the country's reunification with the

change in the situation, but the basic principles and standpoint for the country's reunification can never change. In the future we must reunify the country on the basis of the three charters of national reunification no matter how the situation and circumstance may change.

To maintain the Juche character and preserve the national character in shaping the destiny of the country and the nation is a principled requirement for the country's independence, sovereignty and growth in its wealth and strength and for the prosperity of the nation. By adhering to the Juche character and the national character and brilliantly embodying them during the whole period of his leadership of our revolution, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung achieved the historic cause of national liberation, established a powerful socialist state that is independent, self-sufficient and self-reliant in defence and ensured the display of our nation's unfathomable strength, talent and unbreakable spirit to the whole world. The lines and charters of national reunification advanced by Comrade Kim Il Sung are motivated by the principled requirement for adhering to the Juche character and the national character and are permeated with them. To thoroughly maintain and embody the Juche character and the national character in the struggle for the reunification and independence of the country is the basic guarantee for reunifying the country successfully in accordance with the interests and desire of our nation.

The country must be reunified at all events on the principle of national independence. Maintenance of the principle of national independence is fundamental to adhering to the Juche character and the national character.

All nations have the right to shape their destiny by their own hands and independently according to their will. Nobody can deprive a nation of its right to independence or infringe upon it.

Since the reunification of our country is an affair of our nation and concerns its right to independence, our nation must achieve it by its own efforts as the master in accordance with its independent will and desire.

In order to reunify the country on the principle of national independence, all the members of the nation must arm themselves firmly with the consciousness of national independence and thoroughly oppose and reject flunkeyism and the idea of dependence on foreign forces.

The consciousness of national independence is ideological strength which makes the nation powerful and the country prosper, whereas flunkeyism and the idea of dependence on foreign forces are an ideological poison that makes a nation disgraceful and powerless. That flunkeyism and the idea of dependence on foreign forces lead to the ruin of the nation is the serious and bitter lesson our nation learned through a long history of national suffering. Our country was occupied by the Japanese imperialists, the early communist movement failed, and the nationalist movement suffered frustration, in the final analysis, because of flunkeyism which meant disbelieving its own strength and grovelling before big powers.

Even after the liberation of the country, the successive rulers of south Korea who worshipped the United States committed anti-reunification treachery to the country and the nation, with the backing of the United States, following its aggressive policy. Attempting to find a solution to the problem of national reunification to win back the sovereignty of the nation deprived by foreign forces by depending on foreign forces is a foolish act which is tantamount to putting one's neck into the noose of slavery of one's own accord.

In order to keep the sovereignty and dignity of the nation and to reunify the country in accordance with the will and interests of

the nation, we must reject flunkeyism and dependence on foreign forces and resolutely fight against the aggression and interference of foreign forces. We will never allow any attempt to realize an aggressive and dominationist ambition through interference in our country's reunification. We must struggle more strongly for the country's reunification upholding the banner of national independence and thus achieve the complete independence and sovereignty of the country and the nation.

In order to reunify the country independently, we must build up the force of our own nation. The great unity of the entire nation is the decisive guarantee for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country. Our nation is directly responsible for national reunification, and no one can take our place in the struggle to reunify our country. Only when the entire nation is united firmly under the banner of great national unity and strengthens the driving force of national reunification can we defeat the attempts of the divisive forces at home and abroad to oppose reunification and accomplish the cause of the country's reunification.

In order to achieve great national unity, we should put the common interests of the nation above all else, relegating the differences in thoughts, ideas and systems to the background, and hold fast to the principle of uniting on this basis. The country's reunification is not a matter of settling any class contradictions within our nation or antagonism between social systems; it is the national cause of establishing the nation's sovereignty all over the country. No class or stratum can exist outside the nation and no independence for the members of the nation can be ensured without the independence of the nation. Today when reunifying the country is the supreme task of the nation, no class or stratum should place their interests above the common national interests. No matter how great the differences in ideologies and systems

existing in the north and south may be, they cannot be greater than our national community which has been formed and consolidated and developed over a long period of history. When the north and the south put the national community and the common national interests to the fore and desire the country's reunification, they can achieve the great unity of the entire nation transcending differences in ideologies and systems.

