

Meeting held in celebration of 80th founding anniversary of glorious WPK in splendour

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All the Party members, working people and service personnel across the DPRK, engaged in the dynamic struggle to usher in the era of comprehensive prosperity in building a socialist state under the uplifted banner of the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, are most significantly celebrating the founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea, the ever-victorious guiding party, as an auspicious event for all the people with boundless pride and honour.

A meeting in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK was held in splendour in the capital city of Pyongyang on October 9.

May Day Stadium, the venue of the meeting, was overflowed with the boundless wishes of all the people for the glorious 80 years of the WPK which has led the most arduous Korean revolution full of trials to only victory and put the immortal dignity, prestige, honour and heroism of our state on the highest peak of history.

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

of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the meeting.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared on the platform amid the playing of welcome music, fireworks were set off to decorate the sky of Pyongyang beautifully.

All the participants paid the highest tribute to Kim Jong Un, the outstanding leader of our Party, state and people, who has ushered in a great heyday of building a revolutionary party, a new great era of our state-first principle, and opens up a

period of comprehensive development for building an ideal society of the people where the whole country changes and prospers with his outstanding ideological and theoretical wisdom and extraordinary leadership ability.

Warmly waving back to the enthusiastically cheering masses, Kim Jong Un extended warm congratulations to the Party members and all other people across the country who are greeting the October holiday with valuable wealth of prosperity they achieved with unyielding fighting spirit

and sincere patriotic sweat and efforts, trusting and upholding our Party single-mindedly.

He received from lovely children fragrant bouquets reflecting the unanimous wishes of all the people across the country.

Children presented bouquets to the party and government leaders, personages and heads of delegations of different countries and the congratulatory groups of overseas compatriots on their visit to the DPRK to attend the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

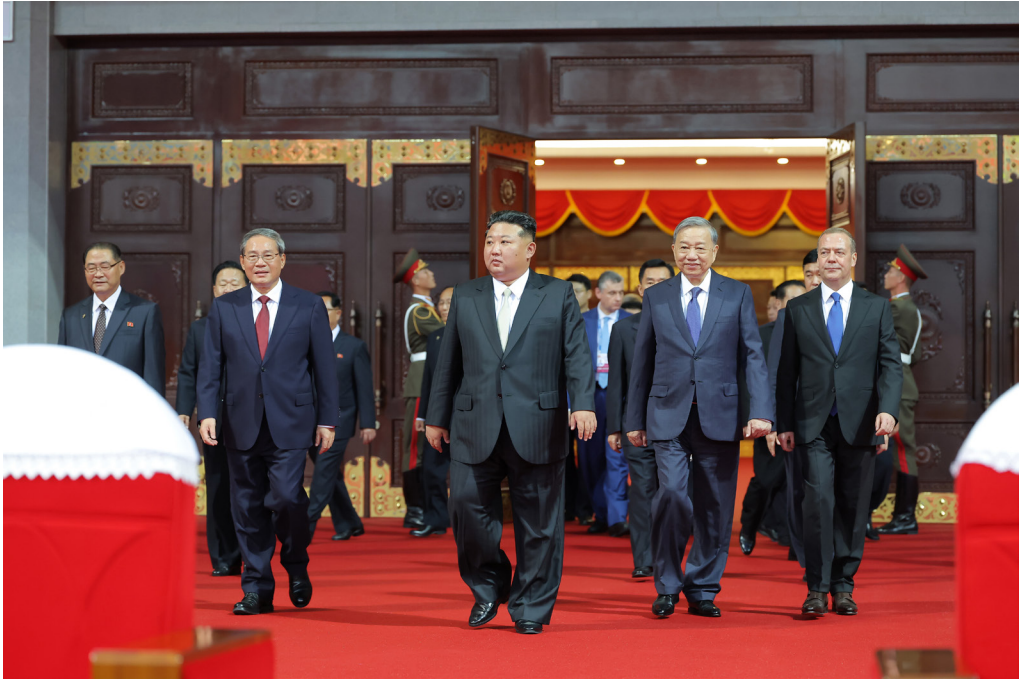
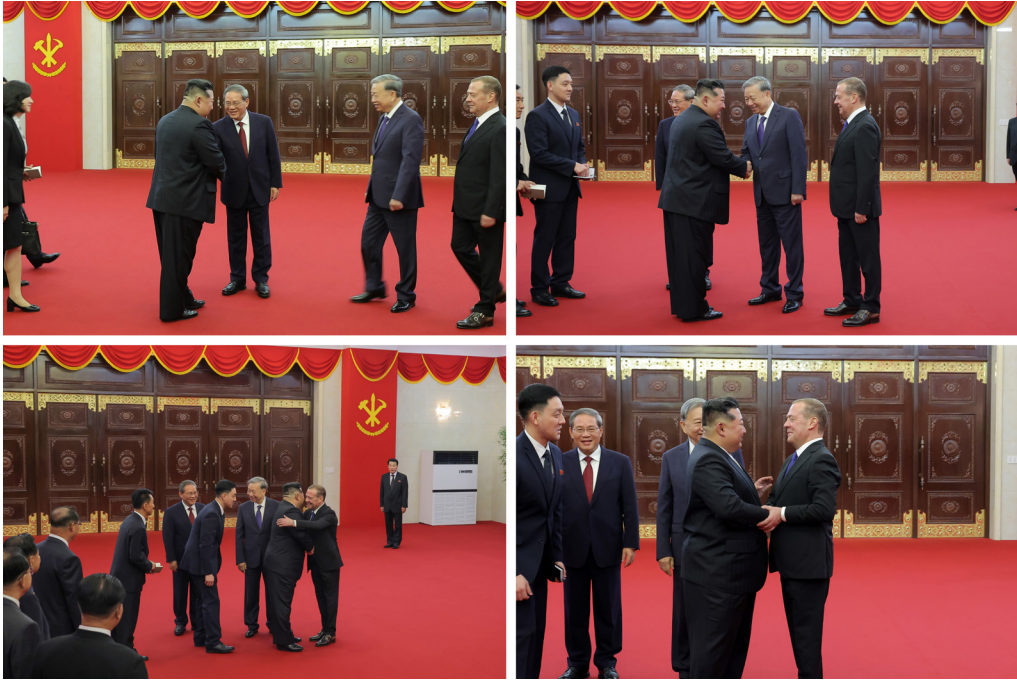
And members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and other leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs received bouquets from children.

Present there at invitation were veteran cadres who had worked for a long time at important posts of the Party, government and armed forces organs.

Also present there were participants in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK, members of the

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relay teams carrying letters of loyalty, officials of ministries and national agencies, service personnel of the armed forces organs, officials, working people and youth and students in Pyongyang, members of the congratulatory groups and delegations of overseas compatriots including the congratulatory groups of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, the General Association of Koreans in China and the International Social Confederation of Koreans, and overseas compatriots.

Present there at invitation were members of the delegations of foreign parties and governments, international democratic organizations and organizations for the study of the Juche idea, diplomatic envoys residing in the DPRK, families of overseas persons related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and foreign guests.

A ceremony of hoisting the national flag of the DPRK and the flag of the Workers’ Party of Korea took place.

All the participants paid high tribute to the sacred national flag and the glorious Party flag, symbol of the independent dignity and eternal victory of our great state, hardening their pledge to warmly

love and glorify forever their socialist motherland till the last moment of their lives.

Kim Jong Un made a commemorative speech.

Saying that the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK shines thanks to the immortal achievements it has made over the long years for the country and the people and for the times and history, he referred to the glorious history of the founding and revolutionary leadership of our Party, which is great in its foundation and succession.

The history of working for the people, the history of relying on the strength of the people, is precisely the factor behind all victory and glory our Party has won, he said, adding that the 80-year history of our Party can be most accurately represented only when it is based on the history of the people; the history of its energetic guidance and the imperishable achievements it has made can identify its secret fairly and squarely only when it is explained by the great, immortal aphorism of “Together with the people”. He said with pride that those who have brought about all the important events guaranteeing victory and success in our cause for all ages are all the people of this country, the great

Korean people, including the heroic working class, agricultural workers and intellectuals.

He said:

I will always cherish love for the people and not neglect my obligation of requital. I affirm my commitment to working harder to live up to their trust.

I will surely turn this country into a more affluent and beautiful land and into the best socialist paradise in the world, with belief in the people supporting our Party and by always becoming one in mind and body with them.

He ardently called for advancing with redoubled courage and confidence for the review of a great history which will be filled with greater glory and pride than the great 80 years which the Party and the people pioneered in one mind and body and glorified with victories, and for the final accomplishment of the socialist cause when the dreams and ideals of our people will be realized.

The passionate speech of Kim Jong Un who proudly reviewed the 80-year history of the sacred WPK, which set an example of building a revolutionary party and glorified the whole course of socialist construction as a monumental chronicle of miracles and prosperity with the immortal Juche idea

as its guideline, and made stronger the conviction in the validity of our cause, inevitability of victory and a brighter and rosier future, made all the participants filled with strong emotion.

When he finished his speech, the participants raised stormy cheers of “Hurrah!” reflecting the people’s unshakable faith and will to dynamically open up a broad avenue to the comprehensive national rejuvenation and demonstrate its might as the strongest and most dignified country in the world, following the Party, the guide.

The meeting was held amid the revolutionary spirit and ardent enthusiasm of all the participants to surely win the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered in Mt Paektu, true to the ideas and leadership of Kim Jong Un, the supreme representative of our great Party, state and people and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution.

Only the immortal victory and glory is in store for Juche Korea where the whole Party and all the people are advancing with courage and confidence along the road of socialism, rallying close around the great Party Central Committee.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech at meeting to celebrate 80th founding anniversary of WPK

Comrade delegates to the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea,

Dear Pyongyang citizens and overseas compatriots,

Dear foreign friends celebrating this holiday with us,

Comrades,

Today, as we mark the 80th anniversary of our Party, we are celebrating this historic holiday with a grand meeting and looking back once again upon the sacred 80 years. This is an expression of a sublime and sincere tribute our generation pays to the great Party-founding generation who brought about an epochal change in shaping the destiny of our country and people.

In the midst of the struggle to truthfully carry forward and develop the original ideals and spirit of the Party, a dignified and powerful socialist state, faithful to the dreams and ideals of the people, has been built on this land; great miracles and changes have been made decade after decade and century after century to the admiration of the world. This is the history of modern Korea under the leadership of the Party, which spans 80 years.

First of all, availing myself of this meaningful opportunity, I express my warm gratitude to the delegates to the celebrations, who have come to this glorious place with proud fruits of their remarkable patriotic enthusiasm and strenuous labour struggle.

I extend sincere congratulations and encouragement to all the Party members, other people and service personnel of our army, who are sending best wishes to this meeting from all parts of the country.

My warm congratulations go to congratulatory groups of Koreans in Japan, the General Federation of Koreans in China and the International Social Federation of Koreans, and to the delegates of other overseas organizations visiting their homeland and, through you, to all the overseas compatriots.

Also present at today's meeting are the heads of party and government and figures of several countries and delegates from international democratic organizations who are on a visit to Pyongyang with feelings of support to our Party and warm friendship with the Korean people.

I welcome you, dear friends, who are celebrating our Party's holiday with us and deepening the feelings of friendship, and extend my heartfelt thanks to you.

Comrades and friends,

The 80th anniversary of the WPK is a glorious milestone thanks to the immortal achievements it has made over the long years for the country and the people and for the times and history.

The founding of our Party did not simply mean the birth of a political party in a country; it was a political



event that signalled the emergence on the stage of history a new-type revolutionary party that would verify the righteousness of socialism and demonstrate its unique superiority and might.

From the days of building democracy, which coincided with its founding and the start of its leadership over the overall state and social life, to this day, the WPK has remained faithful to its responsibility and role as an engine of the revolution and guiding force of state administration and, in the course of this, has performed truly remarkable historic exploits.

By successfully leading the social transformation processes of several stages under the uplifted banner of the Juche idea, it has built on this land a genuine people's country with absolute prestige and national strength, a powerful country that comprehensively embodies the socialist ideas and ideals; it also has rendered a significant contribution to implementing the international cause for independence and justice.

The past 80 years were really complicated and arduous, yet worthwhile and glorious.

Those years witnessed a hard-fought war for repulsing the armed invasion by the allied imperialist forces and defending the land and dignity of the country, processes for building a country and creating a life again from scratch, and social revolutions that were accompanied by an acute class struggle and elimination of factions in the Party.

Following the establishment of the socialist system in our country, we found ourselves standing

at the forefront of the most acute confrontation between the progressive and the reactionary and between socialism and imperialism. Given the geopolitical position of the country, our Party had to adopt a more resolute approach towards performing its mission of defending socialism; it had to give a strong impetus to implementing the cause of building the country's self-reliant defence capabilities. As the vicious schemes for isolating and stifling the country economically persisted from one century into the next, it had to cope with these schemes proactively and aggressively while pushing forward with the gigantic projects for socialist construction.

Particularly, amidst the worldwide political upheaval in the 1990s, it had to defend our ideology and social system, and entering the new century, in order to cope with the growing nuclear war threats by the US imperialists, it had to lead the people to make a new leap forward in socialist construction while simultaneously carrying on economic construction and build-up of the nuclear forces.

Historically, there has been no such country in the world as ours, which

had to carry out so many tasks, both challenging and gigantic, for national defence and construction, even as it was facing constant and tenacious pressure, interference and threats of aggression by outside forces.

In fact, maintaining the political power and defending the social system was a miracle itself, but our Party has taken on all those important tasks; it has cleared an untrodden path for their implementation, writing a history of epochal transformations.

In every period and at every stage of the revolution and construction it has put forth scientific lines and policies to overcome manifold challenges and advanced along the unchangeable track of socialism. On this road, it has propelled the historic cause of building an independent and powerful state.

The significant events that have been recorded in history, as well as the amazing transformations that have been achieved by racing against time, testify to the scientific accuracy and vitality of our Party's revolutionary ideology and lines. As we can clearly see, they constitute a key factor in making substantial and rapid progress in the political, military, economic and cultural fields, particularly in external relations.

For its imperishable exploits the WPK has earned the envious prestige of being a revolutionary party providing seasoned and sophisticated leadership, a steel-strong party that achieves one victory after another, and a genuine people's party that faithfully

serves them.

All these exploits and this prestige are unthinkable apart from the precious successes which our Party has achieved in its building.

To ensure that the ranks of the Party and the revolution achieve ideological oneness and organizational unity-this was what our Party defined as a major key to advancing the revolutionary cause along the road of victory. Directing primary concern to this end was an important factor in enhancing the Party's ruling power and guaranteeing the purposefulness and consistency of its leadership activities.

After its founding, our Party had to provide a sure guarantee for achieving oneness in ideology and leadership. This was a crucial and pressing task facing it in preserving its revolutionary features in their original form and leading the gigantic social revolutions and the whole course of state building along the road of victory.

Not only in the initial period of nation building but also during the war and in the post-war years, our Party prioritized establishing the Juche orientation in ideology and equipping Party members and all the other people with the Party's guiding ideology and revolutionary lines. At the same time, it directed primary efforts to strengthening its grass-roots organizations, building up Party ranks as an elite force and improving the fighting efficiency and vitality of its organizations at all levels while intensifying the struggle against any slightest tendency towards separatism.

Whenever it was faced with important tasks in conducting the revolution and construction, and whenever it encountered obstacles in the way of their implementation, our Party directed closer concern to strengthening itself organizationally and ideologically. Unperturbed even in the face of political upheavals, it preserved its ideological purity and organizational integrity; by dint of its high efficiency and seasoned leadership, it led the effort for a revolutionary turn and upsurge in socialist construction.

A party's role as a traction engine propelling the revolution is to be performed through its practical and meticulous leadership.

In the course of solving the problems arising in the revolution and construction and overcoming difficulties, our Party has proactively explored and applied proper approaches and styles of work for making the most of the people's revolutionary zeal and creativity.

Many revolutionary methods of guidance and people-oriented styles of work developed by our Party have been effective in uniting the masses under a single banner, giving full play to their revolutionary and patriotic enthusiasm, and bringing about uninterrupted innovations and amazing miracles on the strength of collectivism and mass heroism while overcoming all sorts of obstacles.

Always aware of and guarding against the possible budding of authoritarianism and a number of other problems which are likely to separate the Party from the masses as its ruling years get longer and one generation is replaced by another, we have made sure that an absolute spirit of serving the people

prevails across the Party. This is an important factor in our Party's winning the unchanging trust of the people and encouraging them to entrust by themselves their destiny to our socialist state as a whole.

Our Party has struggled under the uplifted banner of independence and socialism in any adversity; this has made an enormous historic contribution to implementing the common cause of mankind for justice and peace.

Our Party has cherished as part of its faith the validity of the socialist cause and the inevitability of its triumph and perfectly proved the scientific accuracy of its ideals both in theoretical and practical terms, thus offering a substantial contribution to building a powerful barrier against the allied imperialist forces' schemes against socialism and achieving solidarity and unity among the world's progressive forces.

Our Party and government are still coping with our adversaries' ferocious political and military moves of pressure by pursuing harder-line policies, holding fast to firm principles and employing brave, unflinching countermeasures. This is powerfully propelling the growth of the progressive camp against war and hegemony, and the international prestige of our Republic as a faithful member of the socialist forces and a bulwark for independence and justice is further increasing with each passing day.

Comrades and friends,

There is a key to the cause of a victorious party.

It, in a nutshell, is that the party has shared everything with a great people.

The history of working for the people, the history of relying on the strength of the people, is precisely the factor behind all victory and glory our Party has won.

The 80-year history of our Party can be most accurately represented only when it is based on the history of the people; the history of its energetic guidance and the imperishable achievements it has made can identify its secret fairly and squarely only when it is explained by the great, immortal aphorism of "Together with the people."

When it was founded, our Party raised its red flag etched with the ideals and will to build a genuine people's world, which marked a great start of the history it would share with the people and a demonstration of its tremendous power.

As it is etched with the image of the people, the flag of our Party has been felt not so light, since it has been laden not only with the Party's sense of responsibility for the destiny of the people but also with the infinite resourcefulness and creativity of the people who indicate the road of truth, inject invincible courage and propel the advance towards the future all the time.

There has been no mistake or error in our Party's lines over the past 80 years because they encapsulated the people's opinions and requirements; it has won victory after victory without any slight setback or stagnation because it has been powered by the people's wisdom and strength.

As it has led the advance of history on the strength of the people's commitment and efforts, all projects, which our Party has planned for the revolution and construction, have turned into the affairs of the people themselves and reached successful

completion.

Those who have brought about all the important events guaranteeing victory and success in our cause for all ages are all the people of this country, the great Korean people, including our heroic working class, agricultural workers and intellectuals.

Today our people are standing in front of the world as powerful beings who know no insurmountable difficulties and no unachievable cause.

The 80-year ruling history of our Party, which has been clearing an untrodden path in reflection of the desires, will and strength of the people and fulfilling the desire for a powerful country together with them, is etching a truth on the times and history once again.

A party that is among the people, not standing above them, a party that shares with them aspirations and ambitions, wisdom and strength, and sweets and bitters, can never disintegrate and does not lose vigour and vitality forever.

It always remains as iron truth that our Party cannot exist apart from the people and that the Party is great as the people are great.

I would like to offer thanks once again to our great people who have always injected strength and wisdom into our Party and devoted pure mind and diligent efforts with belief in victory as well as the Party, while pioneering the arduous and yet sacred socialist cause for as long as 80 years.

Comrades,

As I face the people at this significant moment, I strongly feel once again their boundless trust in and high expectations for our Party.

Thanks to such mind of the people who absolutely support and follow what the Party is determined to do while enduring all hardships, our Party has full confidence in all the work and firmly believes in victory.

When we strive for some more years in the same spirit as now, we can well change our life remarkably and get closer to the goals we aspire to.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I will always cherish love for the people and not neglect my obligation of requital. I affirm my commitment to working harder to live up to their trust.

I will surely turn this country into a more affluent and beautiful land and into the best socialist paradise in the world, with belief in the people supporting our Party and by always becoming one in mind and body with them.

Comrades,

The glorious 80-year history of our Party is encouraging us to wage a more gigantic and fulfilling struggle.

Let us advance with redoubled courage and confidence for the review of a great history which will be filled with greater glory and pride than the great 80 years which the Party and the people pioneered in one mind and body and glorified with victories, and for the final accomplishment of the socialist cause when the dreams and ideals of our people will be realized.

Concluding my speech, I offer my humble wishes for peace and well-being of our beloved people.

I extend my sincere wishes for cordial harmony and happiness to all the families in the country.

Long live the great Workers' Party of Korea and the great Korean people!

Grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance given in celebration of WPK founding anniversary



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Songs the Korean people sing in praise of their guiding Party, which has glorified the 80 years of victory and glory with the Party’s sacred original ideals and spirit, are endlessly reverberating throughout the country. The grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance “Long Live the Workers’ Party of Korea” in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers’ Party of Korea was given with splendour at May Day Stadium on the evening of October 9.

The venue of the performance on Rungna Islet, which would beautifully and colourfully celebrate the founding anniversary of the great motherly Party, was filled with joy and excitement of citizens of Pyongyang, youth and students and service personnel.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, enjoyed the

performance.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared in the auditorium with heads of parties and governments of different countries, enthusiastic cheers shook the night sky of the capital city.