Love for the country and the nation is the common ideological feeling of all members of the nation and the ideological basis of national unity. To love ardently the country and the nation and value most the national dignity is our nation's proud tradition and the national characteristics. Anyone who has the blood and soul of the Korean nation must treasure and preserve the admirable national character of the Korean people. Today the true value and worth of life for the Koreans lies in linking their destiny with the destiny of the nation and devoting themselves heart and soul to the noble cause of the country's reunification and independence and the prosperity of the nation. Everyone who loves the country and the nation and is concerned over their destiny whether he or she lives in the north, in the south or abroad, must unite firmly under the banner of national reunification, regardless of the differences in ideologies and ideas, religious beliefs and political views, class and stratum.

We maintain that the north and the south join their efforts to promote coexistence, co-prosperity and common interests and achieve the great cause of the country's reunification transcending the differences in ideologies and social systems. We will join hands with those who take the road of national reunification with national conscience, regardless of their ideas and religious beliefs, and whether they are capitalists, army generals or high authorities. Even those who have committed crimes against the nation in the past, if they repent of their

mistakes and come round to the side of the nation, we will let them start with a clean slate, treat them with generosity and unite with them.

Our Party's line and policy for great national unity constitute all-embracing politics based on love for the country, nation and people. Our consistent policy is to pursue all-embracing politics invariably in the whole process of the struggle for the reunification, independence, and prosperity of the country. The line of great national unity which fully embodies the idea of love for the country, nation and people has fully demonstrated its validity and vitality in the long-drawn-out struggle for the restoration of the motherland, for the building of a new society and for national reunification. We will respect the ideologies, ideas and religions of all parties, organizations and people that aspire after patriotism and turn out for the cause of reunification, and unite with them, thereby fulfilling our duty and remaining loyal to the nation.

Reunifying the country in a peaceful way without recourse to the armed forces is our principled position and the consistent line of our Party.

There is no reason why we fellow countrymen should fight among ourselves on the question of national reunification. The difference in thoughts and systems existing in the north and the south is not a ground for the use of armed forces. One cannot accept any idea and system under coercion and the difference in ideologies and systems between the north and the south cannot be abolished by a coercive method. If the north and the south fight against each other, our nation will suffer the ravages of war and the imperialists will profit from it. The peaceful reunification of Korea is not only the desire of our nation but also the aspiration of the peace-loving people of the world. Everyone who loves the country and nation and values peace must exert all his or her

efforts for the peaceful reunification of the country.

In order to ensure peace in the Korean peninsula and achieve the peaceful reunification of the country, we must oppose the moves towards aggression and war and eliminate the danger of war.

Without the struggle against the moves towards aggression and war, it would be impossible to ensure peace and think of peaceful reunification. At present, the manoeuvres of the United States and the south Korean rulers against socialism and our Republic have aggravated the tension and created the danger of war breaking out in the Korean peninsula any minute.

The question of easing the tension and removing the danger of war in our country can be settled, before all else, when the United States gives up its hostile policy against our Republic and a peace treaty is concluded between the DPRK and the United States. Our Republic and the United States are still in the state of temporary armistice and the danger of war has not been dispelled from our country. In order to remove the danger of war and ensure peace, a peace treaty must be concluded between us and the United States and a new peace-keeping mechanism must be established. In addition, it is imperative to reaffirm the non-aggression agreement between the north and the south already published to the world and implement it thoroughly.

Although the United States clamours about “the end of cold war” and “easing of the tension,” she is invariably resorting to the “power politics,” threatening us with ceaseless military exercises and aggressive manoeuvres and instigating the south Korean rulers to war provocation. Trying to bring us to our knees by military threat or pressure is a foolish attempt and a dangerous act.

We will defend our socialism firmly and never tolerate anyone to infringe upon the sovereignty and dignity of our

nation. Strengthening the revolutionary armed forces to defend the security of the country and people against the moves of the imperialists and the south Korean rulers to provoke war is a natural step to self-defence. The imperialist war-maniacs should refrain from attempting to test our military power by means of their armed forces or to frighten or bring our people to their knees by military threat and provocations. Such a reckless act will be a dangerous adventure which may end in a terrible catastrophe. We never want war; we are making consistent efforts to reunify the country peacefully.

The most reasonable way to settle the question of Korean reunification smoothly is to reunify the country based on federation.

Our nation wants to reunify the country as soon as possible in a reasonable way acceptable to everyone. Over half a century has passed since the different systems were established in the north and the south. If, in these circumstances, one side tries to reunify the country under its system, it will further aggravate the state of division, let alone reunification, and end in an irretrievable national disaster.

In view of the urgent requirement of our nation and the situation in the country, the best way to reunify the country as soon as possible is to establish a unified nation-state of federation based on one nation, one state, two systems and two governments.

Reunification through federation is a fair and rational way for reunification which does not attach weight to the advantages or interests of only one side or harm any side. Federal reunification will also contribute to removing the danger of war always hanging over the Korean peninsula and ensuring peace and security of the world.

If the country is reunified by federation, our nation will

establish sovereignty throughout the country and achieve great unity as one nation; our country will become a unified nation-state, independent, peace-loving and neutral. The reunified federal state will not infringe upon the interests of neighbouring countries and threaten them.

We will advance dynamically along the road of national reunification under the banner of the three charters of national reunification set forth by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung without the slightest vacillation in any difficulty and trial.

3

Improving the relations between the north and the south is an urgent requirement for achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Only when the relations between the north and the south are converted from the relations of distrust and confrontation into those of trust and reconciliation can the country be reunified independently and peacefully by the united efforts of the whole nation.

The trend of national reunification is now mounting unprecedentedly, but the relations between the north and the south are more strained and acute than ever before. The present south Korean authorities who do not care a straw about the destiny of the nation and national reunification are trying to find a way out by aggravating tension and confrontation between the north and the south, being afraid of their power foothold being shaken to its roots; they have pushed north-south relations into a critical state and are unprecedentedly intensifying warmongering manoeuvres against the north in collusion with foreign forces. Since the appearance of the present “regime” in south Korea,

confrontation has been aggravated between the north and the south instead of reconciliation, and the danger of war increased instead of peace. Having thrown the north-south relations into the worst state is an indelible anti-reunification crime and a treachery to the country and nation committed by the present south Korean authorities.

In order to improve the relations between the north and the south and effect a change towards national reunification, the south Korean authorities, before anything else, should desist from depending on foreign forces and “cooperating” with them, oppose and reject them by uniting efforts with their fellow countrymen from the stand of national independence.

National independence or dependence on foreign forces is a touchstone which distinguishes reunification from division, patriotism from treachery. If anyone takes the road of “cooperating” with foreign forces by depending on them, turning his back on the nation and shutting his eyes to the nation’s own force, he will be forsaken by the nation and punished by history. Only when the south Korean authorities take the stand of national independence and patriotism can the relations between the north and the south develop into the relations of trust and reconciliation and a breakthrough be made for national reunification.

The south Korean authorities must change their policy and take the stand of national independence which values and depends on the nation; they must adopt a policy of shaping the destiny of the country and the nation by joining efforts with their fellow countrymen.

Removing the political confrontation between the north and the south is a prerequisite for improving the relations between the north and the south. Only when it is removed can the military confrontation be eliminated and, further, national reconciliation and unity be realized.

The south Korean authorities must have a true sense of national fellowship, and change their hostile anti-north confrontation policy into reconciliation policy of alliance with the north; they must refrain from creating misunderstanding and distrust between the north and the south and hampering national reconciliation and unity.

Military confrontation, in addition to political confrontation, must be removed to ease tension.

The military confrontation between north and south gives rise to distrust and misunderstanding between fellow countrymen and makes it impossible to trust and reconcile each other; it will also aggravate tension and lead to national calamity. Without removing military confrontation it is impossible either to improve the north-south relations or to expect peace in the Korean peninsula and peaceful reunification.

In south Korea, at present, they are clamouring about fictitious “threat to invade the south.” However, it is not the “threat to invade the south” but the threat to invade the north that really exists in our country. Were it not for the threat to invade the north, the military confrontation between north and south would be removed.

The south Korean authorities must abandon their dangerous war policy and ease tension. In south Korea they must stop arms build-up and the import of weapons from abroad, discontinue the joint military exercises with the foreign armed forces and refrain from committing reckless military provocations.