Among the audience were leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, other participants in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK, members of overseas compatriots’ congratulatory groups and delegations and other overseas compatriots.

Present there at invitation were members of the party and government delegations of different countries, delegations of international democratic organizations and organizations for the study of the Juche idea on their congratulatory visit to the DPRK, diplomatic envoys residing in the country, families of overseas persons related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and foreign guests.

The grand mass gymnastics and artistic

performance started solemnly. The emblem of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK shone brilliantly, representing the absolute dignity and prestige of the WPK which has recorded the longest ruling history of socialism under the banner of the great Juche idea, and the fierce torch flared up, like the flame that was kindled with the formation of the Down-with-Imperialism Union, the root of our Party.

The performance depicted in a grand epic style the great history of the genuine people’s Party, the ever-victorious WPK, which has covered the long sacred road of the people-first principle without a moment’s veering, weathering the storm of the grim revolution, since the day of 80 years ago when the Party took the responsibility of the destiny of the people under the uplifted red flag that had fluttered in Mt Paektu and set the realization of all the ideals of the people as its original ideal.

To the tune of songs of struggle and advance that resounded in every period of the revolution, the performers presented vigorous gymnastics and elegant dance movements in high praise of the immortal exploits of our Party, which has led the socialist cause of Juche to steady success and victories by regarding the people as the root of its existence and enlisting the inexhaustible spiritual strength of the masses of the people.

Songs praising the great era of Kim Jong Un when great victories and changes unprecedented in the history of the Party and the DPRK are brought about revved up the atmosphere of the performance.

The audience was deeply moved by the scenes of the grand mass gymnastics reflecting miracles being created day by day by racing against time in the new heyday of the buildup of the whole Party when the leadership ability of the WPK is given fullest play and in a new era of self-respect and prosperity when the might of self-reliance and single-minded unity, the tradition and lifeline of the Korean revolution, brings about the comprehensive rejuvenation of the state.

The audience was filled with boundless emotion and joy as they saw the bright and happy looks of the new generations growing up stoutly, bringing all dreams and hopes into full bloom, under the warm care of the fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un who gives precedence to the training of younger generation over all other state affairs and cultivates the rosy future of the country with his great love and devotion.

Children presented bouquets of best wishes to Kim Jong Un, reflecting the heartfelt gratitude of the children and students across the country.

Kim Jong Un sent warm blessings to all the performers singing in chorus the song “We Are the Happiest in the World” with joy and happiness.

The audience was greatly delighted to see dance movements and stunts reflecting the excellent traditional culture, customs and martial traits of the Korean people, which the performers presented to the tune of folk songs “Moran Hill” and “My Prospering Country.”

Military parade staged to celebrate 80th founding anniversary of WPK

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Shining on the peak of victory is the sacred 80-year history of the Workers' Party of Korea which has written the longest history in the world as the socialist ruling party in the militant course of fulfilling the most righteous mission and realizing the far-reaching ideal reliably shouldering the destiny of the country and the people.

The Workers' Party of Korea has led the great cause of building a rich country with a strong army along the road of victories amid the absolute support and trust of the masses of the people while purely and perfectly carrying forward its original ideals and spirit. The 80th founding anniversary of the WPK serves as a monument to glory shining with immortal feats of bringing the prestige and reputation of the great state and the great people to the top of the century with its outstanding revolutionary ideas and leadership.

A military parade was held with splendour at Kim Il Sung Square on October 10 in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

The foot columns including the ones of all services and arms of the armed forces of the DPRK and columns of ultra-modern hardware solemnly lined up on the avenues adjacent to the square.

The orchestra of the prestigious State Merited Chorus in charge of music for the military parade entered the square.

Decorating the beginning of the military parade, the combined military band performed a ceremony touching the heartstrings of the audience with the appealing and vibrant tune of the revolutionary military songs.

Following the ever-changing rhythmic formation of the members of the band and the distinctive military swordsmanship displayed by servicewomen, drummers and members of the guard of honour showed smart skills with side drums and rifles.

After the ceremony of the military band, the columns of the parade entered the brightly-lit square in a stately manner.

The dignified faces of the paraders and the arms they held fast reflected the spirit of the vanguard ranks of devotedly defending the leader and the most

powerful army remaining absolutely loyal and obedient to the ideas and leadership of the Party Central Committee.

The colours of the combined units at all levels of the Korean People's Army entered the square.

The colours of honour, associated with the proud history of the heroic army that has glorified the annals of legendary victories and miracles while remaining always faithful to the sacred appellation of the army of the Party and the leader upholding the red flag of the WPK as the first colours of the revolution, entered the square of the parade.

A ceremony was held by the guard of honour of the KPA to welcome the head of state.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, reviewed the guard of honour of the KPA and colours of the combined units at all levels.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was received respectfully by commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and military and political officers of the services and large combined units of the KPA.

Amid the playing of the welcome music, Kim Jong Un took the platform of the square together with party and government leaders of different countries.

The moment, thunderous cheers of

"Hurrah!" shook heaven and earth and fireworks of celebration were set off to decorate the nocturnal sky of October with fascinating sparks.

Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering participants in the military parade and the audience.

Taking the platform were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and other leading officials of the Party and the government, chief secretaries of the provincial Party committees, major leading personnel of the military and heads of the congratulatory groups of overseas compatriots.

Also taking the platform were veteran cadres who had worked for a long time at important posts of the state.

The reserved seats for guests were taken by the participants in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK, members of the delegations of foreign parties and governments, international democratic organizations and the delegations of organizations for the study of the Juche idea on their congratulatory visit to the DPRK, diplomatic envoys residing in the country, families of overseas persons related to the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and foreign guests.

Kim Jong Un and party and government leaders of different countries received

fragrant bouquets from children's union members.

There was a ceremony of hoisting the national flag of the DPRK.

The guard of the national flag solemnly marched toward the flagstaff, receiving salute from the colours of the combined units of the KPA at all levels.

Amid the solemn playing of the national anthem of the DPRK, the sacred national flag was slowly hoisted and fluttered powerfully in the sky over Kim Il Sung Square.

A 21-gun salute boomed in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

The booming sound of the guns making everyone recollect the 80 years of victory and glory, creation and change covered by the Party, reverberated through the square.

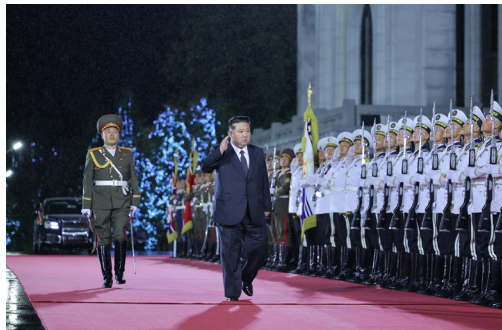
Kim Jong Un made a historic speech.

He warmly welcomed the guests from all walks of life and dear friends from different countries invited to the military parade for celebrating the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK and extended warm congratulations to all the people across the country, service personnel of the Korean People's Army and paraders who have devoted their precious sweat of creation and labour and their sincerity to this October day of glory.

Highly appreciating the outstanding exploits of the KPA that defended the Party and the lifeline of the revolutionary cause and supported the Party's leadership most actively with the noble blood and sweat and heavy self-sacrifice in each and every stage of the revolution guided by the Party, he paid deep respect to the anti-Japanese forerunners and elders representing the sacred founder generation of our revolutionary armed forces and to the war veterans and officers and soldiers of the preceding generations who supported the ideology and cause of the Party in the annals of the revolution with noble patriotic spirit and heroic struggle.

Saying that in the future struggle, too, our army should glorify its dignity and honour as today as the ranks of elite soldiers firmly armed with the ideas and will of the Party, the ranks of strong

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soldiers that always win victory in every battle and the ranks of point-men who make a breakthrough in socialist construction, he ardently called for fighting more vigorously for the eternal victory of the DPRK and its people and for the mightiness and shining glory of the KPA under the leadership of the WPK.

When Kim Jong Un finished his speech, officers and soldiers of parade units broke into thunderous cheers of “Hurrah” representing the faith and iron will of the revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK to always display courageously the matchless fighting spirit in the vanguard of the revolution, holding in high esteem the great brilliant commander, who brings about the great dignity, honour, eternal prosperity and happiness with his burning love for the country and people and boundless devotion to them.

Then followed a review of the preparations for the military parade.

Full General No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, reported to Marshal Pak Jong Chon, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, that the parade units lined up for the review of the preparations for the parade.

Marshal Pak Jong Chon reviewed the troops.

He courteously reported to Kim Jong Un on the completion of the preparations for the military parade in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

The columns of the parade units of the armed forces of the DPRK started a grand march, led by Full General No Kwang Chol.

The column symbolic of the O Jung Hup-led 7th Regiment during the anti-Japanese war, marched past at the vanguard, holding the portraits of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters who created the brilliant tradition of defending the leader, regarding loyalty to and trust in the leader as their lifeline.

The column symbolic of the Guards units during the Fatherland Liberation War entered the square with their colours, holding the portraits of the warriors, former anti-Japanese guerrillas, who created the legends of victory unprecedented in the world history of war, true to the operational plans of President Kim Il Sung, and war heroes who dedicated their lives like human bombs.

The column symbolic of the Seoul Guards 105th Mechanized Division and the column symbolic of the KPA units that won the title of O Jung Hup-led 7th Regiment during the Arduous March marched past, holding the portraits of the loyal commanding officers who made tangible contributions to firmly defending

the ideology and authority of their leader in grim years of the revolution when the country was compelled to overcome fateful difficulties unprecedented in history.

The symbolic columns were followed by the columns of the bodyguard units including the honorary cavalry, the Guard Office of the Party Central Committee and the Guard Department of the State Affairs Commission.

The columns of army groups, defending the front along the southern frontier of the country like an impregnable fortress, marched past in a fine array, holding aloft the colours of the matchless corps, divisions and brigades that make the enemies tremble with fear when they hear only their names.

The commanders of the corps, divisions and brigades with long swords in their hands led the columns of the first-line field troops.

The columns of the Navy and the Air Force marched past in high spirits, led by their commanders.

The column of the Strategic Forces firmly holding the nuclear treasured sword for self-defence and the column of the Special Operations Forces, the most powerful combat group were full of militant enthusiasm to inflict an unimaginable bitter defeat on the enemies at a decisive battle.

The column of the unit for mountain warfare in the enemy rear which will

cut the heart of the enemy, the column of the seaborne assault battalion which will neutralize every defence line and the column of the matchless overseas operations units which created a great new history of the KPA and fully demonstrated the mettle of Koreans with their militant bravery and legendary military feats to defend the honour and dignity of their country marched past majestically under the review of the great brilliant commander.

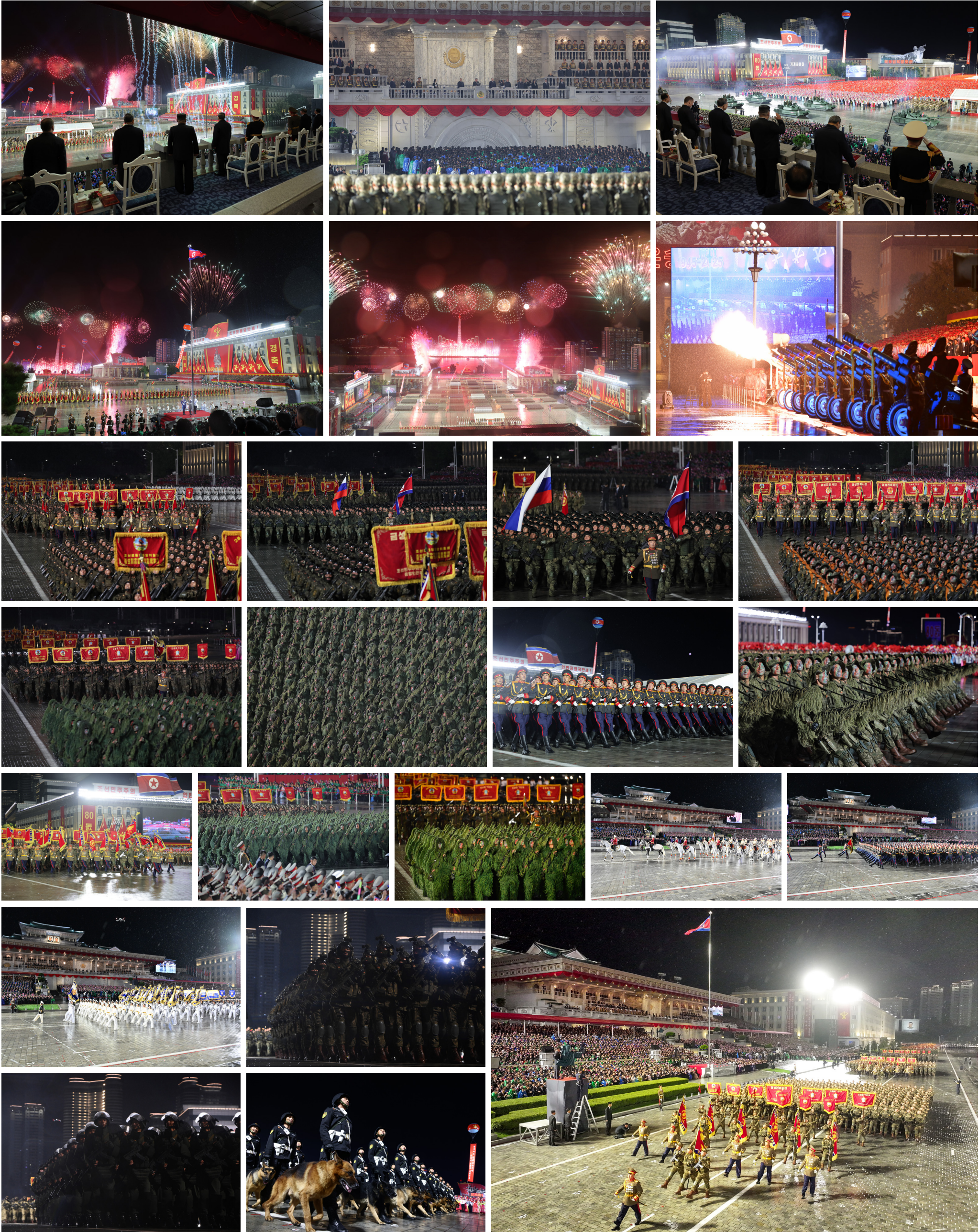
Kim Jong Un extended militant salute to the elite units firmly defending the inviolable sovereignty of the DPRK and the honour of the Korean people with absolute loyalty to the Party and matchless bravery.

The paraders shouted “Hurrah!” at the top of their voices, looking up to the iron-willed brilliant commander who has strengthened and developed the KPA into the most elite combat group overwhelming any formidable enemy ideologically, mentally, militarily and technically with his original idea of building a strong army in the new era and outstanding commanding art.

The columns of the corps in charge of the mission to defend the capital city of Pyongyang, the columns of corps firmly defending the coastal areas and the depth of the rear of the country and the column

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of the General Border Guards Bureau firmly defending the border passed through the square where the dignity and mettle of the Korean revolutionary armed forces were towering.

The columns of the tank and armoured division and the mechanized infantry

division, the powerful offensive groups with high manoeuvrability and overwhelming striking force, and the column of the general reconnaissance and intelligence bureau and the columns of special corps and service personnel on duty including the snipers and signalmen were filled with the will to annihilate the enemy.

Rocking the square were stormy cheers

raised by the column of Kim Il Sung Military University, the highest institution of Juche-oriented military education, the column of Kim Jong Il Military and Political Academy, the central base for training the top-ranking military officers, the column of Kim Il Sung Political University, main base responsible for implementing the Party's line on making the Korean People's

Army politically and ideologically strong and a "pedigree farm" for cultivating heroism of the army, the column of Kim Jong Un University of National Defence, the highest defence sci-tech school in the DPRK, and columns of other military schools at all levels in reflection of the pledge to firmly guarantee

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the immortal mightiness and invincibility of our revolutionary armed forces.

The columns of the Ministry of State Security, the Ministry of Public Security

and the Special Task Force for Public Security marched past with redoubled courage out of the desire to reliably defend the outposts for defending the leader, the social system and the people.

The audience extended warm

congratulations and applause to the vigorous and courageous march of the columns of revolutionary schools who are firmly preparing themselves as pillars that would firmly carry forward the main lifeblood of the Juche revolution.

The column of the Academy of Defence Sciences, guaranteeing the tremendous development of the national defence capability and the building of a powerful

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and modern army with boundless loyalty to the Party, staunch revolutionary spirit, great scientific and technological abilities and indomitable mettle of creation, dynamically marched past the square.

The dynamic march of the columns of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and the Children's Guards decorated the final of the march by the foot columns, demonstrating that the WPK and the DPRK are solid and strong as they have the powerful paramilitary forces along with the invincible regular army.

Then the columns of mechanized units made appearance at the parade. The units are the creations of exploits of the self-defensive national defence-building of the WPK which has pushed ahead with the bolstering of the national defence capability without a moment's delay and brought about a rapid leap forward despite all difficulties in the present grim world where the confrontation between forces decides the rise and fall of a state and people.

The column of Chonma-20 tanks, the modern-type main battle tanks with tremendous striking capability and reliable protection system, passed through the square with the will to annihilate the

enemies. And it was followed by the column of 155mm self-propelled gun howitzers showcasing the might of the artillery force, the first arms of the KPA.

When the core offensive weapon systems of new generation capable of delivering precision strikes at enemy's major targets and the column of 600mm MLRSs, the unique ultra-modern weapon of Juche Korea in the world, entered the square, the audience warmly welcomed them with enthusiastic cheers and handclaps.

The latest weapons are associated with the far-sightedness, resolute decision, iron faith and boundless devotion of the WPK which laid the foundations for the ordnance industry before anything else after the liberation of Korea in order to defend the dignity and well-being of the country and the people and genuine peace and brought about epochal miracles in building the military capability for self-defence while overcoming the innumerable trials on the untrodden path.

The columns of long-range strategic cruise missile systems, drones, surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missile systems passed through the square one after another, demonstrating the inexhaustible potentiality of defence technology and

eye-opening development speed of the DPRK which the world cannot ignore.

The strategic weapon systems, entities of absolute strength that form the essence of the military capability for self-defence steadily bolstered up by the WPK to defend the right to existence and development and peace which the DPRK can never make compromise over, entered the square shaking the earth.

The columns of hypersonic gliding missile systems and hypersonic intermediate-range strategic missile systems moved through the square.

The spectators broke into the most enthusiastic cheers when the column of Hwasongpho-20 ICBMs, the most powerful nuclear strategic weapon system of the DPRK, entered the square, filling the track.

All the participants extended their highest glory and gratitude to Kim Jong Un, the great revolutionary, peerless patriot and peerlessly illustrious commander who is ushering in a new era of heroic Korea when the long-cherished desire of the 5 000-year history, the great cause of building a rich country with a strong army, is being successfully achieved, while leading in the vanguard the cause of patriotic struggle for defending the sovereignty of the state and

its development interests and the prosperity of all generations to come.

When the military parade was over, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" rocked heaven and earth again and the night sky of October was alight with beautiful fireworks of celebration.

Kim Jong Un warmly acknowledged the enthusiastic cheers of the crowd.

The square overflowed with the thoughts and feelings of all the people determined to become a harmonious whole in order to realize all dreams and greet all glories of life only under the red Party flag of Juche forever as they paid the highest tribute to the dignified WPK on its 80th founding anniversary.

The military parade in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK will shine forever as a grand political and military festival showing the world that thanks to the WPK, the party of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, there are the immortal dignity and prestige of the great state, the heroic life and future of the great people and the fame and invincibility of the great army, and as a historic event demonstrating to the whole world the unshakable will of all the people and service personnel to remain forever loyal to the cause of the Party with one mind.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech at military parade to celebrate 80th founding anniversary of WPK

Generals, officers, commissioned officers and soldiers of the heroic Korean People's Army,

Officers and soldiers of the parade units,

Labour innovators and meritorious persons from across the country, Pyongyang citizens and overseas compatriots,

Esteemed guests of honour who are spending this significant night with us,

The parade of the armed forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the culmination of the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea, is about to begin.

First of all, I warmly welcome the guests from all walks of life and our dear friends from different countries invited to this grand event.

I extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all the people across the country who have devoted their precious sweat of creation and labour and their sincerity to this October day of glory.

I also express my deep gratitude to the parties and governments of different countries and international democratic organizations for their sincere congratulations to our Party, government and people on the occasion of the significant holiday.

Comrades and friends,

The elite representatives of the armed forces of the Republic, which our Party has built up for as long as 80 years, have now gathered here.

The steel-strong columns of our armed forces will now display the might developed by the WPK for the good of the people whom it embraced as its destiny and for socialism, the unanimous aspiration and choice of our people.

Today we will confirm once again the eternity of our sovereignty and our cause which can only be defended and guaranteed by strength and by victory.

I believe it is a source of exceptional honour and pride for a party leading the revolution with just ideals to celebrate its whole history and demonstrate its bright future through the parade of such brave armed forces.

All the officers and soldiers of the parade units,

I warmly congratulate you on having the greatest privilege of leaving historic steps on the track of glory as you keep the greatest pride of the WPK and the greatest honour of the DPRK.

Comrades and friends,

As I witness the dignity of the soldiers in parade and the warm respect emanating from their eyes on this grand occasion which our army has arranged in celebration of the founding anniversary of the



Korean revolution straight ahead in the same direction indicated by the Party.

These are incomparable, outstanding exploits of our army that it has defended the Party and the lifeline of the revolutionary cause through a bloody struggle in the grim days when our sovereignty and the destiny of the revolution mattered on every step we took.

Along with the change of history, our army's combat capabilities have been upgraded day by day, but the staunch spirit

of defending the Party Central Committee at the cost of life has remained unchanged; our army has always maintained its unique tradition of resolutely supporting the Party's cause in the forefront of pioneering and advance.

Our army, which has never been free from its heavy responsibility of containing the worst threat of aggression from the outset of its founding, left the traces of great feats, which no one could replace, on the key stages of reconstruction and socialist construction. This fact highlights the intrinsic nature and unique image of our army, which responds to the call of the Party absolutely and unconditionally.

Our people remember that the precious gains and monumental edifices attesting to the great history of socialist Korea and symbolizing the dignity and honour of our state are associated with the noble blood and sweat and heavier self-sacrifice of the revolutionary army than anyone else, for which our people are eternally thankful generation after generation.

No other group in our country can match the army in terms of such records and achievements.

We can say with credit that the People's Army was the staunch guard who defended the Party in each and every stage of our revolution and the powerful vanguard who supported the Party's leadership most actively throughout the history of our Party when every moment of implementation of the socialist cause was a hand-to-hand fight against counter-revolution and represented the stirring period of great transformation and creation.

What we can say with more confidence now is that the staunch fighting spirit of our army in support of the Party's cause is being displayed on an increasingly higher level with each passing day.

The new era of transformation, which can be called a watershed in the history of struggle of our Party, is a sacred age, i.e., the crystallization of the

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revolutionary traits, mass heroism and do-or-die fighting spirit of our army which has responded to the Party’s decision only with perfect execution, taking it as an absolute truth and supreme order.

In recent years alone, we cannot think of a single major theatre of campaign apart from the involvement of the service personnel of the People’s Army, ranging from the acute confrontation with the enemy, disaster relief projects to grand construction projects encompassing the capital and provincial areas. And in their execution the service personnel have never failed to live up to the expectations of the Party and the people.

Whenever we witness the miraculous results brought about by the officers and soldiers of our army, I feel a surge of strong emotion. And what words can possibly describe such painstaking efforts and endeavours of theirs devoted to such feats of creation and struggle?

For me and for our Party, the army was a source of strength in the true sense of the word.

On the strength of indomitable spirit and invincible might, the army has always added doubled strength to our Party’s efforts to overcome difficulties and bring earlier a bright future.

Our Party is always grateful to and proud of the army, for performing irreplaceable feats by unstintingly devoting their priceless blood and sweat. And inspired by its self-sacrificing spirit and heroic struggle, our Party is leading the people along the road to comprehensive development of socialism with confidence.

The heroic fighting spirit displayed, and the victory achieved, by our revolutionary armed forces on the foreign battlefields for international justice and genuine peace, demonstrated the ideological and spiritual perfection of our army which has grown powerful true to the intention and will of the Party.

The WPK will always remain powerful and its future forever bright as the reliable officers and soldiers are sacrificing all their dreams and youth to the country and the people—the iron-willed troops that are identical in the spirit of absolute service—are stoutly supporting our Party as unshakable pillars

despite their difference in ranks.

That is why I am all the more glad and happy to spend this glorious moment of celebrating the founding anniversary of the WPK with our beloved officers and soldiers who will go together along the long road of revolution to the end.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I pay my deep respect to the anti-Japanese forerunners and elders representing the sacred founder generation of our revolutionary armed forces, and to the war veterans and officers and soldiers of the preceding generations who have supported the ideology and cause of our Party in the annals of the revolution with their noble patriotism and heroic struggle.

I extend militant salute to the officers and soldiers of the entire army who have made devoted efforts for this moment of celebration, both at impregnable defence posts for safeguarding the country and the people and at the socialist construction sites for carrying out the Party’s plans.

I also offer warm encouragement, on behalf of the WPK and all the people, to the generals, officers and soldiers of the overseas military operations units who are reliably implementing the orders of the Party and the motherland.

Comrades,

Our Party is about to launch a next-stage struggle aimed at taking another step towards accomplishing the socialist cause, in reflection of the general will of history and the people.

Certainly, it will not be all smooth sailing, but our Party will, in the future, too, place the People’s Army in the vanguard of the advance which will be more glorious for the country and the people and bring earlier a bright future by relying on the loyalty and courage of the revolutionary armed forces.

In this struggle, too, our army should glorify its dignity and honour as today, as the ranks of elite soldiers firmly armed with the ideas and will of the WPK, the ranks of strong soldiers that always win victory in every battle and the ranks of point-men who make a breakthrough in socialist construction.

To defend the sovereignty of the DPRK and protect the security and interests of the Korean people is the supreme duty and absolute mission assumed by our army.

Our army should continue to grow into an invincible entity that destroys all threats approaching our range of self-defence by dint of its political, ideological, military and technical superiority overwhelming the enemy, and it should steadily strengthen itself into elite armed forces which win victory after victory on the strength of morality and discipline.

I take this opportunity to affirm that our Party and the government of the Republic, together with the powerful revolutionary armed forces, will, in the future, too, fulfil their responsibilities in the joint struggle of the progressive mankind for opposing injustice and hegemony and defending justice and peace.

Our Party and revolutionary armed forces originated from the people, and their sacred purpose and mission are also for the people.

All the people across the country who are putting their minds on and turning their eyes to the plaza of this grand celebration are looking forward to greater victory and transformation.

I am convinced that the bold heroism, staunch stamina and matchless fighting spirit of our service personnel, who know of no impossibility, will continue to be displayed resolutely not only in the defence lines of the country but also at the outposts of socialist construction for realizing the people’s aspirations and ideals and in the worthwhile project sites for the well-being of all generations to come.

Today’s vigorous steps you take at this parade while flying high the colours of glory in defence of the Party’s red flag, will be dynamically carried forward as full steps of patriotic loyalty to the country and the people.

Brave officers and soldiers of the Korean People’s Army,

Let us all fight more vigorously for the eternal victory of the DPRK and its people and for the mightiness and shinning glory of the KPA under the leadership of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

The great history and heroic feats of the KPA marching past this glorious place will encourage our advance.

Glory to the heroic defenders of our cause!
Long live the 80th founding anniversary of the glorious Workers’ Party of Korea!

A dynamic ceremony of the combined military band made the audience feel boundless patriotic enthusiasm to more firmly defend and eternally and wholeheartedly uphold our greatest socialist country in the world where the independent dignity of the people and their genuine lives are guaranteed.

The performers vividly depicted with background images, gymnastic movements and dances the militant spirit of the powerful Juche-oriented revolutionary army which has been developed and strengthened under great care of the peerlessly great men, the world’s strongest Korean People’s Army holding the peerlessly illustrious commander in high esteem. They showed that only great strength is the firm guarantee for defending justice and peace and that the DPRK will further

bolster up the matchless war deterrent for the country and the people and for peace and prosperity of all generations to come.

The performance reached the climax with torchlight gymnastics and song “We Are Koreans” reflecting the firm faith and revolutionary will of the DPRK people to accomplish the great cause of building a rich country with a strong army without fail with the wisdom and courage of Koreans, staking the honour of their times and generation, and dynamically advance towards a rosy future of socialism and communism.

Through the performance, the audience more keenly realized the immutable truth proven by history that the Party is great and the state and its people are strong as they are led by the outstanding leader and the truth of the revolution that only glory is always in store for the people following the WPK even though any storm blows on

this land.

The performance, which fully demonstrated the strong desire and enthusiasm of all the people across the country to glorify the powerful socialist country forever, flying high the sacred red flag of the Party as the ever-victorious banner, true to the leadership of Kim Jong Un, the great dignity and absolute strength of the Party and the state, ended with the finale “Our National Flag” amid the display of fireworks.

The grand mass gymnastics refined in the sense of organization, discipline and unity and the performance which presented an impressive and fascinating world of art with the full combination of beautiful and elegant dances, vocal and instrumental music, acrobatics and stunts, ever-changing lighting and background stand were acclaimed by the audience.

When the performance was over, stormy cheers of “Hurrah!” were raised again.

Expressing satisfaction over the successful performance showing the sacred 80-year history of the WPK and the validity and invincibility of the cause of the Party as a great epic picture, Kim Jong Un extended warm congratulations to all the performers.

The grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK was an eruption of the boundless thanks of all the people across the country to the great Party, which regards the people’s laughter and happiness as the greatest national power and cultivates a grand flower garden of the people-first principle on this land, and their unshakable pledge to greet every glory in the world on the road of believing in and following the Party forever.

State reception given to celebrate 80th founding anniversary of WPK



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A state reception was given at the Mokran House on October 10 to celebrate the 80th founding anniversary of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea.

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

Present there were Pak Thae Song, Choe Ryong Hae and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, chief secretaries of the provincial Party committees, senior officials of ministries and national agencies, and relevant officials in the foreign affairs sector.

The veteran cadres who had worked for a long time at important posts of the Party, government and armed forces

organs were on hand.

Present there at invitation were heads of foreign parties and governments, foreign figures, members of the delegations of different countries and international democratic organizations, foreign guests and heads of congratulatory groups and delegations of overseas compatriots on their visit to the DPRK to take part in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appeared at the reception hall, all the participants welcomed him with warm applause of respect.

Jo Yong Won made a speech at the reception.

Upon authorization of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Jo Yong Won warmly welcomed foreign goodwill envoys and overseas compatriots who were visiting Pyongyang to celebrate the auspicious holiday together.

The speaker said that the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK is the culmination of victory and glory provided by the WPK, which has been faithful to the historic mission as the guide of the Juche revolution for realizing the independence of the masses of the people, together with the people boundlessly devoted to accomplishing the cause of the Party. He referred to the great honour and pride of the Party recollecting and reviewing the long course it has followed from one century into the next and its exploits as a history of struggle in which it shared joy and sorrow with the people.

Our Party is enjoying absolute support and trust from all the Korean people as it has laid an eternal foundation and base for the everlasting dignity and wellbeing of our people and their descendants, not allowing any other programme or mode of activities except devoted service to the people, he said, adding that the key to victory and

future is to value history and tradition and firmly preserve and develop them.

The speaker stressed that our Party would always be faithful to the socialist cause for which it has worked together with the people and in the vanguard of them for their good and would continue to courageously struggle for the fresh and brilliant inheritance and completion.

Jo Yong Won affirmed that our Party is greatly encouraged by the sincere encouragement of the close friends who love justice and support our cause and that it would make responsible efforts to ensure close solidarity and keep pace with each other in realizing the common goal for independence and peace.

All the participants toasted the peace and wellbeing of the Korean people and other peoples of the world.

The banquet proceeded in an amicable atmosphere full of feeling of friendship and fraternity.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Party Founding Museum and makes commemorative speech on occasion of 80th founding anniversary of WPK

KCNA

The Workers' Party of Korea is greeting its 80th founding anniversary on its militant journey to dynamically lead to a new victory the building of socialism and communism, the aspiration and ideal of the people, putting the dignity and prestige of the DPRK on the acme of 5 000-year history with its ever-victorious leadership.

The WPK has performed undying feats for the country and people, purely preserving the Party's original ideals and spirit and perfectly inheriting them from one century into the next and from one decade into the next since it was founded as the vanguard of the revolution representing the demands and interests of the working people. The history of the WPK that has believed in the people as in Heaven, its history of creation and change, is shining brilliantly in the century.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Party Founding Museum on October 8 on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

Members of the central leadership body of the Party including members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials of the WPK Central Committee and leading officials of the Party committees of ministries and national agencies also visited the museum.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un arrived at the museum, all the visitors broke into enthusiastic cheers with the pleasure of greeting the historic moment of receiving him, who is ushering in the new era of comprehensive prosperity of the state, demonstrating the immortal dignity and honour of the WPK

with his outstanding revolutionary ideas and experienced and seasoned leadership, at the sacred place of the revolution where the cause of founding the Party was accomplished.

Kim Jong Un made a speech.

Expressing his feelings of visiting the old home, where the ever-victorious history of the WPK started and the supreme General Staff of the Korean revolution which led the start towards a powerful socialist country was situated, ahead of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK, he paid the most ennobling tribute to President Kim Il Sung and the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners who pioneered the original road of building a revolutionary party during the bloody struggle for liberating the country, accomplished the historic cause of founding the Party and laid a solid cornerstone for its durable existence and victorious development.

Looking back upon the decades of Party founding and inheritance at this special and auspicious moment of greeting its

80th anniversary at the watershed of new development and prosperity will serve as an occasion for renewing the understanding and awareness of the revolutionary obligations and duties of our generation, who have to reach without fail the finish line of the socialist cause that was started and advanced by the forerunners, he said.

Noting that the 80-year history of our Party is so great not only because it was founded in an original way but also because it etched in its banner the socialist ideals of achieving the independence of masses and invariably held fast to it, he enunciated the journey peculiar to the WPK which has pioneered an original road of socialist construction from the first day of its founding, with the Juche idea and self-sustenance and self-determination, i.e. believing in the people and relying on their strength, from A to Z, the key secret behind the Party's recording of the longest ruling history in the history of the socialist movement, the

main characteristics of party building and the prominent exploits it has recorded in the human history of political parties.

Saying that the ability of courageous leadership and mode of struggle of the WPK which formed the purest, the most powerful ideological lineage and the revolutionary traditions peculiar to it and left the immutable truth about victory and valuable spiritual assets in the course of turning adversities and trials into victory and miracles are illuminating the road of victory and glory to be followed by the present generation and rising generation, he indicated the ideals and prospective goal of the WPK in building a state and developing the Party, the orientation of struggle to

realize them and overall principles in the comprehensive development period which can be called the second era of nation building.

Saying that it is a proud thing to recall the course the Party has followed from one century to the next at this historic house where the Party was founded and to make a pledge to give steady continuity to the great course for all ages, he affirmed that the Party Founding Museum would shine forever as the sacred sanctuary which carries on the lineage of the WPK and its ever-victorious tradition for all ages.

When he finished his speech, all the participants paid the greatest tribute to him, raising the thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!" out of their boundless respect for and trust in the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution who is ushering in the great heyday of Party building in the new era and the socialist cause with his profound ideological and theoretical activities and energetic leadership

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech made during visit to Party Founding Museum



Comrades,

Let us think about why we have gathered in front of this house in the lead-up to the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Today our visit here is very significant, since this is the historic house which witnessed the great event of the founding of our Party.

As I stand in front of the birthplace of our Party that still retains its old appearance despite the passage of time, telling of the great history of Party founding, it is quite moving to recollect the emotions of the day of 80 years ago.

This small and simple house is where the ever-victorious history of the WPK, which has greatly transformed the destiny of our country and our people, started; and this humble place housed the supreme General Staff of the Korean revolution, which led them to make a grand start towards building a powerful socialist country. To think of this, I cannot suppress the surging emotion.

This is a sincere and warm feeling that can be felt only by the later generation who, cherishing the value of the ennobling soul embodied in the birth of the revolutionary Party and the first pages of its great history, have left proud imprints for the present and future of our country through a worthwhile struggle to carry forward its original will.

Availing myself of this significant opportunity, I, reflecting the unanimous feelings of all our Party members and other people, pay the most ennobling tribute to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners who paved an original way for building a revolutionary party during the bloody struggle for liberating the country, accomplished the historic cause of founding our revolutionary Party and laid a solid cornerstone for its durable existence and victorious development.

I also express deep appreciation for the contribution made by the Party central leadership members present here, other leading cadres of our Party and state and all the Party organizations and officials, who are doing their utmost to perform the weighty yet honourable missions and duties entrusted to them by the Party and the revolution, and on the 80th anniversary of the Party I extend heartfelt greetings and warm encouragement to all the Party members, who have powerfully propelled the advance of our revolutionary cause with pure Party conscience and through a vanguard role as befitting members of the WPK.

My thanks go to the officials and other employees of this Party Founding Museum and other officials

and working people in the revolutionary relics administration sector, who are devoting their sincerity to conveying the glorious history of our Party to posterity.

Comrades,

To proudly open the first pages of the sacred history of the founding of their party and recollect the indelible historic traces of exploration for a great ideology, strenuous exertion and heroic struggle-this is not something that anyone can do.

It is a special honour given only to the revolutionaries who can review with invariable inheritance the secret behind the glory of the victorious 80-year course they have traversed from one century into the next.

Our Party is proud that it laid the foundations of socialism on this land in the face of manifold challenges and trials, that it is striving hard to build a powerful country, which no one would dare to provoke, and that it has defended the glory of socialism, which must never be buried in history, through an indomitable struggle over the past arduous 80 years. This pride defies any description.

What did make our Party so strong and what did give it the fame of achieving one victory after another without any frustration? This thought leads us to solemnly look up at this low-roofed house and look back upon the annals of those great decades.

At this special and auspicious moment of greeting the 80th anniversary of the Party at a watershed of new development and prosperity, looking back upon the decades of Party founding and inheritance will serve as an occasion for renewing the understanding and awareness of the revolutionary obligations and duties of our generation, who have to reach without fail the finish line of the socialist cause that was launched and advanced by the forerunners.

Comrades,

The 80-year history of our Party is so great not only because it was founded in an original way but also because it etched in its banner the socialist ideals of achieving the independence of the masses and invariably held fast to them.

The socialism the generation opted for in the days of taking the first step towards building our Party in the liberated country was Korean-style socialism that conforms to our actual conditions, and the way of building it was from A to Z self-sustenance and self-determination, i.e., believing in the people and relying on their strength.

Having etched the socialist ideology in its guiding ideology on the first day of its founding, our Party has always remained faithful to its ideals and paved an

original way for advancing socialist construction in the tempest of such arduous and complicated history.

The Juche-oriented socialist ideology and theory which have displayed their scientific accuracy and vitality in the whole historic course of the socialist revolution and construction in our country demonstrated their unique power in fusing socialism and the people into one and oriented the history of our Party's administration in power towards a history of advancing and emerging victorious together with the people.

The key secret behind our Party's recording of the longest ruling history in the socialist movement lies in the immortal vitality of the people-centred socialist ideology and the thoroughgoing and perfect succession of it.

Our Party's guiding ideology is the socialist ideology which has been further enriched, developed and perfected through the 80-year-long struggle and by the transformations and victories our people and officers and soldiers of our army achieved at the cost of blood.

The acme and true weight of the 80-year history of our Party just lie in having proved that the path we follow together with the people is the road to victory of socialism.

Comrades,

The other important factor that enabled our Party to lead the socialist cause along the most correct road, while recording legendary victories and miraculous events for the past 80 years, is that it has given definite precedence to the building of an original ruling party that makes selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people by regarding them as the source of its life in carrying on the revolution and construction.

The history of our revolution and socialist construction gives clear answers to the questions of how a party, the people and socialism can be bound together with shared destiny, how the party can gain the dignity and fame as an ever-victorious guide and how the ordinary and simple people can become a great people with a strong character and temperament.

Only when it is steadily strengthened and developed politically, organizationally and ideologically and cultivates people-oriented leadership traits and styles of work, can a party fighting for the people can form one organism with them and organize and give the fullest play to their inexhaustible resourcefulness and strength and thus lead the socialist cause to ultimate

victory.

The main feature of our Party building is that it has been strengthened and developed into a political General Staff fused with the people, while forming the most solid body that is ideologically pure and integral whole in organization and action and conducting its activities among the masses of the people by putting forward the people-centred revolutionary ideology as its guiding ideology and ideals.

As it has oriented everything to definitely ensuring the uniformity of ideology and leadership and fully embodied the people-oriented leadership traits in its work and activities, our Party has been able to develop into the most powerful and prestigious political force in the history of revolutionary party building and achieve the historic cause of training the people to be the independent driving force of socialism.

Our Party formulated the people-first principle as its political ideals and mode, made sure that making selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people was established as its unchangeable trait, and particularly brought the discipline building and work style building to the fore, as its ruling history got longer, socialist construction intensified and generations changed, thereby making it possible to overcome laxity of discipline, abuse of power, bureaucracy and accumulation of wealth by illicit means which might be revealed within the Party.

Also, historically, our Party was strengthened into a more militant leading political organization through the struggle for establishing the Juche orientation in ideology in the postwar days and different rounds of self-purification process including the anti-factionalist struggle, and every time the people came to infinitely trust and support it and brought about periods of upsurge unprecedented in the history of socialist construction, being rallied firmly behind it.

It is a distinguished feat our Party etched in the human history of political parties that it created a new appearance of a genuine party that all the people love and defend like their own lives by throwing in their lot with it.

The five-point line of Party building in the new era constitutes a permanent charter for its building which enables our Party to boost its fighting efficiency and leadership abilities in every way while enjoying the high prestige as the guide for the people and the political General Staff in implementing the socialist cause.

In the course of reversing adversity and ordeals into victory and miracles, there were formed the purest and most powerful lineage of ideology and revolutionary traditions peculiar to the WPK, which can never be swayed, revised or discoloured.

The 80-year history of the WPK which has led the state and the people to socialism has left an iron truth of victory to be immortal for all ages and precious spiritual wealth.

It is that the Party, socialism and people are a community of shared destiny and that a party that always relies on the people and serves them and regards their trust and expectations as its lifeblood wins victory after victory forever enjoying their absolute support.