In order to remove the confrontation between north and south and promote national reconciliation and unity, the social and political life in south Korea must be democratized. Whoever comes into power, as long as the fascist rule continues in south Korea, it will be impossible to remove the confrontation between north and south or to

think of free discussion and activity for national reunification by political parties, groups and people from all walks of life in south Korea. Worse still, as long as the wicked law against the nation and reunification, like the “National Security Law” which defines the same race as the enemy, regards it as a criminal act to have a contact and exchange among the people and public figures from various circles in the north and the south and suppresses the patriotic forces for reunification, exists in south Korea, national reconciliation, unity and the contact and exchange between north and south will never be realized. The tortuous history of the national reunification movement which started with the division of the nation shows that as long as the “National Security Law” exists in south Korea, no progress will be made in the north-south relations.

Today the reality in which the patriotic forces of reunification and democracy are being suppressed by the “National Security Law” in south Korea and the north-south relations are in the worst state requires democratization as an imperative task. The “National Security Law” which distresses the south Korean people and causes harm to all the nation must be abolished, and political freedom and democratic rights, such as the freedom of discussion and activity of political parties, groups and strata for national reunification, must be guaranteed in south Korea.

These problems must be solved to improve the north-south relations and open a new phase for national reunification.

If the south Korean authorities give up the present anti-national and anti-reunification confrontation policy and make positive change in practice to live up to the expectation of the entire nation, we will meet them at any time to negotiate with an open heart about the destiny of the nation and make joint efforts

for the country's reunification. We will watch their attitude and actions.

In order to find a correct solution to the Korean question, the countries concerned must play a positive role with a sincere attitude of helping Korea's reunification. They must respect the sovereignty and the reunification will of our nation and closely cooperate to facilitate our nation's effort to reunify the country independently and peacefully.

The United States, a party who is directly responsible for the Korean question, must sincerely implement her signed commitment and duty. She must radically change her anachronistic policy towards Korea and refrain from interfering with the independent and peaceful reunification of the DPRK. We have no intention to regard the United States as our permanent sworn enemy; we hope to normalize the DPRK-US relationship. The DPRK-US relations will be developed in the interests of the peoples of the two countries if the United States rids herself of the outdated idea of the cold-war age, desists from approaching the Korean question with power politics and facilitates the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula.

Japan, which imposed immeasurable misfortune and disaster upon our people in the past, must sincerely reflect upon her past, give up her hostile policy towards our Republic and stop instigating the division of Korea and hindering her reunification. Then we will take a friendly approach to Japan, our neighbour, and the abnormal relations between the DPRK and Japan will be improved.

The future of our people's struggle for the country's reunification is not smooth, but the reunification of our country, the cherished desire of our nation, will be achieved without fail.

When Korea is reunified, our country will make its appearance on the world arena with great dignity as a rich and

powerful, independent and sovereign state with a 70 million population, and our nation will exalt its pride of being a resourceful, dignified and great nation.

We must unfold a nationwide struggle to carry out the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's instructions for reunification and thus hasten the historic day when our 70 million compatriots will live happily in the reunified country.

**HOLDING THE GREAT
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**Talk to Senior Officials of the Central Committee
of the Workers' Party of Korea**

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Next year we will be marking the 55th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea. The history of our Party is the history of the Juche revolution pioneered and led by the great Comrade Kim Il Sung, and a glorious history of carrying forward and accomplishing his revolutionary cause from generation to generation.

Since his demise, our people have steadfastly followed the road of the revolution amid the most severe situations and unprecedented trials, true to the Party's leadership and his instructions. By frustrating every manner of historical challenge, we have defended our socialism and demonstrated to the whole world the strength of our socialist country and its invincibility. The political and ideological position of our revolution has been made solid, the military capability of the country has been consolidated at a level never before seen, and a springboard for a fresh upswing in economic construction has been established. To mark the 55th anniversary of the Party, all our people have turned out as one to build a great, prosperous and powerful socialist

country and, with their feats and innovations, are adding lustre to the new era of the Juche revolution that has been ushered in by the Party.

We have achieved proud victories and successes in the sacred struggle to carry out the instructions of President Kim Il Sung, but there remain much for us to do and a thorny path along which we must force our way. We are yet to find a satisfactory solution to the problem of providing the people with adequate food, clothing and housing and achieve national reunification. I am always thinking of ways of making our people well off and the country prosperous and achieving the reunification of the country as soon as possible. The nearer the significant 55th anniversary of the Party is, the more I think about these matters. However, some departments of the Central Committee of the Party are apparently working without any knowledge of my intentions or to what ends I am making such strenuous efforts.