Along with this great truth, the ability of courageous leadership and the mode of struggle of the WPK, which has put the prestige of our state and people on the apex of the world and is ushering in an era of unprecedented transformations for the comprehensive development of socialism, illuminate the road of victory and glory that the present generation is following and our coming generations will continue to follow.

Comrades,

Since its eighth-term Central Committee, our Party has followed a new trajectory to achieve the comprehensive development of socialism.

In view of our ideals and objectives, we should

innovate at a much faster pace than now; we should adopt a bolder approach and make redoubled, devoted efforts to transform all realms, all sectors and all regions in a decade.

The extraordinary political awareness and strenuous exertion of all the people, who have achieved unity on the strength of patriotism and turned all out in this endeavour, constitute the greatest of our capabilities, the most definite of our advantages and the highest of our potentials.

The speed and quality of our state's comprehensive development are determined by how much its citizens, linking their destiny to their country's and taking on the responsibility for the present and future of their state, display patriotism and loyalty in making efforts to produce the best possible results of their work.

Ours is a state of all the people, one being built by them all; as in the past, so in the future, too, it will be.

In the future, too, as we find solutions to all the theoretical and practical problems concerning Party and state affairs, our supreme principle and our cardinal standard should be to prepare all our people as befitting a powerful dynamic force opening up the present era.

The primary task facing us in leading all the people to advance along the road of victory for the cause of achieving the comprehensive development of socialism is to intensify, at a new high, the efforts to implement the five-point line of Party building in the new era, with a view to improving our Party's features, organizing abilities and fighting efficiency.

We should steadily step up political building to improve the Party's fighting efficiency and leadership abilities in every way. By doing so, we can ensure that all the people's patriotic enthusiasm and resourcefulness, as well as all the sectors' capabilities and potentials, are committed to achieving the comprehensive development of socialism under the unified leadership of the Party Central Committee.

To streamline the ranks of cadres and build up Party ranks as an elite force should be our crucial, core task for defending the lineage of the Party; we should ensure utmost prudence and perfection in carrying out this task so that ours will become a steel-strong party on a solid organizational and ideological basis.

What is important in this respect is to adopt an innovative approach towards improving the methods of Party work as required by the changing circumstances of the times and the level of the people's consciousness. In this way we can develop Party work into something novel and proactive, which is effective in understanding the public sentiments and leading them.

We should continually bolster and refine the Party's leadership abilities, fighting efficiency and art of leadership.

How seasoned a revolutionary party is depends not on the long span of its history, but on how hard it works to improve its leadership abilities and fighting efficiency, always aware of the weighty mission it has to perform in leading the cause of socialism as the political General Staff.

We should formulate in a systematic way, and use to good effect, the skills and methods of leadership, the traits of Party work and the habits of Party life, all of which have been displayed by our Party in its ruling history spanning eight decades. Furthermore, we should be active in creating and applying exemplary methods and styles of Party leadership in the new era to make our Party's ruling power absolute.

We should continue to firmly consolidate strict order and sound discipline climate within the Party, while giving precedence to the process of finding out and eliminating in time all sorts of elements and acts that undermine the Party's leadership prestige.

As I have emphasized on various occasions, cadres have very heavy and important responsibilities and

duties in giving a strong impetus to the comprehensive development period which can be called the second era of nation building.

Today we need the same spirit, courage and self-confidence as we had at the time when the Party and a new country were built.

Leading officials of the Party and the state should keep the Party's original ideals and spirit as their mental attributes, have a correct understanding of the requirements of the times and reality and the essence and core of the Party's policies, and firmly cherish the intrinsic nature of the communists who shoulder their responsibilities without hesitation while directly connecting all issues to the future of the Party and the state.

Success in work depends on how cadres play their role.

They should regard it as their political principle and iron rule to assume full responsibility for the work of their sectors and units.

They should lead the masses to have firm confidence from the outset through correct planning and organizational work for the implementation of the Party's policies, not by words. They should have the ability to organically combine Party guidance with economic and technical guidance to give the fullest play to the masses' strength and wisdom. They should also encourage the masses, through principled and fair reviews and appraisals, to feel by themselves the worth of and pride in their life and make redoubled efforts. Only such officials can lead the masses and make all of them genuine masters of their workplaces.

The change in the cadres' viewpoint on the masses, moral traits and style of work should precede the change in their way of thinking and abilities.

Our Party will accelerate the advance of the revolution, sweeping away all evil practices such as ignorance, incompetence, irresponsibility, self-protection, formalism and expediency, as well as arbitrariness, high-handedness and abuse of power which are rejected by the people and cause damage to socialism, the practices revealed among officials.

Only excellent cadres who live with the revolution, defend the revolution and lead their work correctly to the goals set, persons who are enterprising, heroic and staunch enough to brave any difficulties, can lead this current era.

When we feel tired and when we need greater courage, we should take to heart the spirit and fighting will of the Party-founding generation, who held high the red flag only in their empty hands and cut their way through bloody battles to bring about a new world of communism, and should display high enthusiasm for the revolution.

We should not suspend our struggle but continue to wage the revolution until we achieve the complete victory of socialism, successfully realize the ideals of our people and attain the ultimate goal of our revolution.

We are endeavouring for the loftiest cause and willingly sacrificing everything for the sake of it.

Let us struggle more staunchly for the great prosperity of our state with ardent revolutionary enthusiasm and courage to advance towards a greater victory, finding the worth of waging the revolution in overcoming difficulties without fearing hardships.

Comrades,

Indeed, it is a proud thing that, at this historic house where the Party was founded, we can recall the course the Party has followed from one century to the next and make a pledge to give steady continuity to the great course forever at this house.

Just as we proudly recall here today the road we have followed, we will continue to greet the days when we will look back with pride here again upon the arduous road ahead of us.

This historic house will shine forever as a sacred sanctuary which carries on the lineage of the WPK and its ever-victorious traditions for all ages.

Long live the Workers' Party of Korea!

Military hardware exhibition *Defence Development-2025* opens



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The Workers' Party of Korea has firmly ensured the dignity and eternal prosperity of the DPRK and magnificently put its reputation and prestige on the highest level in the world by bolstering up in every way the greatest self-defence capacity in the course of dynamically leading the country and the people to great victory and glory under the uplifted banner of independence for 80 years. It is an extraordinary feat and immortal honour that will shine forever along with the history of the Juche revolution.

Giving the unique tremendous vitality and driving power to the course of our

revolution pioneered with arms, our Party gained in a dignified way and is steadily increasing the invincible military power, a stately eruption of the DPRK's courageous spirit and self-respect that no one can resist and a demonstration of the most righteous strength, with its transparent faith and through the resolute struggle.

The military hardware exhibition *Defence Development-2025* opened with splendour in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, on October 4, demonstrating the development of the national defence capabilities which is accelerating beyond precedents and limit thanks to the matchless determination and outstanding

leadership of the great Party Central Committee to surely build an eternally prospering socialist power by putting forward the self-reliant defence as the mainstay for defending and developing the revolution.

The venue of the exhibition that opened in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK is full of latest defence assets, an ensemble of the Juche-oriented defence sci-tech strength, including ultra-modern weapon systems that were developed as the pivotal military hardware of our armed forces in line with the Party's grandiose strategy for the development of national defence.

A guard of honour of the Korean

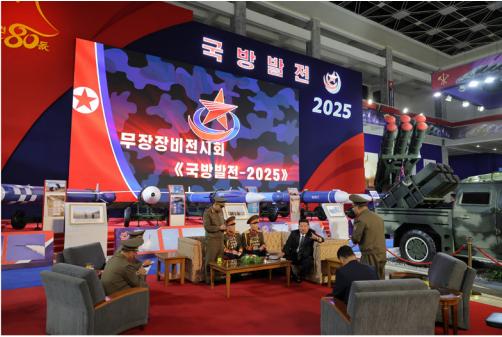
People's Army lined up to greet the head of state.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, arrived at the venue of the opening ceremony of the military hardware exhibition *Defence Development-2025*.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un reviewed the guard of honour of the KPA and the glorious colours of the three services.

Kim Jong Un took the platform together with members of the Presidium

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practice.

The important speech made by Kim Jong Un serves as the immortal revolutionary programme and the banner of vigorous advance as it clarified the guidelines for the WPK to firmly carry forward forever the noble political ideal the Party had put forth in the initial days when it was founded and to further demonstrate its might as the most dignified socialist ruling party which has taken the deep root in the masses of the

people.

Kim Jong Un looked round with deep emotion various places of the museum.

Saying that the eternity and invincibility of the vitality and leadership ability of the Party depends on how its noble original ideals and revolutionary nature are preserved and glorified as the revolution achieves victory after victory, he stressed that our Party should cherish more deeply the noble sense of responsibility and mission for the destiny of the country and the people and powerfully lead the state and the people

to a fresh peak of victory and glory with enthusiastic spirit and inexhaustible vitality free from decrepitude and discolouration, maintaining its purity, even though a generation is replaced by another.

Expressing the belief that officials, lecturers and employees of the museum would as ever remain faithful to their duty as powerful information workers and educators, who acquaint the masses with the glorious history and tradition of our Party, with the pride and honour of defending the sacred place associated

with the Party building exploits of the President, he had a photo session with them.

All the participants pledged to carry forward the lineage and immortal reputation of the WPK for all ages by thoroughly implementing the original Party-building idea and line of Kim Jong Un, cherishing the boundless loyalty to the revolution and spirit of making selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people, displayed by the pioneer generation of the cause of Party building, as their lifeblood.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech at the opening ceremony of the military hardware exhibition *Defence Development-2025*

Comrades,

I think it is very significant that in the run-up to the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea, the military hardware exhibition *Defence Development-2025* is being held, which once again gives us a visual display of the general level attained by our defence capabilities.

This exhibition features the recent results of the important projects that we have pressed on with in order to put the structure of the DPRK's military capabilities, with its nuclear deterrent as the backbone, on an increasingly modern, advanced footing.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I express my thanks to all the groups of defence scientists and technicians and all the workers in the munitions industry for having added significance to the revolutionary October holiday by achieving proud results of upgraded defence industry.

Comrades,

This exhibition brings into bold relief the historic meaning of the 80th founding anniversary of our Party.

Since the initial days of its founding our Party has consistently prioritized the Juche-oriented defence industry, laying the groundwork for its independent development and setting one ambitious goal after another for its steady growth. Recently, in less than one year, this industry has achieved notable successes again, and I am sure that making public those successes for our people to see constitutes the highest praise for our Party's 80-year history.

It is because this exhibition eloquently shows that in building up the defence capabilities we have attained a much higher level than the founder generation of the Juche-oriented defence industry hoped to reach.

Our Party was born with the absolute mission of taking full responsibility for the destiny of the people, so it is a natural duty of the Party and its unique mode of activity to direct its main efforts to building the most powerful defence industry in the world and developing it without let-up so that it can protect the dignity and security of the nation, defend the rights and interests of the people and secure their future.

The history of our munitions industry, which provides a material and technical guarantee for our state's overall military strength, started with the founding of the Party, and this industry, led by the Party, has followed a steady upward trajectory to become as it is today. These latest achievements of defence development, which fill up this venue, can proudly represent and symbolize our Party's achievements for the state, revolution and people.

The destiny of a state and its people cannot be secured apart from the munitions industry which surely guarantees their security environment, as well as the vanguard organization which guides them



politically.

As they had foreseen this undeniable truth and fully realized its realistic necessity, the first-generation revolutionaries of Korea, after national liberation, spared nothing for creating an armaments industry which would be the primary cornerstone in building a new country, while working to achieve the cause of founding the Party as their foremost concern.

The generations of our grandfathers and fathers, who had created the armaments industry of Korea, manufactured submachine guns which could be called their own things, both in name and in reality, from scratch after liberation. During the period of the hard-fought war, they even sacrificed their precious lives to produce weapons with which to destroy the imperialist invaders; in doing so, they created the tradition of the revolutionary spirit of Kunja-ri—the spirit of defending the country and displaying self-reliance.

As we have faithfully carried forward the spirit and tradition, the gunshots that rang out in Phyongchon-ri nearly eight decades ago led to a succession of explosions demonstrating the strength with which to reliably defend the independent dignity of our state and people and overpower the imperialist tyranny. And as we can see today, this has resulted in the steady production of Juche-based weapons, the like of which cannot be found in any ordnance encyclopaedia, thus decorating the venue for this splendid exhibition.

This exhibition can be said to be the epitome of epochal leaps forward made by our defence science and technology, and of the comprehensive

development of our munitions industry.

At the recent session of the Supreme People's Assembly, we reiterated that maintaining security and defending peace by dint of overwhelming strength is our unchangeable principle, and officially declared that we are prepared to cope with anything.

This exhibition will prove this guarantee.

Our latest achievements of defence development, which are on display here, have been proved to be sufficiently powerful on the highest level.

In recent years, military hardware capable of actively and effectively coping with the changing aspects of modern warfare has been newly developed or upgraded, and AI technology and other latest sci-tech findings have been widely introduced, with the result that the feasibility of their application not only to the present battlefield but also to the future one has been confirmed in view of the capability of fighting a war. This is an important feature of the development of our style of defence technology that can be seen in this exhibition.

I think that everyone present here can clearly see that our defence

industry is now focusing on continuous upgrading and making a leap forward in order to protect the security environment of our state; it is doing so by relying on its self-supporting foundations, through a unique course of development and by highly ingenious methods of development.

This shows that we can review the work of the eighth-term Party Central Committee with pride in having attained its goals by fulfilling its ennobling mission and responsibility for the state and the people.

I, on behalf of the Party Central Committee, extend the warmest militant respect once again to all our groups of defence scientists and technicians and all our comrades working in the munitions industry for having prepared the most valuable presents for the celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Party.

Comrades,

I would like to stress once again that we must never allow ourselves to be complacent about the supremacy of our state's defence capabilities, nor must we slow down on account of it.

The moment we feel complacency leads to the beginning of our advance getting sluggish.

Our military capabilities should be improved steadily.

As I have mentioned recently, the security environment and instability we are in at present never allow us to feel relieved or complacent even for a moment.

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The US-ROK nuclear alliance is making rapid progress, and they are conducting various kinds of exercises to execute dangerous scenarios according to the so-called nuclear operations guidelines and to get adept at them. Recently, the United States is taking measures for expanding the stockpile of its military assets in and around the ROK, posing a real and serious threat to the security of our country and others in the region.

It is upgrading the whole structure of its military capabilities including strategic means of reconnaissance and offensive and defensive means.

What does this mean?

No one can deny or conceal the fact that the United States' arms buildup schemes are mainly geared to making it easier to launch preemptive strikes against the other side in times of emergency.

This is the very situation.

Then, what should we do in such an environment?

We are closely watching the United States' deployment of its means of strategic strike and

reconnaissance in and around the Korean peninsula and their mobilization for hostile military acts in connection with a new possible threat to our state's security.

And we have adopted clear measures.

In direct proportion to the US military's arms buildup in the ROK region, our strategic concern about this region has also grown, and accordingly we have assigned our special assets to the major targets of our concern.

The enemy, I think, will have to worry about which direction their security environment is moving in.

I will not make a detailed comment about it.

They themselves should have to judge whether the territory of the ROK would be a safe place in any case.

We will surely adopt additional military measures corresponding to their manoeuvrings.

If the United States persists in the dangerous moves of reinforcing its military strength in blatant disregard of the security concerns of the states in the region, the developments will spur us more powerfully to implement the relevant

military and technological measures aimed at removing the new threats and maintaining the balance of power.

Comrades,

Everyone will soon know the new goals to be set forth for the defence technology sector and the aspect of its development at the next stage.

The Party's strategic programme for defence development specifies the development-oriented core goals for all the realms of the project.

Our powerful assets for national defence capability will develop more rapidly without a moment of delay, and the cause of the WPK for strengthening the war deterrent for self-defence without let-up will continue to follow the glorious road of victory.

I hope that all the comrades present at the opening ceremony of the military hardware exhibition, which has opened with splendour in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of our Party, will have a good time, looking round in real earnest the exhibits with a high sense of dignity and pride in our tremendous strength.

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of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee and leading officials in the fields of defence science and munitions industry.

All the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers, looking up to Kim Jong Un, the supreme representative of the mightiness and dignity of Juche Korea and the banner of all victories and glory, and paid the highest tribute to him.

Attending the opening ceremony were members of the central leadership body of the Party including leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, officials of the Party Central Committee, major commanding officers of all military and political organs of the Korean People's Army, meritorious officials, workers, scientists and technicians in the field of munitions industry, leading officials of ministries and national agencies and teaching staff and students of military educational institutions.

Jo Chun Ryong, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, delivered an opening address.

Expressing belief that the exhibition, which introduces the latest level of the transformative growth of the DPRK's defence capabilities and displays the entities of strength associated with the soul of resolute self-respect and ideal of Koreans, would enable visitors to have new experience as members of the powerful state and inspire them to win a greater victory, the speaker declared the exhibition open.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Kim Jong Un delivered a significant commemorative speech.

He said that the exhibition features the recent results of the important projects for constantly modernizing and developing

the structure of the DPRK's military capabilities, with the nuclear deterrent as the backbone.

Since the initial days of its founding our Party has consistently prioritized the Juche-oriented defence industry, laying the groundwork for its independent development and setting one ambitious goal after another for its steady growth, he noted, adding that recently, in less than one year, this industry has achieved notable successes again, and he is sure that making public those successes for our people to see constitutes the highest praise for our Party's 80-year history.

He noted that our Party was born with the absolute mission of taking full responsibility for the destiny of the people, so it is a natural duty of the Party and its unique mode of activity to direct its main efforts to building the most powerful defence industry in the world and developing it without let-up so that it can protect the dignity and security of the nation, defend the rights and interests of the people and secure their future.

Referring to the proud history of the development of the munitions industry which started with the founding of the Party and has made a long journey flushed with victories under the guidance of the Party, he noted:

In recent years, military hardware capable of actively and effectively coping with the changing aspects of modern warfare has been newly developed or upgraded, and AI technology and other latest sci-tech findings have been widely introduced, with the result that the feasibility of their application not only to the present battlefield but also to the future one has been confirmed in view of the capability of fighting a war. This is an important feature of the development of our style of defence technology.

I think that everyone present here can clearly see that our defence industry is now focusing on continuous upgrading

and making a leap forward in order to protect the security environment of our state; it is doing so by relying on its self-supporting foundations, through a unique course of development and by highly ingenious methods of development.

This shows that we can review the work of the eighth-term Party Central Committee with pride in having attained its goals by fulfilling its ennobling mission and responsibility for the state and the people.

Noting that the security environment and instability we are in at present never allow us to feel relieved or complacent even for a moment in bolstering up the national defence capabilities, he analyzed the US real aim of arms buildup which poses a real and serious threat to the security of the DPRK and the regional countries.

He stressed that the DPRK will surely take additional military measures to counter it and that if the US persists in the dangerous arms buildup in blatant disregard of the regional states' security concern, the developments will further propel the DPRK to take relevant military and technical measures aimed at removing the new threats and maintaining the balance of power.

Saying that everyone will soon know the new goals to be set forth for the DPRK's defence technology sector and the aspect of its development at the next stage, he affirmed that the country's powerful assets for national defence capability will develop more rapidly without a moment of delay and that the cause of the WPK for strengthening the war deterrent for self-defence without let-up will continue to follow the glorious road of victory.

The participants responded with enthusiastic applause to the speech of Kim Jong Un who solemnly clarified the iron-willed declaration of the WPK which would more dynamically lead the boundless development of the national

defence capability and the great leap forward in building a powerful and modern army for the everlasting victory and prosperity of the DPRK that was founded in reflection of the general will of all the Korean people.

Kim Jong Un looked round the venue of the exhibition together with leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs.

He said that he took great pride in having covered the responsible and glorious road for the country and the rising generations, witnessing the tremendous defence capabilities achieved with warm heart and burning love at an important moment of reviewing the 80-year history of the WPK's building and visualizing the journey of creation and change to be more resolutely made by the Party hereafter.

He stressed that the remarkable progress of the self-supporting defence industry and the sphere of modern defence science and technology that has rapidly expanded represent the strength and mettle of the DPRK achieved by our great people who have defended the Party's line of self-defence with unprecedented tenacity and absolute support and encouragement despite the trials and hardships that no one in the world has ever experienced.

Looking round the venue of the exhibition, the participants were struck with admiration all the time at the entities of our defence capabilities, another development made just in a year.

The military hardware exhibition *Defence Development-2025* which opened to add excitement and joy to the whole country on the threshold of the auspicious 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea is a significant occasion that heralds the changes of our armed forces to be stronger along with the eye-opening advance and development of the revolution in the national defence industry in the new era led by the great Party Central Committee.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits destroyer *Choe Hyon* according to second-day schedule of visit to military hardware exhibition



Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the destroyer *Choe Hyon* of the Navy of the Korean People's Army together with leading officials of the Party, government, defence and security organs on October 5 according to the schedule of visit to the military hardware exhibition.

The participants in its opening ceremony were also among the visitors.

The destroyer is a remarkable latest success of the Juche-oriented warship-building industry and a symbol of modernity, advanced character and military and technical edge of the rapidly developing naval forces of the DPRK. The harbour, where the destroyer was moored, was filled with great emotion and joy of the participants greeting the glorious moment of receiving the great iron-willed commander again.