Some time ago the Party History Institute submitted to me a suggestion that a statue of me be built to mark my 60th birthday. After going over the document, I wrote on it "Permission Not Granted," and sent it down. Judging by the fact that they are making such a suggestion now, I can see that officials are still working without any knowledge of my intentions.

The Party History Institute wrote to support their argument for erecting a statue of me, that a statue of the President was set up on Mansu Hill on the occasion of his 60th birthday. The days when he greeted his 60th birthday and the days when I am greeting my 60th birthday are hardly the same in terms of the historical conditions and the social environment.

President Kim Il Sung was the great leader of our state and our people, acclaimed by our nation for the first time in its history of thousands of years. Having embarked on the road of armed revolution in his early years, he led the anti-Japanese war

to victory, winning back the lost country, and built on this land a socialist country that is independent, self-supporting and self-reliant in defence—a prospering country for the people. He was a peerless patriot and the founding father of socialist Korea who ushered in a new era of prosperity for our country and people. Thanks to him, our people could free themselves from their fate as colonial slaves, regain their self-respect and rights as an independent people, and enjoy genuine freedom and happiness. And thanks to his great ideas and leadership and his high reputation, our country could raise its profile in the world. To hold him in high esteem and add glory to his exploits is the supreme moral obligation of our Party and people. However, prior to his 60th birthday, only the Liberation Tower in central Pyongyang had been built, and it celebrated the country's liberation, not his exploits. So, to mark his 60th birthday, I had a statue of him set up on Mansu Hill, reflecting the unanimous opinion and desire of the people. At the time, he knew nothing of the project; I took charge of it and pushed it forward in person. As he was a great leader whose exploits will live forever in the history of our country and revolution, it was only natural that a statue of him should be erected in the central part of Pyongyang, the capital of the revolution. The statue of him on Mansu Hill represents the peerless patriot, the father of the nation and the founder of socialist Korea. Still today, our people visit the statue, lay bouquets in front of it and pay tribute to him on holidays, on the days when they are happy and on significant days in their lives. In doing so, our people are expressing their noblest moral obligation to him.

However, my 60th birthday is different. I am a revolutionary who has inherited the President's cause, defends his exploits and exalts their brilliance. As one of his men, I have assumed the historic mission of making our people well off, reunifying the

country and accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche, true to his intentions. I cannot have a statue of me erected on the excuse of my 60th birthday when I still have many important tasks to do in honouring the pledge I made before his bier, like those of economic construction, improving the people's standard of living and reunifying the country. I cannot permit a statue of me to be erected when national reunification, which he so earnestly wanted to see and for which he made so much effort, has not yet been achieved.

I have not the slightest intention of seeking power or official position; my one and only desire is to hold the President in high esteem and faithfully carry forward and accomplish his cause. After he passed away, our officials and people presented the suggestion and expressed the wish that I be elected President of the Republic; as this did not conform to my faith and will, I could not accept it. In order to put to rights communist morality, which had been marred by the renegade revolutionaries, careerists and schemers in the international communist movement, and to instil in our people the unshakable faith that the President will always be with them, I had the state structure reformed and had it stipulated by law that he is the only and eternal President of our Republic. In this new state structure I have assumed only the chairmanship of the National Defence Commission; another official is charged with administrative power. It seems that our officials do not fully understand what the Party intended when it had the Constitution altered and the state structure reformed.

The world admires our Party's noble sense of communist moral obligation in holding the President in high esteem, revering him and being loyal to his cause, and even the hostile forces do not dare slander us with regard to it. However, our officials fail to view the matter of setting up a statue of me in relation with the President's authority, which suggests that their level of

understanding of the sense of communist moral obligation is low. Before suggesting it, the officials should have considered carefully whether erecting a statue of me only a few years after the demise of the President would express their sincere support for their leader and whether it might not damage communist moral obligations. At present I am thinking of nothing else but how to achieve national reunification and build a great, prosperous and powerful country on this land by carrying forward the President's revolutionary cause; so, I wonder why they suggest erecting a statue of me, which I do not wish. It is not consistent with my intention to inherit and accomplish his revolutionary cause with a sense of communist moral obligation.