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The splendid opening of the military hardware exhibition *Defence Development-2025* is demonstrating the overall powerful military muscle of the DPRK and instilling the dignity, pride and invincible spirit of victors into the people and service personnel of the DPRK greeting October of glory. The exhibition comprehensively shows the remarkable development of the cause of

building a powerful and modern army led by the ever-victorious Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the

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A ceremony of the Navy was held to welcome the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to the destroyer.

After receiving a salute from the head of the guard of honour of the KPA Navy, Kim Jong Un reviewed its march-past.

Jo Chun Ryong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made a speech.

Kim Jong Un mounted the destroyer.

He looked round main weapons and equipment and various places of the ship, guided by the captain.

He said that the super-powerful warship magnificently launched in the sea of the country in the historic year marking the 80th anniversary of the founding of our

glorious Party is a clear demonstration of the strengthening and development of the Juche-oriented armed forces and another great proof of the validity and vitality of the Workers' Party of Korea's line of self-reliant defence.

He noted that displaying the image of Choe Hyon everywhere the sailors of the destroyer are on duty is to make the sailors of the new generation embody the brave stamina and noble spirit of the anti-Japanese fighter and make the stamina and spirit the permanent nutrition for the indomitable fighting spirit. The greatest power of defenders lies in making them ideologically elite so that they can carry forward the soul of the revolutionary forerunners like lineage, before the power

of the military hardware operated by the warship, and this is the core in bolstering up the naval force, he added.

He praised the sailors of the destroyer for striving to fully acquire the professional qualifications necessary for the operation of the ship, expressing the expectation that the officers and men of the destroyer would become pacesetters not only in preparing themselves in political, ideological, military, technical and physical aspects but also in creating the culture of the sailors and civilization of the Navy in the new era.

Saying that the tremendous ability of our Navy should be exercised in the vast ocean to thoroughly deter or counter and punish the enemy's provocations for the

sovereignty of the state and its security interests and for the eternal peace of the sea of the country, he noted that our Party would continue its struggle without even a moment's stagnation for the overall and accelerated expansion and growth of the naval combat force defending the core of the national rights.

Through the visit to the destroyer, the visitors witnessed the development of the Navy led by the WPK and the high level of naval culture and felt with excitement the great heyday of strengthening the Navy and its rosy future.

That day a reception for service personnel of the Navy was given by the Central Military Commission of the Party on the destroyer.



Monument to love for people built thanks to ardent desire of WPK

Inauguration ceremony of Pyongyang General Hospital held in splendour



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The Pyongyang General Hospital was successfully completed as a symbol of socialist public health, splendidly adorning the first year of the historic public health revolution, as the structures of all-round cultural efflorescence embodying the people-first political ideal of the Workers' Party of Korea, a genuine people's party, are springing up like bamboo shoots after rain.

Thanks to the great painstaking efforts of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to give fuller play to the advantages of Korean-style socialism and provide the people with more civilized and happier living conditions through radical, fresh and qualitative changes in the sector of public health, the Pyongyang General Hospital is greeting its inaugural day on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of WPK. This is a noteworthy event of having fulfilled another long-cherished desire of the great Party Central Committee.

An inaugural ceremony of the

Pyongyang General Hospital was held in splendour on October 6.

The venue of the ceremony was filled with great excitement and joy of the participants greeting the great auspicious event, which would shine forever in the history of the country, in the presence of the dear father of the great socialist family who is taking care of the destiny and future of the people across the country.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, arrived at the venue of the inaugural ceremony.

At that moment, the stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" reverberated through the sky of October.

Filled with boundless emotion, all the participants paid the highest glory and tribute to Kim Jong Un, who continues his journey of devotion to ensuring the rights and interests of the people, their long life in good health and their beautiful and vibrant life.

Present at the ceremony were leading officials of the Party, government and

armed forces organs and other members of the central leadership body of the Party, participants in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK, officers and men of a construction unit, builders, officials of ministries and national agencies, medical workers of the Pyongyang General Hospital and Pyongyang Municipality and citizens of Pyongyang.

Kim Jong Un made a meaningful speech in commemoration of the inauguration.

Expressing his pride in presenting the Pyongyang General Hospital, the first result of the public health revolution which the Party decided to launch, to the people on the founding anniversary of the Party and thus fulfilling the sacred duty of absolute service for the people, he extended special thanks to the officers and soldiers of the Guards unit, all other builders and the staff of design institutions who upheld the Party's policy and decision on the development of the public health sector with devoted labour and utmost sincerity and congratulated the officials,

doctors, nurses and other employees who are to work at the excellent hospital.

He clarified the essence of the strategy for modernizing the public health sector, which the Party has planned and presses forward, and the importance of the position and role of the Pyongyang General Hospital in a new revolution aimed at the rejuvenation and leap forward in the public health sector. And he indicated the future orientation and various tasks for radically improving the public health of the country in a comprehensive way in the near future by pushing ahead with the building of the sector.

Hoping that the hospital would enjoy eternal praise as a facility that injects vigour of life and inexhaustible vitality into the people and a palace that defends their health and laughter, he firmly affirmed that he would serve the people more faithfully.

When he finished his speech, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers, reflecting their boundless

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Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's speech at the inauguration ceremony of the Pyongyang General Hospital

Dear Pyongyang citizens,
Delegates attending the celebrations of the October holiday,

Officers and soldiers of the construction unit and the construction workers, who have realized another long-cherished wish of the Party by building a wonderful modern hospital in our capital city of Pyongyang,

Medical workers and other employees of the Pyongyang General Hospital,

Comrades,

The long-awaited moment has come at last, when we are proclaiming the inauguration of this hospital.

I am proud that we have achieved the first result of the public health revolution, which our Party decided to launch in order to protect our valuable lives and inject vigour into our precious living. I also find it intensely moving that we have managed to translate into reality something that was one of our ideals some years ago.

This is really one of the strongest wishes I have wanted to fulfil, something that has always been in the forefront of my mind.

In recent years there have gone up modern medical facilities in different places of the country, and this is a perfect hospital that is up to all standards.

Modern medical facilities are indispensable in ensuring that the working people enjoy the rights granted by the state.

With the development of the times, the people's requirements regarding the protection of their lives and the promotion of their health far exceed those regarding their material and economic life, and the public health situation in a country can be called a mirror of, and a yardstick for, that country's appearance and the character of its social system.

Our country's public health system is most advantageous and people-oriented in that it values the people's lives most and the state takes responsibility for the health of the entire population. Yet, in terms of material and technical foundations, the public health sector is weaker than any other sectors; hospital facilities in particular are outdated.

That is why, long ago, I conceived a plan of building a first-rate general hospital that would perform the functions and role of the backbone in our country's public health sector, and I ensured that necessary preparations were made for several years.

The Pyongyang General Hospital is a modern medical centre, whose architectural style, components and space environment are designed to help patients remain stable both mentally and psychologically, and which meets the general requirements of modern architecture. The specialized facilities and equipment of all its systems meet all health and hygienic standards, and they help ensuring the scientific accuracy and smoothness of medical service.

The construction of the hospital was costly, but I am really pleased that we now have a perfect hospital that can provide our people with an excellent environment for medical treatment and advanced medical service. And my pride in waging the revolution is greater than ever before.

Located in the heart of the capital city is this modern



general hospital, whose operation is conducive to the promotion of our people's health and the protection of their lives. This is an auspicious event to be recorded in the annals of our times when transformations take place true to the people's beautiful dreams and ideals.

Today I am more pleased that I have achieved my real desire and objective, which is to build the Pyongyang General Hospital as befits a present of sincerity for our people.

As I said before, some troubles and complicated problems cropped up in the course of building this hospital, owing to the undisciplined arrangements made by some fame-seeking persons. However, we have adopted necessary measures to remain unfailingly faithful to our basic mission and fulfilled our sacred duty of absolute service for the people.

In no case should we allow Party policy to be undermined by personal fame.

We are now standing here with pride in having defended the people-oriented character of Party policy which must never be undermined.

I would like to affirm that the vitality of the policies pursued by the Workers' Party of Korea lies in their absolutely people-oriented character.

The Pyongyang General Hospital will leave its name in history as an aggregation of genuine and deep sincerity shown by the Party, a hospital which was built from A to Z on its own responsibility and equipped with the best possible facilities for the sake of the people.

Herein lies the true value of this present that our Party offers to the people on the occasion of its founding anniversary.

Availing myself of this happy opportunity, I would like to express my special thanks to the officers and soldiers of our Guards unit, all the construction workers and the staff of design institutions, who have made devoted, sincere efforts to build this excellent hospital, true to the Party's policy and decision on the development of the public health sector.

Also, I would like to congratulate the officials, doctors, nurses and other employees of the hospital, who are present here with delight in getting posted to work at this excellent hospital and with an ennobling mission of serving the people.

Comrades,

All the plans conceived and pressed forward by our Party are aimed at protecting the people's lives

and improving their quality of life, and this certainly demands that we accelerate the development of the public health sector.

Our Party's strategy for modernization of the public health sector is, in a nutshell, a strategy of simultaneous promotion.

In other words, it is to shore up the public health sector all at once by simultaneously promoting the construction of central hospitals and regional hospitals, individual healthcare facilities and medical service infrastructures across the country, and combining medical treatment and service, personnel training and scientific research.

It can be said that the Pyongyang General Hospital

is just the parent body of modernized public health, a powerful engine that will play the leading role in dynamically carrying out the public health revolution which has just begun and which the whole nation will witness sooner or later.

As a hub of diagnosis and treatment, clinical study and dissemination, academic exchange and expert training, the hospital can play the pivotal, core role in modernizing the public health sector. An engine, pacesetter and assistant in the development of public health, it can provide all other hospitals, which will be built across the country, with scientific, specialized and systematic guidance and human, material and technological assistance.

I expect that standard-bearers and hardcore personnel who will play the major role in modernizing the public health sector will be trained here, and that new models and fine experience in treatment, scientific research, service and management will be created here and will spread across the country.

Today, as we launched a new revolution aimed at rejuvenating and making a leap forward in the public health sector, we have successfully completed a major project of great significance.

Comrades,

The mission of the Pyongyang General Hospital is quite important and all its officials, doctors, nurses, workers and technicians present here shoulder heavy responsibilities.

As the hospital is nearing its opening, it is imperative to make perfect preparations for its operation.

This is the first time for us to run an advanced hospital and conduct the latest medical service in our country.

In particular, as our medical workers lack experience in operating comprehensive modern medical facilities, it would be advisable to normalize the operation of the hospital from November after they have a full understanding of the relevant equipment.

They should take good care of the precious medical equipment and apparatuses, which are indispensable in providing the people with advanced medical treatment, and they should master their different functions so as to bring about a substantial improvement in medical service.

It is important to continually update the functions for improving the level, convenience and utility of the intelligent medical service system established in the Pyongyang General Hospital, so as to steadily raise the comprehensive IT level of the in-hospital medical service and management.

We directed special concern to selecting every medical worker for the hospital and building up the ranks of its staff with competent and promising personnel, who hold the highest qualifications in the public health sector, have rich clinical experience and are capable of operating the country's hub of healthcare. All of them should become genuine medical workers devoting the medical knowledge and skills, which they learned under the state's care, solely for the good of the people. In this way they can be a medical team trusted and appreciated by the people.

Now is the era when changes and transformations unimaginable in the past are taking place in the public health sector, too, thanks to the rapid development of science and technology. So, they should never rest content with the existing knowledge, techniques and experiences.

They should work hard to acquire the latest medical techniques and positively apply diagnosis methods and therapies to clinical practice in keeping with the developing trend of modern medicine. By doing so, they can steadily improve the quality of medical service.

It is important to organize refresher courses, practical training, experience-swapping workshops, sci-tech presentations and the like according to a proper methodology in order to widen the horizon of medical workers and improve their skills. And it is necessary to provide conditions for the related specialists to hold joint research and consultation with foreign medical and health institutions.

As I mentioned before, all the duties of the Pyongyang General Hospital are of key importance in carrying out the public health revolution, many of which are pioneering projects involving new research, application, introduction and formulation.

Included in them are the study, introduction and formulation of the most appropriate and effective modes of medical service and management that can satisfy the people's demand for scientific and advanced treatment at a more modern hospital and by medical personnel with specialist skills and qualifications.

Now our projects are progressing slowly and inadequately, being bound by unrealistic methods of management and old-fashioned laws.

We should go full steam ahead, without any further delay, with the work of fundamentally improving the established institutional mechanisms which, though remaining in force for several decades, have lost their vitality and bring no substantial benefit to the people, as well as the structural systems and irrational methods of operation which are not in keeping with the changing reality and hinder the development of the public health sector.

Our decision is to let the Pyongyang General Hospital, before any others, find and apply rational and effective methods and plans that meet the people's requirements and the reality, and, with the confirmation of their advantages and vitality, to create necessary legal conditions and environment and generalize them in conformity with the specific conditions of the relevant regions, units and objects.

The word revolution itself means a struggle to replace everything old and backward with something new and advanced, and it inevitably goes with qualitative change.

We must solve this problem without fail if we are to ensure that the results of the public health revolution, which we achieve with so much effort, make a substantial contribution to protecting the people's lives and promoting their health, and to provide a guarantee for the sustained and long-term

development of our socialist public health sector which is responsible for the health of the entire population.

There is an obvious reason why the public health sector is weaker and more sluggish than other sectors in development.

It is the very political disease, that is, a wrong way of thinking and manner of work that have been prevalent in this sector; although they are well aware that the existing management and running system and methodology retain obvious limitations of the times, which allow not a step forward in the sector as a whole, they are persistent and obstinate in maintaining them on the pretext of the permanency and characteristics of the public health system.

There should be an inevitable change to be made, and there is a clear roadmap for it; but as the officials are making no effort to devise any appropriate measure for it, obsessed with how to shirk their responsibility and to keep holding their posts, the hospitals are not functioning as properly as they ought to do, and the medical appliances industry and the pharmaceutical industry are plodding along sluggishly and have even regressed. This is a well-known fact.

I want to make it clear that solving this problem is part of the mission and responsibility of our public health law which is designed to maintain the people-oriented character of our socialist public health system and accelerate its development. And it is one of the important state affairs.

What I would like to mention as well in this regard is that we should find the main indicator of the public health revolution in steadily developing the nation's medical science and technology and updating the public health law, and that in carrying out the revolution hospitals should bear due responsibility and offer cooperation for it, as well as engaging themselves in it.

Hospitals should preferentially be prepared in both material and technological terms to introduce the latest achievements of medical science and technology into clinical work. This alone will provide the basis on which to develop the public health law of the country and advance its medical science and technology quickly.

In future we should set up a relevant framework which can provide a legal guarantee for drawing up a long-term plan for building hospitals on the basis of not only the estimation of the present level of medical science and technology and the immediate demand but also a proper estimation of the perspective trend of their development and possible change in the demand, producing their designs accordingly and ensuring their construction.

Present here are Party central leadership members, and I would like to ask you to identify your own tasks in ensuring that the Pyongyang General Hospital fully performs its mission as the central base in facilitating the development of our country's medical and other public health organs.

I believe all of you will adopt a responsible standpoint and make voluntary practical efforts to realize the Party's intention of putting our public health sector onto the most advanced level by strongly pushing ahead with its renovation.

Comrades,

Today we have made a huge step forward in the journey for the public health revolution.

Yet, this is only a new landmark and another starting point for us.

Building modern healthcare facilities should be continued and steadily promoted until all the people in the country have full access to beneficial medical service.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to refer to a number of projects for building modern healthcare facilities.

First, we intend to establish an independent organ for specializing in designing healthcare facilities.

The foremost process of the campaign for modernizing the public health sector, which is going full steam ahead at the moment, is the designing of its

facilities.

A healthcare facility can be called an ensemble of architectural art, an integration of architectural technology.

A hospital is a space of specialized technology which makes a strict demand as its technical interaction must be ensured from terminals of the infrastructure to the last piece of medical equipment or appliance. It is also a sort of cultural space which should be coupled with comprehensive welfare service facilities. So, hospital designing needs a much higher level of proficiency than that of other kinds of structures like theatre or hotel.

Considering the characteristics of healthcare facilities, upgrading their designs steadily in terms of the architectural aspects is what we have to pay continuous attention to.

It is necessary to make it a rule to draw up a design reflecting the final thoughts whenever an important project is finished.

The Pyongyang General Hospital is what has been further upgraded and developed on the principle of making an architectural design by attaching importance to the utility, capacity, specialization and functionality of a relevant facility while ensuring its economic effectiveness and profitability.

Still, there are some parts which have undergone reconstruction due to shortcomings of its design, and there is also something I feel regretful about, albeit trifling, from the perspective point of view.

Only when we make a design reflecting the final thoughts, will we be able to make the most of the good things and rectify the inadequate ones to move steadily ahead for the advanced. With this can we blaze the trail and make uninterrupted progress in each construction project.

In building hospitals, we should pursue the highest possible modern, progressive and specialist features.

As it is a backward sector by comparison with others, the public health sector should begin with the stage of laying its foundation by introducing the world's most advanced and progressive things intensively and assimilating them as ours.

It is necessary to take an immediate organizational measure for setting up an institute which will be specially engaged in designing structures, ranging from central, provincial, city and county hospitals to clinics and pharmacies.

And we are going to consider the formation of a team or organization which will take charge of the project for renovating public health.

It is an undeniable fact that we cannot do anything or make a step forward with the Ministry of Public Health, which exists in name only, being left intact.

If a hospital or pharmacy is to be built, design organs, from habit, demand requirements for building process from the ministry.

So I have reprimanded the design sector recently.

The Ministry of Public Health exists in name only without anyone who has common sense and concept. If they were asked for the requirements for building process, how could they present proper ones?

What can we expect from those who have done nothing about the hospitals, foundations of public health, which have remained stagnant for over half a century?

Let me take for an example the uniforms for doctors and nurses of this Pyongyang General Hospital.

Recently I went over the uniforms. I felt so dumbfounded that I gave a severe reprimand as they looked like white cloth covering sacks.

It was the answer that the nurses' uniform was tailored according to the design from the Central Industrial Design Bureau as there was no standardization for it. It looked just like a uniform for an attendant or a hairdresser.

Is it as challenging to design the uniforms for doctors and nurses according to common sense as building an industrial establishment? And does designing them require funds?

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reverence for and gratitude to the tender-hearted father who is putting his heart and soul into bringing earlier the future of the country which will be rejuvenated and prosperous along with all blessings of socialism which working people enjoy to their heart's content.

Kim Jong Un cut the inaugural tape. Fireworks were set off, wonderfully decorating the venue of the ceremony to

be specially recorded in the proud course of socialist public health as an immortal picture.

He waved back to the participants, warmly wishing the promotion of the wellbeing of his beloved people.

The participants in the ceremony looked round the hospital.

They were struck with admiration by the eye-opening appearance of the hospital, modern treatment equipment and the best conditions for medical

service deeply associated with the benevolence of the motherly Party that wants the people and posterity to live in good health and free from diseases, enjoying the benefits of the most excellent healthcare system.

The jubilant night of the inauguration was filled with great emotion of the people who will enjoy a new civilization and wellbeing of socialism blooming under the care of the Party and their ardent enthusiasm for

repaying the loving care of the great father with ingenious creation and patriotic efforts.

The Pyongyang General Hospital, built in an excellent location of the capital city, will shine long as a monument to the great loving care for the people, telling the immutable truth that the cherished desire of the Workers' Party of Korea is just the greatest dignity and happiness of the people and the rosiest future of the country.



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They could have got help and presented even a few designs if they had only leafed through foreign literature, but this has been the last thing the Ministry of Public Health and the Central Industrial Design Bureau did.

Let me ask. Is this the stand of state organs working for the state and the people and the spirit of service for them we advocate?

Is this all what they could do?

From this simple instance we can easily guess the present state of the Ministry of Public Health—the level of the persons of this organ.

They are devoid of common sense and concept; worse still, they have no desire to do something new. We are too short of time to awaken them and make them do their work properly.

This is the reason that has led us to make a resolute determination to form a relevant team or research organ.

Based on this measure and the experience we have gained in building the Pyongyang General Hospital, we are now going to have a second general hospital built in Pyongyang.

I mean that in addition to the Pyongyang General

Hospital that is large in scale and capacity, the second hospital will be built in consideration of the population of the capital city, so as to fully satisfy the demands for outpatient and other medical treatment.

Under study are also a plan for building general hospitals in the provincial seats on a par with the central hospitals and a plan, as a link in the whole chain of the drive for consolidating the foundations of the country's public health, for setting up indispensable medical facilities in places between city and county hospitals and ri clinics.

We are going to report the above-mentioned perspective work plans to the coming Party congress.

Comrades,

It is our consistent stand that no mightiness or advantages of the social system can be expected from a state that is devoid of the will and capabilities to satisfy the demands of its people for the protection of their lives and promotion of their health.

To make it clearest, it is our will to powerfully push ahead with the building up of the country's public health so as to transform it in the near future.

Building up the public health capabilities is, in fact, as crucial as building up the nation's defence capabilities for defending the people's lives and safety

against the threat of war.

In view of the intrinsic demands of our society, which values human lives most, and the demands of reality, in which public health is getting nearer to the security and future destiny of our state, I think that building up the foundations of public health should naturally be regarded as the most important of state affairs.

The heavy duty of carrying out the public health revolution, which we, as revolutionaries, have assumed courageously for our precious people, demands that we, faithful to our duty, wage a steady struggle and make redoubled efforts.

Comrades,

Let us work as hard as we can for a more beautiful future, when our people will enjoy a rich and cultured life in happiness maintaining their good health.

I hope that the Pyongyang General Hospital will remain forever a facility that injects vigour of life and inexhaustible vitality into our people, a palace that defends their health and laughter.

Sincerely wishing that all our people will enjoy good health and lead a happy life and renewing my firm determination to serve them more faithfully, I will end my inauguration speech here.

Thank you.

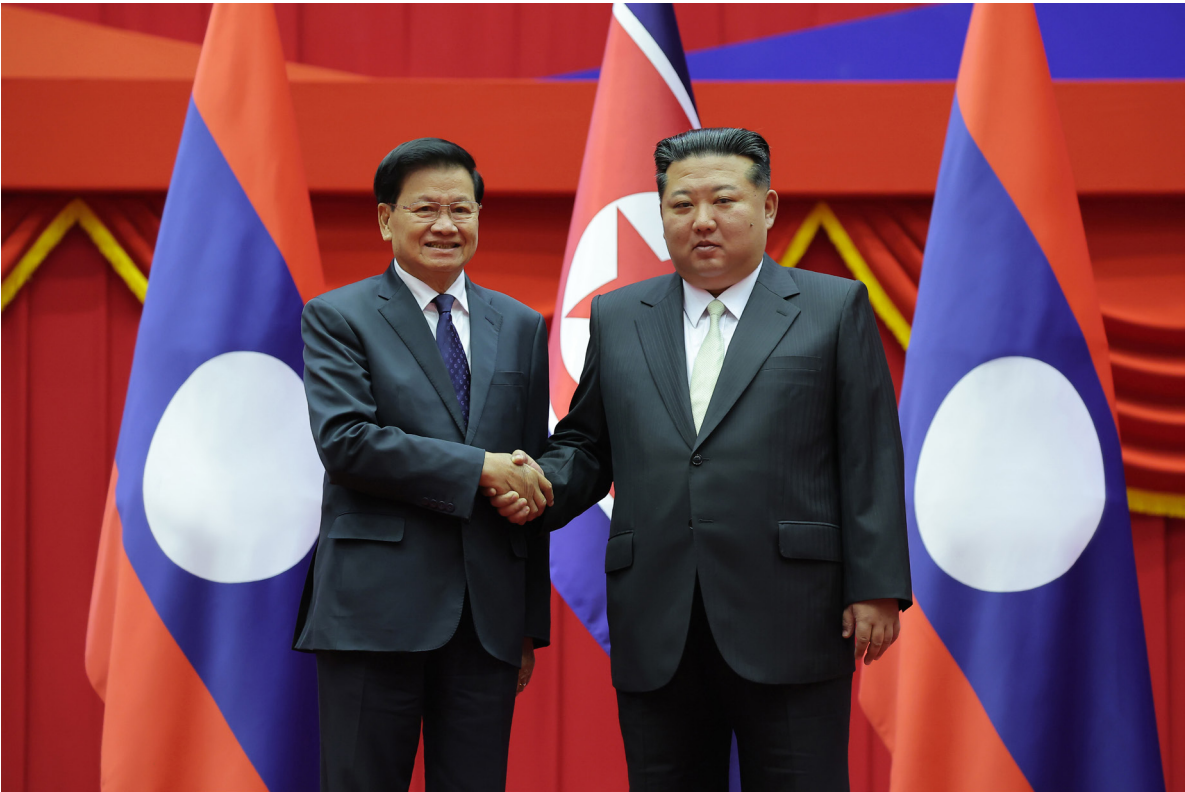
Ceremony held to welcome Lao President

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There took place on October 7 a ceremony for welcoming Thongloun Sisoulith, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People’s Revolutionary Party and president of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, who is on a congratulatory visit to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

Present at the ceremony were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Ri Hi Yong, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Choe Son Hui, minister of Foreign Affairs of the DPRK, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, and other leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs and citizens, youth and students in Pyongyang.

The national flags of the DPRK and the LPDR were seen and a guard of honour of



entourage members of the Lao side, he took the reviewing stand with Thongloun Sisoulith.

A 21-gun salute was fired amid the playing of the national anthems of the LPDR and the DPRK.

Guided by Kim Jong Un, Thongloun Sisoulith reviewed the guard of honour of the KPA.

There took place a march-past of the guard of honour of the KPA.

When the ceremony was over, the venue was filled with stormy cheers of “Welcome” and “Friendship”, reflecting the Korean people’s feelings of friendship with the Lao people.

the Korean People’s Army was lined up at the venue for the ceremony.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, came to the venue for the ceremony.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly greeted Comrade Thongloun Sisoulith and had a photo taken with him against the background of the national flags of the two countries.

Kim Jong Un introduced to Thongloun Sisoulith the leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs who came to receive him.

After exchanging greetings with Vilay Lakhamphong, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the LPRP who is concurrently deputy prime minister and minister of Public Security, Thongsavanh Phomvihane, foreign minister of the LPDR, and other

Warmly welcoming Thongloun Sisoulith who paid a congratulatory visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK, Kim Jong Un expressed his pleasure of meeting him.

Referring to his impressions of visiting Pyongyang again after the lapse of 14 years, Thongloun Sisoulith expressed heartfelt thanks to the WPK and the government and people of the DPRK for their warm hospitality.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has talks with Lao President

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, had talks on October 7 with Thongloun Sisoulith, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People’s

Revolutionary Party and president of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, on a congratulatory visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

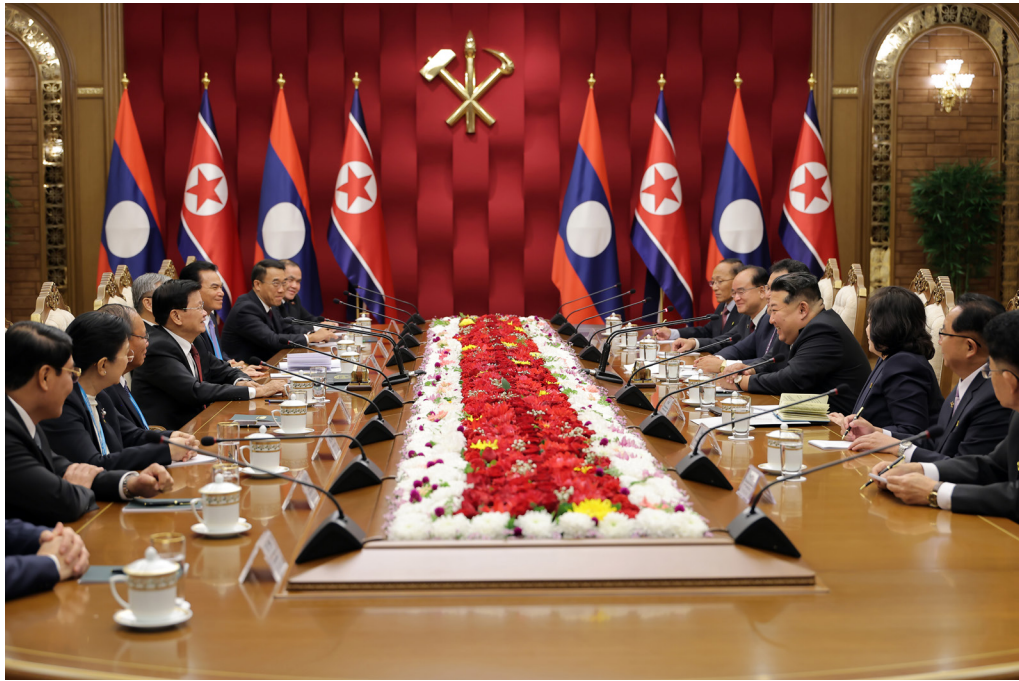
The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly welcomed the visit of Comrade Thongloun Sisoulith to Pyongyang and said that his visit is an expression of the

full support and encouragement of the Lao party, government and people for the cause of the WPK and the Korean people.

He said that our Party, government and people wished the Lao party and people greater successes in their struggle.

Thongloun Sisoulith conveyed the best wishes and comradely greetings of

the Lao People’s Revolutionary Party, government and people to the WPK, the DPRK government and people significantly greeting the WPK’s 80th founding anniversary. He said that Laos is always a close friend of the fraternal Korean people and it is the consistent



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stand of the state leadership of Laos to continue to develop the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two parties and the two countries.

The talks introduced the experience gained by the two parties and the two countries in building their parties and states and discussed issues arising in boosting mutual cooperation between the DPRK and the LPDR.

The talks expressed expectation and conviction that the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the

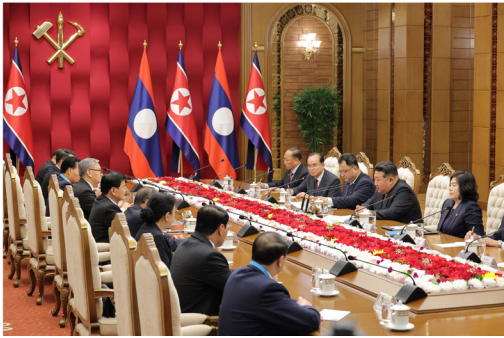
two parties and the two countries would grow stronger in conformity with the aspirations of the two peoples.

The talks proceeded in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

That evening Kim Jong Un hosted a reception in welcome of Thongloun Sisoulith's visit to Pyongyang.

Kim Jong Un and Thongloun Sisoulith made speeches at the reception.

Kim Jong Un wished Thongloun Sisoulith good health and great success in his important activities for leading the party and the state, and exchanged farewells with him.



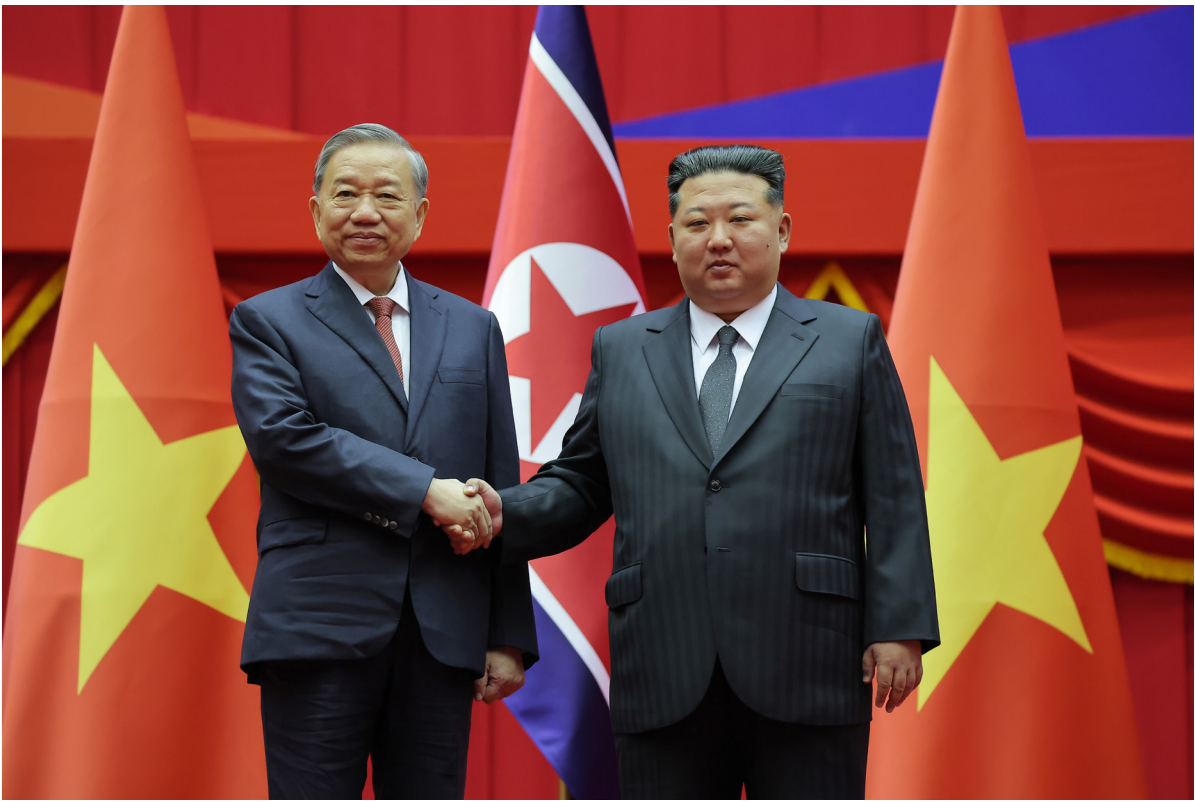
Ceremony held to welcome General Secretary of Central Committee of Communist Party of Vietnam

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There took place a ceremony on October 9 to welcome To Lam, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, on his state visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to attend the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The national flags of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam were hoisted and a guard of honour of the Korean People's Army lined up at the venue for the ceremony.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Hi Yong, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, other leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces



organs, Pyongyang citizens and youth and students.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, came to the venue for the ceremony.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly greeted Comrade To Lam and

had a photo taken with him against the background of the national flags of the two countries.

To Lam exchanged greetings with the leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs of the DPRK who came to receive him.

Kim Jong Un met with Le Minh Hung, Phan Dinh Trac, Nguyen Duy Ngoc,

Do Van Chien, members of the Political Bureau and secretaries of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Nguyen Xuan Thang, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and chairman of the Central Theoretical Council of the Party Central Committee and concurrently president of the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Phan Van Giang, minister of Defence of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and other entourage members of the Vietnamese side, before taking the reviewing stand with To Lam.

A 21-gun salute was fired amid the playing of the national anthems of the SRV and the DPRK.

Guided by Kim Jong Un, To Lam reviewed the guard of honour of the Korean People's Army.

There took place a march-past of the guard of honour of the KPA.

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Kim Jong Un expressed pleasure of meeting To Lam in Pyongyang at the

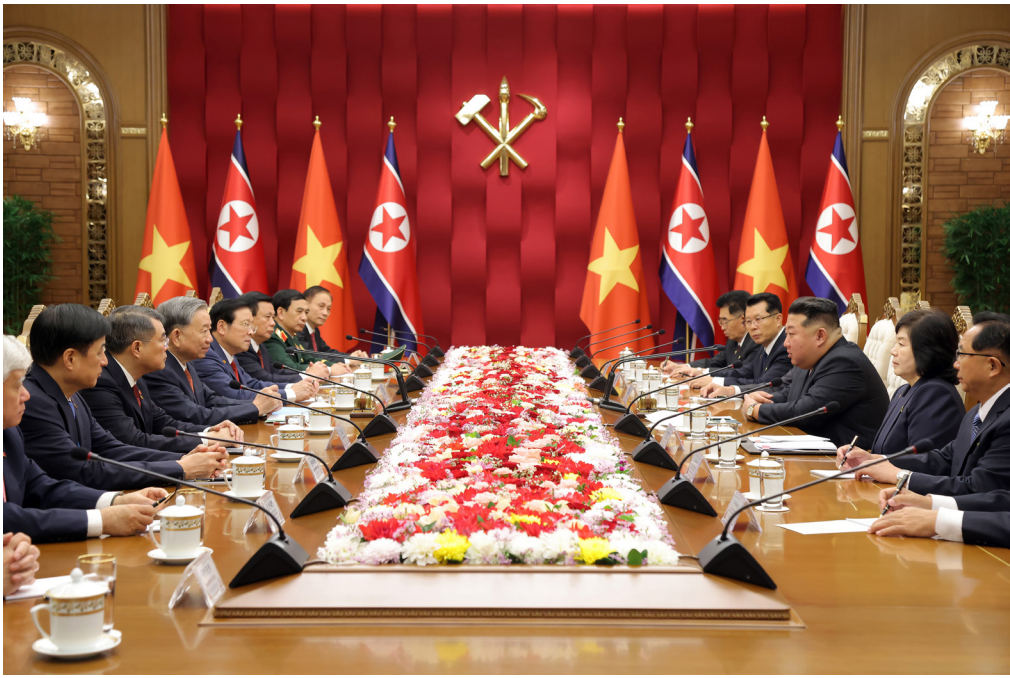
meaningful time when the WPK and the DPRK people are greeting the great auspicious event. To Lam expressed gratitude to

Kim Jong Un, the WPK and the people of the DPRK for cordially welcoming him with the feeling of warm comradely friendship.

He warmly acknowledged the enthusiastically welcoming masses waving the national flags of the two countries and flowers.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un has talks with General Secretary of Central Committee of Communist Party of Vietnam



KCNA

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the

Democratic People's Republic of Korea, had talks with To Lam, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, on October 9.

Warmly welcoming Comrade To Lam who visited Pyongyang with a feeling of comradely friendship of the Vietnamese party and people, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that his visit boosts the friendly ties between the two parties and the two peoples and adds significance to the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

He said he is pleased that the Vietnamese government and people are making signal successes in the struggle for building a powerful and prosperous state under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam.

To Lam extended sincere thanks to Kim Jong Un for according him a cordial reception.

Noting that he is very impressed by the fact that the DPRK people are making eye-opening successes in the struggle for the comprehensive rejuvenation of state by dint of self-reliance, single-mindedly united around the Workers' Party of Korea headed by General Secretary

Kim Jong Un, To Lam expressed the will of the Vietnamese party, government and people to further consolidate the traditional relations of friendship with the WPK and the government and people of the DPRK and develop them at a new level.

At the talks, there was an open-minded exchange of views on the issues arising in positively promoting the cause of building socialism in the DPRK and Vietnam and expanding the long-standing cooperative relations between the two parties and the two peoples as required by the times and other issues of mutual concern.

The general secretaries of the two parties expressed great satisfaction over the results of the talks.

That day, Kim Jong Un hosted a reception in welcome of To Lam's visit to the DPRK.

There were speeches by Kim Jong Un and To Lam at the reception.

The reception proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets Premier of State Council of People's Republic of China



Kim Jong Un conveyed his heartfelt thanks to General Secretary Xi Jinping for dispatching a high-level delegation together with a prestigious art troupe to make the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK more significant and more exuberant.

Kim Jong Un said that the visit to Pyongyang by Li Qiang and the Chinese party and government delegation marks an important occasion of showing the

and government to successfully defend, consolidate and develop the China-DPRK relations.

Discussed at the talk were issues arising in expanding mutual high-level visits, strategic communication, multi-faceted exchanges and cooperation to develop the friendly and cooperative relations, the precious asset common to the two parties and the two countries, in a wider and comprehensive way.



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met and had a friendly talk with Li Qiang, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central

Committee of the Communist Party of China and premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, who is paying an official goodwill visit to the DPRK as head of the delegation of the party and government of the PRC, on October 9.

Warmly welcoming Premier Li Qiang's visit to the DPRK, the respected Comrade

invariable support and special friendly feeling of the Chinese party, government and people towards the WPK and the government and people of the DPRK and their will to attach importance to the traditional DPRK-China friendly and cooperative relations and further develop them.

Li Qiang said that the China-DPRK friendship is entering a new chapter of the development of relations under the strategic guidance of the top leaders of the two parties and the two countries, adding that it is the consistent and steadfast strategic policy of the Chinese party

Saying that it is the steadfast stand of the WPK and the government of the DPRK to further strengthen and develop the friendly and cooperative relations between the DPRK and China as required by the times, Kim Jong Un affirmed that the WPK, the government and people of the DPRK, together with the Chinese comrades, would promote the more vigorous development of the DPRK-China relations in the common struggle for accomplishing the socialist cause.

He hoped that the Chinese people would carry out the 14th Five-Year Plan and achieve greater successes in the course of building a modern socialist state in an all-round way under the leadership of the Communist Party of China with General Secretary Xi Jinping as its core.

The talk proceeded in a friendly and warm atmosphere.



Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un meets President of United Russia Party



KCNA

People’s Republic of Korea, met on October 10 Comrade Dmitri Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party, who is paying a congratulatory visit to the DPRK as the head of the delegation of the United Russia Party on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly greeted Dmitri Medvedev and

firm support of the United Russia Party and the Russian people for and their solidarity with the WPK and the Korean people in their just cause and will serve as a significant opportunity in more



had a comradely and friendly talk with him.

He said that availing himself of the opportunity of meeting the Russian friends on the significant occasion, he extends warm greetings to Comrade Vladimir Putin, his dearest comrade.

Warmly welcoming Medvedev to Pyongyang, he said that the current visit of the delegation of the United Russia Party is an expression of the

vigorously expanding and developing the DPRK-Russia relations, which had been put on a new high level, into a strong and comprehensive strategic partnership and alliance.

Referring to the position and role of the ruling parties in strengthening the political cooperation between the two countries and creating a political environment favourable for the

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Russian artistes give art performance in celebration of WPK’s founding anniversary



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An art performance was given at the Mansudae Art Theatre on the afternoon of October 9 by the Russian art mission on a visit to Pyongyang with the best

wishes and feelings of friendship of the Russian Federation significantly celebrating the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, a sacred and glorious holiday of the WPK and the Korean people, as a common auspicious

event and holiday.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, enjoyed the performance.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the performance would make a distinctive contribution to further boosting the ever-deepening friendly and fraternal relations between the two countries.

Among the audience were Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea, officials of the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, artistes and creators of art troupes at all levels, teaching staffs of art education institutions and Pyongyang citizens.

Members of the Russian embassy in the DPRK also enjoyed the performance.

The performance was given by Russian popular singers and artistes of the Russian State Academic People’s Chorus Named after M. E. Pyatnichki, the “Todec” Ballet Theatre Named after Alla Duhoba and the Air and Space Forces Ensemble of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation.