The suggestion to erect a statue of me to mark my 60th birthday is far from a communist point of view, but an expression of the outdated way of thinking that a dinner should naturally be arranged when one reaches the age of 60. Moreover, I recently reminded our officials that the President had said that 60 is the prime of life and 90 the first step to old age, and that it would be improper to celebrate one's 60th birthday in the prime of life; therefore, it would be unacceptable to erect a statue of me to mark my 60th birthday. I am also strictly prohibiting the making of feature films about me. Since I am still working full of vigour, there is no need for such films.

Erecting a statue of me is also contrary to a conviction that is deeply rooted in the minds of our people. Our people call me the General who is one and the same as the President, and poets sing that the President is the General and the General is the President. Under such circumstances it would be proper to make people think that they see me and offer their best wishes to me when they lay bouquets in front of the statue of the President and pay tribute to him; it would be wrong to separate the President and me in the minds of the people by setting up a separate statue of me.

The people's convenience should also be taken into account. We have built the Kumsusan Memorial Palace, where the President lies in state, as the supreme sanctuary of Juche, and erected statues of the President and of my mother Kim Jong Suk at historic places. On holidays and significant anniversaries our people visit the statues, pay homage to them and take pledges of loyalty. If a statue of me was erected people, after visiting the Kumsusan Memorial Palace or the statues of the President to pay homage and then statues of my mother, would find it inconvenient to visit a statue of me as well.

With the approach of my 60th birthday, some officials apparently think that a statue of me should be set up as a memento of the occasion; but what is important to me is leaving behind achievements, not a statue. The history of a great man is not adorned with a statue or a monument in his memory but with his ideology and achievements. Officials, if they are truly loyal to the Party and the leader, should make every effort to support the ideology and leadership of the Party more faithfully and defend and glorify its achievements, before broaching the matter of setting up a statue of me. It is wrong to think of setting up a statue of me without trying to add anything to the Party's achievements. Back in the 1970s, statues of President Kim Il Sung were erected, so there is no need to build one of me now.

If you are revolutionaries who are true to your communist moral obligations, you should propose erecting a statue of me after reunifying the country at the earliest possible date, not right now. It would be a different matter if you were to request my approval for setting up a statue of me in the reunified country. If we achieve the reunification of the country by carrying forward the revolutionary cause of the President, people will set up a statue of me of their own accord. This would be in line with communist moral obligations, and I would feel worthy of such an

honour given by the people and proud of having waged the revolution.

A suggestion was once put forward by our officials that a statue of me be built on Mt. Jangja. There is something irrational in such a way of thinking. Mt. Jangja is by nature different from Kosanjin. Kosanjin is a place of historic significance, where President Kim Il Sung mapped out a plan for a counteroffensive and made preparations for it during the grim period of the Fatherland Liberation War. Mt. Jangja, however, is not associated with my revolutionary activities or achievements; I only stayed there for a few days during the war when I was young. The proposal to build a statue of me on Mt. Jangja was not made out of any political consideration. I made this point clear to the officials on receiving the proposal.

Some officials apparently think that I have turned down their proposal because it is a personal matter, but they are misguided. To refuse a favour out of nothing but modesty defies reason. To give prominence to and support the leader of the revolution is a fundamental issue related to the destiny of the revolution, and it should be resolved, to all intents and purposes, in conformity with the requirements and principles of the revolution. The revolution requires its centre of unity and emerges victorious only under the guidance of its leader. Victory can be achieved in the revolution only when the people acclaim and are solidly rallied behind an outstanding leader. I do not refuse favours in an unprincipled manner or approach them in an unscrupulous way simply because they concern me. I approve them if they conform to the demands of the revolution. I have not agreed to the proposal to erect a statue of me because it runs counter to the demands of the revolution. Some officials say that I initiated the setting up of a statue of the President to mark his 60th birthday, that there is nobody who can do the same for my 60th birthday,

and that they should do it. They claim that a statue of me will be set up on their initiative. I have heard that some officers of the People's Army support this argument.

I am leading the revolution and construction by dint of my strength, my ability. The President taught me that I should not hope for others to promote me but lead the Party and the revolution by my practical ability. True to his instructions, I have led our Party over the last three decades since I started working at the Central Committee of the Party and, when our revolution was undergoing severe trials after his death, I defended the country, the revolution and socialism through Songun-based revolutionary leadership by relying on the army. Our revolution is still experiencing great ordeals at present, but we are waging a dynamic struggle to build a great, prosperous and powerful socialist country, filled with confidence and optimism. Even the US imperialists do not dare provoke us, since we are standing up to them without any vacillation. It is recognized worldwide that I am possessed of unique political method and leadership ability, expressed in achieving the single-hearted unity of the revolutionary ranks by rallying the service personnel and people and in leading the revolution and construction to a fresh upswing in the face of the complex situation. I prefer winning such recognition to having a statue of me erected.