A flower basket in the name of Kim Jong Un was conveyed to the performers.

Kim Jong Un mounted the stage and expressed thanks to the Russian artistes for their wonderful performance.



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development of the bilateral relations, he hoped that the two parties will steadily boost cooperation and more closely conduct many-sided exchanges and contact to attain the common goals for defending the interests of the two countries and promoting the wellbeing of the peoples of the two countries.

Medvedev said that he was very pleased to visit Pyongyang on

the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK which serves as an important event in the history of the Korean people.

He said that the bravery and self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the Korean soldiers in the Kursk liberation operations proved the solidity of the fraternal ties between the two countries, their special relations of trust and the invincibility of the alliance forged at the cost of blood, and expressed the will to make positive efforts to further

boost exchanges and cooperation between the two parties and the two countries.

At the talk, long-term plans for further revitalizing contacts and cooperation between the Workers’ Party of Korea and the United Russia Party were discussed and views on the issues of mutual concern including the international and regional situations were widely exchanged.

Conveying his warm greetings to the esteemed Comrade Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, and the leadership of the United Russia Party and all its members and other fraternal Russian people, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un wished the leadership of the United Russia Party greater success in the work for defending the sovereignty, security interests and territorial integrity of the state and building a powerful Russia.

He hosted a luncheon for Medvedev and his party.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sees grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance with participants in celebrations and support team members

KCNA

The celebrations held with splendour on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea were recorded in the history of the country as a grand political festival which demonstrated to the whole world once again the absolute dignity and might of the Party and the state shining in the century and gave full play to the ardent trust in and loyalty to the Party of all the people across the country.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers'

Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, congratulated on October 12 the participants in the celebrations and members of support teams who made a contribution to splendidly celebrating the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK through the military parade, grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance and public and torchlight processions which depicted in a grand epic style the immortal revolutionary exploits of the WPK and saw the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance "Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea" together with them.

When the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un took the platform, all the participants broke into stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" with the great excitement

of having the honour of meeting again the supreme representative of the great Party dignified with invincibility and the DPRK, the glorious socialist motherland, and the dear leader of the Korean people.

Kim Jong Un extended warm congratulations to all the participants who splendidly celebrated the 80th founding anniversary of the great Party with ardent loyalty and patriotism.

Taking the platform were commanding officers, officials and creators who made a contribution to the preparations for the successful celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

Prior to the performance, Kim Jong Un expressed thanks to all the participants in the celebrations and members of support teams, saying:

Esteemed Pyongyang citizens,
Our admirable students and young people,

Our enthusiastic artistes,
Our stalwart and courageous officers and soldiers of the parade units,
Comrades,

This time we have had splendid and perfect celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of our Party amid the extraordinary enthusiasm and renewed passion of all the people in the country, attracting the interest and attention of the world.

I really appreciate all of you for participating in the great political and cultural festivals, which have been held on a national scale to mark the anniversary, and working hard

to make a success of them. You have made a substantial contribution to demonstrating the prestige of our Party and state.

The grand events took place one after another for several days, and each time I saw in all the spirited participants their genuine sincerity for, and dedication to, the Party and the state.

Our holiday was really a fantastic occasion which witnessed a succession of great political and cultural festivals.

The festivals climaxed with the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance, the parade of our armed forces, the public procession of Pyongyang citizens and the torchlight procession of youth and students.

All these events required greater artistic skills and cultural attainments than ever before, not to mention a strong sense of organization and strict discipline.

The weather was unfavourable throughout the events, yet everybody performed their role both perfectly and creditably.

All the events were impeccable as a whole and in minute detail, satisfactorily showcasing the cultured

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aspects of our state and its mightiness.

Indeed, thanks to your utmost sincerity and devoted efforts, our celebrations of the holiday were wonderful, and this demonstrated the cohesion, potentials and might of our state adequately and successfully.

The weather was chilly owing to autumn rain and cold wind, but I felt my body and mind burning with fervour. I think this was because I deeply appreciated your spirit of serving the state.

Throughout the celebrations I felt so with deep gratitude and utmost sincerity.

This is by no means a rhetorical expression.

Today I have arranged this meeting at which all the participants in the celebrations are present, because I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks and convey my feeling to you all.

I am so grateful to all of you and you are so precious to me.

On behalf of the Party Central

Committee and the government of the Republic, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks once again to you for having decorated the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the Party as the most splendid of all festivals.

I extend my warm love and affection to your families, wishing all of you good health and happiness.

Comrades,

Finally, I suggest that we give cheers all together as an expression of our boundless affection and respect for our beloved country.

Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the beloved motherland of every one of us!

When Kim Jong Un concluded his speech, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!"

They extended unbounded gratitude and highest tribute to Kim Jong Un who meticulously led them with the great love and trust to demonstrate to the whole world the great history of the Party and the validity of its cause through distinctive political events and attributed all the successes to them with great affection.

The grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance were put on.

All the performers, who had the greatest honour of giving the performance again in the presence of Kim Jong Un, expressed their happiness and excitement through dynamic gymnastics, songs and beautiful dances.

The performance impressively reflected the immortal history of the WPK, which has dynamically made the journey of absolute service for the people since the day of its founding when it upheld the red flag of Mt Paektu for the people, and the stirring reality of the great era of Kim Jong Un when all the ideals of the people and their dream of comprehensive national rejuvenation are realized by dint of self-reliance along with a new heyday of the build-up of the whole Party.

The performers lauded in a lofty style the truth that there are today's peace and happiness and the bright future and prosperity of all generations to come thanks to Kim Jong Un, the dignity, destiny and future of Juche Korea, through the songs in praise of the motherly Party resounding from one century into the next.

The performance fully demonstrated the strong desire and will to dynamically advance toward the victory of the socialist cause, holding higher the red Party flag of Juche, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee in any storm. It ended with the song "Our National Flag" which instils burning enthusiasm for the revolution and patriotism into the people.

At the end of the performance enthusiastic cheers went up again and fireworks were displayed in the nocturnal sky of October.

Repeatedly appreciating that all the events to celebrate the auspicious holiday of October fully demonstrated the might of single-minded unity, the absolute strength and irresistible force of the DPRK, Kim Jong Un gave warm encouragement to the performers and audience once again.

All the participants firmly pledged to make a genuine contribution to the prosperity of the country by continuing to thoroughly apply to their practical activities the sincere patriotic devotion and revolutionary mettle of creation they displayed for the grand festival of October, cherishing the great love and trust of Kim Jong Un.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun



KCNA

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

Korea, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on October 12 to offer the glory of having celebrated the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK with splendour to the great leaders President Kim Il Sung and Chairman

Kim Jong Il.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who organized and guided the grand celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK in a responsible manner, respectfully offered

the great glory won by the Party and the state to the great leaders.

He said that the high prestige and invincible might of the DPRK and all successes achieved in the revolution and construction are unthinkable apart from the sacred, august names of the great leaders, adding that the revolutionary exploits of the great leaders who laid the solid foundation for the eternal existence and victorious development of the Party and the state will be immortal along with the steady prosperity of socialist Korea.

As the Korean revolution reaches a new stage of upturn and socialist construction speeds up, we will hold higher the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the eternal banner of victory and we will know no slightest veering or momentary deviation on this road, he said, expressing his solemn will to always remain faithful to the revolutionary ideas and cause of the great leaders and devote himself to the sacred struggle for achieving the prosperity of the DPRK and the ideals of the people.



In celebration of WPK's 80th anniversary

Public and torchlight processions climax celebrations of 80th founding anniversary of WPK



KCNA

Public and torchlight processions took place at Kim Il Sung Square on October 11 in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Pak Thae Song and Choe Ryong Hae, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other leading officials of the Party and government took the platform amid the playing of the state welcome music.

The platform was also taken by veteran cadres who

had worked at important state posts for a long time, commanding officers of the large combined units of the Korean People's Army, labour innovators and persons of merit.

Present there at invitation were members of the congratulatory groups and delegations of overseas Koreans, overseas compatriots, foreign guests on a visit to the DPRK and resident diplomatic envoys.

The reserved seats were taken by the participants in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of

Korea, members of the letter of loyalty relay teams and officials and working people of institutions, factories and enterprises in Pyongyang including ministries and national agencies.

Ju Chang Il, alternate member of the Political Bureau and department director of the WPK Central Committee, made a speech.

He stressed that the grand stream of single-minded unity that would flow through the square of glory etched with the victorious history of the Korean revolution will be a solemn description of the history, the present

and the future of the WPK with the solid cornerstone unshakeable in the face of serious challenges and pressure and demonstrate the will of the younger generation who will be infinitely loyal to the Juche-oriented socialist cause led by the WPK.

Amid the solemn playing of the song "People Offer Glory to Our Party", the public procession began with a float depicting the symbolic tower of the Workers' Party of Korea at the head.

When the demonstrators holding high the portraits of the pioneer generation of the cause of party building

and ardent loyalists who supported the Party with transparent revolutionary faith and moral obligation entered the square full of joy of celebration, a deafening cheer went up from among the audience.

The columns of demonstrators symbolizing the annals of the glorious struggle marched past one after another, telling how the 80-year history of modern Korea could shine full of dignity and honour.

When the column of demonstrators carrying the dear image of the respected Comrade

Kim Jong Un entered the square of celebration highly praising the sacred history of the founding and building of the WPK, all the people were filled with profound reverence and excitement.

It was followed by the column of people cheering the Party building, that of the working class beating middle-size drums, that of floats, that of people cheering regional prosperity, that of dancing farmers, that of children's union members moving rhythmically and others, implanting in the

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minds of people that the new heyday of the build-up of the whole Party, the brilliant new era of our-state-first principle and the history of great change in which both people and the mountains and rivers change beyond recognition, all of which were ushered in on this land in a little over 10 years that can be claimed to be a moment of history, are the immortal revolutionary

exploits that could be performed only by the great Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The column carrying a national flag passed through the square, demonstrating the immutable faith and will to surely achieve the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche under the leadership of the great Party Central Committee, together with the float bearing a large slogan reading "Long live the great Workers' Party of

Korea!"

The public procession culminated with a dazzling display of fireworks.

Then there followed the torchlight procession "Forward, Patriotic Youth, Reserves of the Workers' Party of Korea!"

When the solemn melody of the revolutionary hymn "Ode to General Kim Jong Un" resounded, the torchlight procession heated up with the ardent reverence of

youth and students for the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un, who provided a great history of attaching importance to youth and built a dignified youth power on this land.

All columns of the torchlight procession marching vigorously, forming letters like "Might of Korea" and "Banner of victory", demonstrated the spirit of hot-blooded young people always advancing

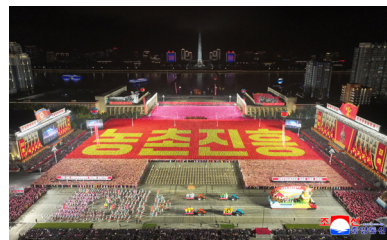
straight forward, following the Party, fluttering the flag of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

In the venue overflowing with the indomitable pioneering and valiant spirit of hot-blooded young people, who are performing miracles and feats in all sites of socialist construction, there impressively appeared formations one after another, depicting new entities which represent the new era of

prosperity of Pyongyang, great changes in regions and rural development, along with those for such letters as "People-first principle" and "Earthly paradise".

While fireworks of different colours and shapes were let off in the night sky over the capital city, the torchlight procession ended with the marching of columns of young vanguard depicting

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the emblem of the WPK and such letters as "Number

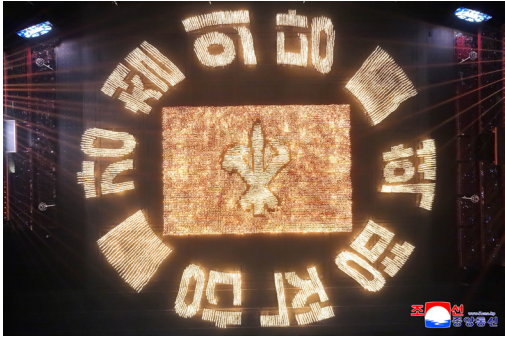
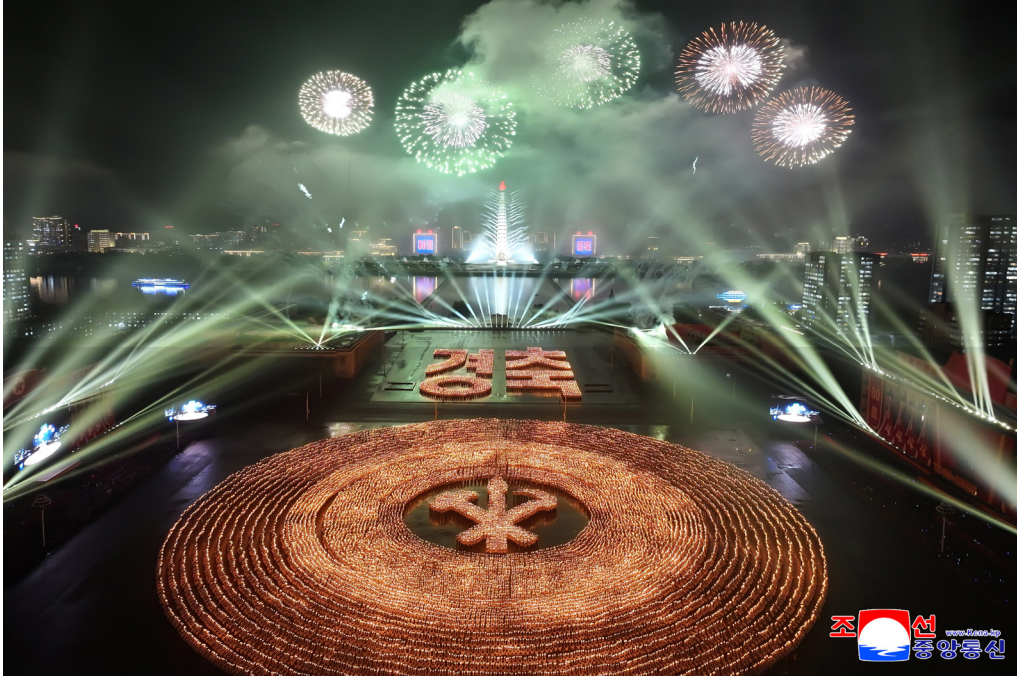
one death-defying corps" and "Glory to the motherly Party!" The public and torchlight

processions in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK fully demonstrated the true features

of the single-minded unity peculiar to the DPRK where the Party and the masses of the people have formed a

harmonious whole, the bright future of the country and the invincible spirit of socialist Korea which is building

a powerful and best ideal society for the people under the leadership of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un.





In celebration of WPK's 80th anniversary

Leading officials of Party, government and armed forces organs visit Kumsusan Palace of Sun



Leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs visit the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun to pay high tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on October 10.

KCNA

All the Party members, other working people and service personnel across the DPRK who have greeted the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea are paying the highest tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, the founder and builders of our dignified Party and its eternal leaders.

Leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, officials of the Central Committee of the WPK and military and political officers of the large combined units of the Korean People's Army visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on October 10.

A flower basket in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid before the statues of the President and the Chairman.

Also laid were flower baskets in the name of the

Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The participants paid high tribute at the statues of the great leaders.

At the halls where the President and the Chairman lie in state, the participants paid homage in humble reverence to them.

All the participants firmly pledged to fulfill their mission and duty as the core of the Party and the backbone of the revolution by carrying forward the original ideal and spirit of the Party more thoroughly and devoting themselves to the sacred cause of realizing the ideal of the people and bringing earlier the overall rejuvenation and development of our state under the wise leadership of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Meeting held to present letters of loyalty to respected Comrade Kim Jong Un

KCNA

A meeting was held in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, on October 7 to present letters of loyalty to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present at the meeting were Pak Thae Song, Choe Ryong Hae and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other leading officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, chief secretaries of the provincial Party committees, members of the relay teams carrying the letters of loyalty, participants in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK, officials of commissions, ministries and national agencies and officials, working people and youth and students in Pyongyang.

Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, made a speech at the meeting.

Upon the authorization of the WPK Central Committee, he expressed deep thanks to the Party members and other working people in different fields and parts of the country who came to Pyongyang with the letters of loyalty sent by all the people and service personnel of the armed forces of the DPRK to Kim Jong Un, the great leader of the WPK and the Korean revolution, on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

He extended warm greetings to all the Party members and other people across the country and the service personnel of

the armed forces of the DPRK who have devoted themselves to the holiday of October, reliably defending the revolutionary posts with firm trust in the Party and pure sincerity, the members of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan and the General Association of Koreans in China who sent to the venue of the significant festival the earnest yearning for their socialist motherland and ardent desire to follow it and other overseas compatriots.

Referring to the powerful eruption of loyalty of all the people who absolutely believe and follow Kim Jong Un, he noted that the respected General Secretary is making great efforts to design and carry out every gigantic project for the prosperity of the state and the promotion of the people's wellbeing in a perfect way, saying that he has nothing to desire if the people firmly believe and follow him.

He stressed that all the eye-opening miracles and

changes made on the land of the country are the precious fruition of the idea and energetic leadership of the General Secretary with the spirit of absolute service to the people and the outcome of the ardent loyalty and devoted efforts of the people and service personnel who regard the intention of the General Secretary as their ideal and demand of life and carry it out with their hearts of devotion.

Saying that the worth and pride of achieving the prosperity of the country, holding in high esteem the great leader of the people and the dear father and following his noble patriotism, are the greatest honour that can never be bartered for anything, he ardently called upon all the people to train themselves to be true masters of the revolution and honourable vanguard fighters in the building of the country who sincerely carry forward the baton of loyalty and patriotism and to courageously advance toward a new victory.

The letters of loyalty to

Kim Jong Un from every province, the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, the Korean People's Army, the Ministry of Public Security, the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan and the General Association of Koreans in China were courteously conveyed to members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

The participants broke into stormy cheers, reflecting the unshakable faith of all the Party members, working people and service personnel of the People's Army to greet all glories in the world on the road of following Kim Jong Un.

The meeting for presenting the letters of loyalty to Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK fully demonstrated the firm will of all the people to more courageously strive to accomplish the sacred cause of ushering in a new era of prosperity of the country true to the leadership of the great Party Central Committee.



A meeting is held in Pyongyang on October 7 to present letters of loyalty to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

National symposium held

KCNA

A national symposium was held at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang on October 3 to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present there were Choe Tong Myong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials of the Party and administrative organs and working people's organizations in Pyongyang, information officials in

charge of theory from the armed forces organs, the fields of science, education, art and literature and the media and Party cadre training institutions.

At the symposium, Ri Hi Yong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Yong Sik, chief secretary of the Cabinet Committee of the WPK, Pak Yong Il, vice-director of the General Political Bureau of the Korean People's Army, Ri Yong Sik, headmaster of the Central Cadres Training

School of the WPK, and Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, presented papers that proved the immortal exploits of the peerlessly great men, who pioneered the road of founding a revolutionary Party and set an epoch-making example in building a socialist ruling party with their original ideas and great leadership, and explained the theoretical and practical issues arising in steadily carrying forward the cause

of building the Juche-oriented party.

Speakers proved that President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il were the outstanding leaders and peerless statesmen who founded the WPK and developed it into an invincible revolutionary Party.

They explained that the 80-year ruling history of the WPK is a proud course in which it has led the socialist cause of Juche to victory, taking responsibility for the destiny of the people.

Speakers said that the WPK is the great party reliably defending the sovereignty and security of the state by stockpiling the strongest national defence capabilities.

They proved that the devoted service to the people is the only justification for existence and eternal nature of the WPK.

They stressed the need to successfully carry forward the ideal and spirit of the Party founding under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and

thus usher in a golden age of strengthening the whole Party and a new era of national prosperity.

The speakers expressed their resolve to grasp the immortal exploits of the Party, uphold the idea and leadership of Kim Jong Un with single mind and loyalty and fulfill their responsibilities and duties in the struggle to strengthen the Party's leadership ability and fighting efficiency in every way.



In celebration of WPK's 80th anniversary

Members of Party central leadership body visit Korean Revolution Museum

KCNA

Members of the central leadership body of the Party visited the Hall of Revolutionary Comrades-in-Arms at the Korean Revolution Museum on October 5 on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Being briefed on the photos of the peerlessly great men and the revolutionary relics, they deeply grasped the noble love of the motherly Party which puts forward the beloved revolutionary soldiers as eternal comrades-in-arms and provides them with eternal life.

They keenly realized once again that thanks to the



Members of the central leadership body of the Party visit the Hall of Revolutionary Comrades-in-Arms at the Korean Revolution Museum on October 5.

warm love of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is opening up a new chapter of revolutionary moral obligation, the lives of the soldiers who devoted their

all to the revolutionary cause are shining forever along with the glorious history of the Party despite the passage of time and the change of generations.

National photo exhibition held

KCNA

The national photo exhibition "By Developing the Workers' Party of Korea into Juche-oriented Revolutionary Party, the Genuine People's Party" was held in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

On display at the venue of the exhibition were photos dealing with the revolutionary exploits of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

Photos showed the revolutionary career of the President who founded the WPK on the basis of the solid organizational and ideological foundation provided during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and built it into the



Visitors look round the national photo exhibition.

political general staff of the revolution and the mass party of the working people with invincible fighting efficiency and seasoned leadership ability.

Photos also showed the immortal exploits of Kim Jong Il who developed the WPK into the party of the President forever.