Some officials wanted to have a statue of me set up without me being aware of it, since the project concerned me; they could not and should not do so. Drawing on the historical lessons of the revolution, I have always shown an interest in anything related to myself and demanded that everything, whether big or small, be carried out after obtaining my approval. As I thought that such a problem as erecting a statue of me might arise, I have paid special attention to the Mansudae Art Studio and other units that might be involved in the project. I already knew that some

officials went to the art studio and gave it the task of creating a statue of me; I intended to offer my comments on this matter. It was quite wrong for them to have tried to have a statue of me built behind my back. I would never overlook or approve such an attempt.

Anyone who proposes something that is contrary to my intentions can only be recognized as someone who is not faithful to my intentions. Such a person is not a comrade who has bonded with me in the course of the arduous struggle, but a workmanlike official who has not undergone proper revolutionary training. Now, when our people are striving to implement President Kim Il Sung's instructions after his demise while on the "Arduous March" and forced march, you should not propose anything that is contrary to my intentions, rather than trying to give me encouragement and assistance.

The relations between the leader and officials should be truly comradely relations based on revolutionary faith and the sense of communist moral obligation, not merely those of issuing instructions and obeying them. The word comrades denotes people who share the same feelings and even life and death on the road of the revolution. That the relations between the leader and officials should be comradely ones means that they should be those in which the latter support the former whole-heartedly and think and act true to the former's ideas. If they are to carry out President Kim Il Sung's revolutionary cause, officials should be faithful to the intentions of the leader who has inherited his cause. They should follow him as their political leader and support his ideas and intentions; they should not follow him merely as the hierarchical leader to whose official position they are subordinated. Following the leader in this way is insincere and nothing but a display of form. I do not like form for its own sake. Our officials should not stick to a formalistic or

ceremonious approach, but follow and support their leader without the slightest self-interest and pretence. Claiming that they are supporting his leadership and instead acting contrary to his intentions, or claiming that they are carrying out Party policy and instead hindering its implementation and impairing the Party's authority is related to an insincere and impure stand and attitude on the part of officials in supporting their leader.

All our officials should fully honour, sincerely support and steadfastly defend their leader with unshakable revolutionary faith and a clear conscience. They should think and speak in line with his ideas and intentions and always be in step with him. Officials who do as their leader says and orders them are genuinely loyal officials. I regard as my revolutionary comrades sharing my feelings and even life and death with me, those officials who achieve substantial results by conducting their work in a responsible and effective manner true to my ideas and leadership and just send a congratulatory letter to me on the occasion of my 60th birthday.

Some officials have broached the issue of erecting a statue of me, but I am planning to have a monument built in honour of our young people. Our revolution was pioneered by young communists under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, and our youth have played a major role in each period and at every stage of the revolution. Young communists upheld the great leader as the Hanbyol (Lodestar) in the early days of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, and young people took the lead in building a new country. Heroes, including Ri Su Bok, were produced from among the young people during the Fatherland Liberation War. After the war young builders completed the Haeju-Hasong railway project in a short span of time, and young people like Kil Hwak Sil and Ri Sin Ja stood in the vanguard of the campaign to remould people through the Chollima Workteam

Movement. These days, too, young people are taking charge of difficult, heavy tasks in national defence and major construction projects. Under the unfavourable conditions when everything is in short supply, they are carrying earth and stones on their backs to build such a monumental structure as the Pyongyang-Nampho Motorway. They are truly excellent, and there is nothing we should spare for them. Our Party always trusts in them and directs great efforts to the development of the youth movement. I am making the revolution together with them, and I intend to do everything I can for them. That is why I have given much thought recently to where the monument in honour of the young people should be built. Our people, too, will support my intention.

Senior officials of the Party Central Committee must be the first to understand the issue of erecting a statue of me and educate their subordinates properly. They should deal with not only this issue but all other work in line with their leader's ideas and intentions, out of a true sense of loyalty to him.