The photos

comprehensively dealt with the leadership history of the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un who proclaimed the modelling of the whole society on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the supreme programme of the WPK and ushered in a new era of build-up of the whole Party.

National fine art exhibition held



Visitors enjoy art works at the national fine art exhibition.

KCNA

A national fine art exhibition was held in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

On display at the venue of the exhibition were art pieces depicting the Party-building exploits of the peerlessly great men who led the WPK to victory for 80 years after the founding of the Party and their noble personalities.

Korean paintings "The Unforgettable First Morning of Party Founding" and "June 19 1964" showed the exploits

of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

On show at the venue of the exhibition were art pieces dealing with the personality traits of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un as a peerlessly great man who is ushering in a new era of comprehensive national rejuvenation on this land and demonstrating the dignity and prestige of Juche Korea all over the world.

There were oil paintings showing the boundless devotion and efforts made by

Kim Jong Un who provided important guidelines guaranteeing the eternal future of the Party building to usher in a new heyday of strengthening the whole Party.

There were also posters and Korean paintings impressively showing that the dignity and honour of the Korean People's Army are shining boundlessly as it is holding Kim Jong Un in high esteem as the supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK.

Famous paintings worthy of national treasure told about the loving care of Kim Jong Un who is bringing the people's dreams and ideals into reality by continuously making a long journey of devoted service for the people's wellbeing.

Also displayed at the venue of the exhibition were sculptures, craftworks, embroideries and other art pieces showing the DPRK people's struggle to win only miraculous victories despite all challenges under the leadership of the Party.

Week-long film show held

KCNA

A week-long film show was held in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

During the week, cinemas and cultural houses across the country showed the documentary film "Ideal

Street of People Built with Great Desire" (3) "Construction of 10 000 Flats in Second Stage in Hwasong Area" dealing with the changed appearance of the DPRK which is making a leap forward, creating great miracles under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

They also showed Korean feature films dealing with the exploits performed by the peerlessly great men in founding and developing the WPK including "The Sun of the Nation", "A Single Heart", "We Will Follow You to the End of the Earth" and "The Ten Party Members of Today".

National industrial design exhibition opens

KCNA

A national industrial design exhibition in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea opened with due ceremony at the Industrial Design Exhibition House of the Central Industrial Design Bureau on October 5.

On display at the exhibition is the photo of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un visiting the venue of the national industrial design exhibition in celebration of the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

Over 2 000 industrial



The exhibits attract the interest of visitors.

designs, products, models and photos which are associated with the leadership exploits of the Party are on display at the exhibition held on the theme of "Industrial design shining under the great leadership" according

to sectors. Present at the opening ceremony were officials concerned and officials and creators in the field of industrial design.

There was a speech at the opening ceremony.

National book exhibition opens

KCNA

An opening ceremony of the national book exhibition for celebrating the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK was held at the Grand

People's Study House on October 7.

Present there were Ju Chang Il, department director of the WPK Central Committee, officials concerned and officials in

the field of publication. Ju Chang Il made an opening address.

The speaker said that the national book exhibition would be held at a significant time when the DPRK people are steadfastly carrying forward the ever-victorious history and tradition of Juche Korea and ushering in a new heyday of strengthening the whole Party and the era of comprehensive development of national prosperity under the guidance of the great Party Central Committee.

After the opening ceremony, the participants looked round the venue of the exhibition.



An opening ceremony of the national book exhibition is held at the Grand People's Study House on October 7.



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Visitors look round the stamp exhibition held in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

KCNA held at the Korean Stamp Museum in Pyongyang in celebration of the 80th

founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea. The opening ceremony was held on October 3. Present there were Ju Chang Il, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials concerned and philatelists in Pyongyang. After the ceremony, the participants went round the venue of exhibition. On display at the exhibition held on the theme "Journey of Victory and Glory" are stamps of over 600 kinds dealing with the 80-year history of the great

Stamp exhibition held

WPK and other stamps presented by philatelists in Pyongyang. The stamps "The Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung Looking at the Party Flag", "The Great Leader Comrade Kim Jong Il Making a Conclusion at the Third Conference of Ideological Workers of the Workers' Party of Korea" and others reflect the immortal Party building exploits of the peerlessly great men who strengthened and developed the WPK into a strong guiding force that leads

the socialist cause along the road of victory and a genuine motherly party that takes responsible care of the destiny of the people. The stamps "The Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Making a Report at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea" and "The Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Participating in the Groundbreaking Ceremony of Regional-industry Factories in Songchon County and Making a Historic Speech" show the immortal exploits of Kim Jong Un who is ushering in the new era of shining changes for the pure succession and development of the WPK, the comprehensive rejuvenation of the state and the well-being of the people. On display at the venue of the exhibition are also the stamps showing the successes achieved in various fields in the annals of the revolution under the leadership of the Party and other stamps of various themes presented by philatelists in Pyongyang.

Reception held for participants in celebrations of WPK's 80th founding anniversary

KCNA of the Workers' Party of Korea. The venues of the reception including the People's Palace of Culture, Okryu Restaurant, Chongnyu Restaurant,

Pyongyang Noodle House, Pyongyang Taedonggang Seafood Restaurant and the general-service ship *Mujigae* were filled with boundless pride and joy of the participants

significantly celebrating the founding anniversary of the glorious WPK as a great revolutionary event to be specially recorded in the history of the Party and an all-people holiday.

Present there at invitation were labour innovators, meritorious persons and other participants in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

Senior Party and government officials attended the reception with the participants in the celebrations. Speeches were made at the reception.

Working people's organizations hold meetings to mark WPK anniv

KCNA Meetings for celebrating the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea were held by working people's organizations on October 3. Present there were Kim Jong Sun, department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Min Sung Chol and Han Kwang Ho, deputy department directors of the WPK Central Committee, officials concerned, officials of the trade unions, the agricultural workers' union and the women's union, workers and members of the trade unions, agricultural workers and members of the agricultural workers' union and members of the women's union. At the meeting of the

workers and trade union members held at the Central Hall of Workers, the reporter and speakers highly praised the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who founded the Juche-type revolutionary Party and developed it into an integral organization and ideologically pure entity. At the meeting of the agricultural workers and members of the agricultural workers' union held at the Unsan County Hall of Culture in North Phyongan Province, the reporter and speakers said that the founding of the WPK, the vanguard unit and powerful militant general staff of the working masses, on October 10 1945 was a solemn declaration heralding the birth of a revolutionary party

KCNA Meetings were held in provinces, cities and counties of the DPRK on October 9 to celebrate the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea. There were reports at the meetings attended by officials of the Party and power organs, working people's organizations, industrial establishments and working people in the local areas. The reporters said that the 80-year history of the WPK is a glorious one in which it has dynamically led the country and people to the victory of socialism under the uplifted banner of Juche. They stressed that the founding of the WPK was an emergence of true vanguard which assumed the important mission to lead the country and the people to socialism with full responsibility for

their destiny and future and a noteworthy political event that directed the history of the country to genuine prosperity. They noted that the 80-year history of the leadership of the WPK is shining brilliantly as it has bravely carried forward the dynamic course of bolstering up the national power while firmly defending the destiny of the country and its people with the faith in independence and self-reliance. They said that the history and exploits of the WPK are shining at the height of the most sacred and noblest glory as they hold the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un in high esteem as the great leader of our Party and revolution. They noted that the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK is a historic watershed in reviewing the proud history of the WPK which put

the country and people on the highest stage of dignity and honour by leading them along the road of Juche-oriented socialism, and carrying forward the dynamic trend towards strengthening the whole Party and achieving the prosperity of the country generation after generation. They said that the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea would serve as a historic occasion to set a new milestone in further enhancing the leadership function and role of the Party and accelerating the overall development of socialism. They called upon all officials, Party members and other working people to defend the absolute prestige of Kim Jong Un politically and ideologically and at the cost of their lives and remain faithful to the leadership of the Party Central Committee with a single mind.

Seminars held in provinces

KCNA Seminars were held in provinces (municipalities) of the DPRK to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea. Present at the seminars were officials of the regional Party and administrative organs and working people's organizations and information officials in

charge of theory from the fields of education, literature and arts, media and the preservation of revolutionary relics and Party cadres training institutions. The seminars heard papers which proved in depth the immortal exploits performed by the peerlessly great men in founding and developing the glorious Workers' Party of Korea

and the important issues arising in ushering in a new era of strengthening the whole Party and achieving prosperity of the state by successfully carrying forward the Party's original ideals and spirit. The speakers said that President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il were outstanding leaders and peerless statesmen who

founded the WPK and developed it into an invincible revolutionary party. They referred to the fact that the immortal exploits performed by the great leaders in the history of founding and developing the Party are more clearly highlighted and brightened thanks to the respected Comrade

Kim Jong Un's original line of Party building in the new era and his energetic leadership. They said that the 80-year-long ruling history of the WPK is a proud course in which it has led the socialist cause of Juche to victory, taking responsibility for the destiny of the people. They also proved that the devoted service to the people



In celebration of WPK's 80th anniversary

Women's union officials and members hold story-telling meeting, dance party

KCNA

Officials and members of the women's union held a story-telling meeting "We'll Travel One Road Forever along the Party" at the Hall of Women in Pyongyang on October 5.

Present there were officials of the women's union and

members of the women's union in Pyongyang.

The performers lauded the Party building and leadership exploits of the peerlessly great men who developed the WPK into the powerful political general staff of the revolution and a genuine motherly party sharing life and death with the masses of

the people.

They told about the loving care and affection of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is warmly leading the women to grow up to be powerful forces responsible for the one part of the revolution. Their stories made the participants wrapped in boundless

reverence for the great father.

The performers called upon all the officials and members of the women's union to display the revolutionary traits peculiar to the Korean women in the historic advance for implementing the decisions of the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee, by modelling

after the noble mental world of the preceding generations.

A dance party of women's union officials and members took place at the plaza of the Monument to Party Founding on October 9 to celebrate the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

The dance party began with the song "Mother's

Birthday".

The participants danced, recollecting the greatness of the Workers' Party of Korea and its sacred history of revolutionary leadership, which has always shared destiny with the people and made the journey of selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people for 80 years.

Performances add splendour to festive mood

KCNA

Artistic information team of youth league central committee

The artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Patriotic Youth League gave a performance "Songs of Young Vanguard Dedicated to the Great Party" at the Central Youth Hall in Pyongyang on October 3.

The performance began with poems and songs "Fly High, Our Party Flag" and "Mother's Birthday". The performers represented the gratitude of the young vanguard to the motherly Party which has recorded the noble history of the Juche-oriented youth movement since the very day of the Party founding.

In female solo "Care of My Destiny" and male solo and pangchang "We Cannot Live without You" the performers sang of the sincere mind of the young vanguard who cannot live even a moment without the care of the motherly Party.

The performance ended with choral recitation of a poem and chorus "We Will

Travel One Road Forever", "Young People, Be Loyal to Our Party" and song and dance "Dear Father".

Workers' artistic information team of GFTUK Central Committee

The workers' artistic information team of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea (GFTUK) gave a performance "Following the Great Party to the Last" at the Central Hall of Workers in Pyongyang on October 8.

The performers highly praised the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung

and Chairman Kim Jong Il who made a new history of building a revolutionary party in the era of independence and steadily developed the WPK with their outstanding ideas and energetic leadership.

The numbers reflecting boundless reverence and admiration for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is making a great journey of devotion for the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people touched the heartstrings of the audience.

The performance ended with choruses "We Will Follow Our Party Forever" and "Oh Party, It's Thanks to Your Care".

UAWK central artistic information team

A performance was given by the artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea at the Oryong Farm of Mundok County, South Phyongan Province, on October 8.

At the performance that began with the chorus "Glory to Our Great Party", the performers sang in high praises of the immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, the outstanding leaders and peerless statesmen, who founded the

revolutionary party of Juche type and developed it into an integral organization and an ideologically pure entity.

As female trio "Our Dear Marshal" and mixed chorus "We Are the Happiest in the World" resounded in the hall, the audience sent warm applause to the performers with boundless reverence for the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who takes warm care of the people across the country.

The numbers, which reflected the cheerful working life of agricultural workers piling up stacks of grain for good harvest while raising the enthusiasm for scientific

farming and high yielding on the blessed land, revved up the performance atmosphere.

National artistic information team of schoolchildren

The art performance "Children's Union, Let's March ahead Following the Party Flag" was given by the national artistic information team of schoolchildren on October 4 at the Pyongyang Municipal Youth Park Open-air Theatre.

The performance began with the prologue "Glory to Our Motherly Party" and ended with the epilogue "Dear Father".



Artistic information teams of the youth league, GFTUK and schoolchildren give performances at halls and a theatre in Pyongyang to mark the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.



Pyongyang International Figure Skating Festival held

KCNA

The Pyongyang International Figure Skating Festival took place at the Ice Rink on October 7 and 8.

The festival, themed "Joy of October on Ice", brought together figure skaters from the DPRK, China, Russia and Uzbekistan.

The DPRK figure skaters showed their beautiful and graceful rhythmic movements, extending the highest glory to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who has provided a firm guarantee for the prosperity of the country and people by developing the Workers' Party of Korea into an invincible guiding force with his outstanding ideas and

leadership.

Foreign figure skaters, too, showed their high skills.

A closing ceremony took place on October 8.

Diplomas were awarded to the players who showed rich artistic representation and high skills at the festival.



The Pyongyang International Figure Skating Festival is held at the Ice Rink in Pyongyang

Chinese artistes give performance

KCNA

A performance was given by Chinese artistes on a visit to the DPRK at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on October 9.

The artistes of the Shanghai Song and Dance Ensemble of China put on the stage the revolutionary dance drama "The Eternal Wave", on the theme of patriotism, loved by the Chinese people.

The performance was acclaimed by the audience as it impressively represented with well-organized drama composition and elegant dance the struggle of underground operatives of the Communist Party of China who fought bravely, displaying matchless heroism and self-sacrificing spirit in the sacred war for achieving the cause of national liberation.



Chinese artistes give a performance on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on October 9.

Flower baskets in the name of the Ministry of Culture of the DPRK and the Chinese embassy in Pyongyang were conveyed to the performers in congratulation of their successful performance.

The performance given by the Chinese artistes on the occasion of the anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea marked an occasion in deepening the friendship between the two countries.



In celebration of WPK's 80th anniversary

Significant celebrations staged across nation

KCNA

All the people in the DPRK significantly celebrated the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

An endless stream of the people yearning for President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il flowed to the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the most sacred temple of Juche where the President

and the Chairman lie in state.

The visitors paid tribute with humble reverence to the peerlessly great men who built the WPK into a mass party absolutely supported and trusted by the people at the plaza of the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun.

Officials, working people, service personnel, young people and schoolchildren visited the statues of the

great leaders and mosaics depicting the images of the peerlessly great men on Mansu Hill and in other parts of the country to lay flower baskets, bouquets and flowers before them.

Many people visited the Party Founding Museum associated with the great Party's founding history on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the

WPK.

There were national flag-raising ceremonies in different parts of the country.

Performances were given in Pyongyang and other parts of the country to celebrate the October holiday.

In Nampho Municipality workers and trade union members had an oratorical meeting and agricultural workers and members of

the Union of Agricultural Workers of Korea a celebration meeting.

Officials of provincial-level institutions in Jagang Province held a sports game with ardent enthusiasm.

Dance parties took place in different parts of the country including South and North Hwanghae provinces.

Service facilities in the capital city and other parts

of the country were crowded with visitors.

The Central Zoo, the Natural History Museum, the Rungna People's Recreation Ground and other bases for cultural and emotional life were filled with happy laughter of working people, students and children.

Streets in the capital city were decorated with spectacular illuminations.



International seminar on Juche idea held in Pyongyang

KCNA

The international seminar on the Juche idea concerning the immortal banner of building a just and peaceful world was held in Pyongyang on October 8 and 9 under the co-sponsorship of the International Institute of the Juche Idea and the Korean Association of Social Scientists on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present there were Harish Gupta and Matteo Carbonelli, vice-director generals of the International Institute of the Juche Idea, and delegations and delegates of organizations for the study of the Juche idea from different countries and regions and a delegation of Korean social scientists in Japan.

Also present there were Thae Hyong Chol, president of the Academy of Social Sciences who doubles as first vice-chairman of the Korean Association of Social Scientists, and scientists in the field of social sciences.

Harish Gupta made an

opening address at the seminar to be followed by a congratulatory speech of Thae Hyong Chol.

They said the history proved the truth that independence is the only way for a nation to live and for a country to prosper, and that when independence is maintained, the genuine dignity of nation and the happy future of the rising generation can be guaranteed, expressing belief that the seminar would be a significant occasion for more deeply grasping the essence of the Juche idea and powerfully propelling the progressive people of different countries to the building of an ideal society of mankind.

Matteo Carbonelli made a keynote report.

The reporter said that the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un clearly indicated the scientific fighting strategy and practical programmes for building a new just and peaceful world and opening up a new chapter for the development of international relations under the uplifted banner of socialism and independence

against imperialism.

Noting that the DPRK is powerfully demonstrating its dignity and might while maintaining the independent stand in the international arena and steering the struggle of progressive mankind to establish a just world order under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, he stressed that such reality further highlights the historic mission of the pioneers of the times and the Juche idea followers.

Speeches were made.

The speakers said that the WPK has ushered in its heyday of strengthening the whole Party by thoroughly applying the revolutionary idea of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to the revolution and construction and steadfastly carrying forward the Party's original ideals and spirit, thus opening up a new era of comprehensive national rejuvenation in which the people's dreams and wishes come true.

They highly praised the revolutionary idea of Comrade Kim Jong Un,



The international seminar on the Juche idea concerning the immortal banner of building a just and peaceful world is held in Pyongyang under the co-sponsorship of the International Institute of the Juche Idea and the Korean Association of Social Scientists.

which is displaying great vitality and traction power in accomplishing the Korean revolution and the cause of global independence, as the beacon of hope of progressive mankind.

Convinced that progressive mankind would invariably

advance along the road of independence and justice and a new society free from exploitation, oppression and subordination would surely be built thanks to the great idea of the times which illuminates the way ahead of them and the Workers' Party of Korea,

the light of the world and the signpost of struggle, they expressed the will to conduct more positive activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea in relevant countries and regions.

A letter to Kim Jong Un was adopted at the seminar.



In celebration of WPK's 80th anniversary

Lao President visits Pyongyang



Thongloun Sisoulith, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and president of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, visits the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea on October 8.

KCNA

At the invitation of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Thongloun Sisoulith, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party and president of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, paid a congratulatory visit to the DPRK on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK between October 7 and 8.

There was a ceremony to welcome him on October 7.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un had talks with him on October 7.

He visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on October 8 to pay high tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

A flower basket in the name of Thongloun Sisoulith was laid before the statues of the President and the Chairman.

He made an entry in the visitor's book that the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun will shine long as the eternal sacred temple in the minds of the Korean people.

He visited the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea and other places on October 8.

Visiting the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK, the Lao president carefully listened to the explanation of the important mission and role of the political

institution which reliably supports the organizational and ideological strengthening of the Party and its leadership activities educationally, practically and academically.

He visited the military hardware exhibition *Defence Development-2025* which opened on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

He looked round with deep interest the achievements and the latest defence assets including ultra-modern weapon systems the DPRK has achieved in the field of national defence according to the original self-defence line of the WPK and under the outstanding guidance of the WPK.

And he toured the exhibition hall of art pieces at the Mansudae Art Studio.

General secretary of CPV Central Committee visits DPRK

KCNA

To Lam, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, paid a visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea between October 9 and 11 at the invitation of Comrade Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

A ceremony took place to welcome the general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam on October 9.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un held talks with him on October 9.

He visited the Kumsusan

Palace of the Sun and paid high tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on October 10.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

A flower basket in the name of To Lam was laid before the statues of the great leaders.

To Lam made an entry in the visitor's book.

He visited Mangyongdae, a sacred place of the revolution.

Being briefed on the immortal revolutionary career of President Kim Il Sung at the historic old home at Mangyongdae, he looked round the historical relics

preserved there.

To Lam had a picture taken in memory of his visit to Mangyongdae.

He also toured the Juche-oriented Musical Art Museum and enjoyed the art performance given by children after looking round the Ho Chi Minh Class of DPRK-Vietnam Friendship Kyongsang Kindergarten.

Agreements on cooperation in various fields between the DPRK and Vietnam were signed at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on October 10.

The agreements on mutual cooperation in different fields including foreign, defence and health ministries of the two countries were signed.



To Lam, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, visits Mangyongdae, a sacred place of the revolution.

Premier of State Council of PRC Li Qiang visits DPRK

KCNA

Li Qiang, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, who is paying an official goodwill visit to the DPRK as head of the delegation of the party and government of the PRC, on October 9.

He visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun to pay homage to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il. He took part in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the

Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, who is paying an official goodwill visit to the DPRK as head of the delegation of the party and government of the PRC, on October 9.

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In celebration of WPK's 80th anniversary

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Talks were held between Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, and Li Qiang, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China

and premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, at the Mansudae Assembly Hall.

Pak Thae Song expressed the invariable stand of the WPK and government of the DPRK to steadily open up a new phase of friendship, saying that the visit of the Chinese party and government delegation to the DPRK served as an important occasion in further consolidating and developing the friendly

relations between the two countries.

He expressed firm support to the policy and stand of the Chinese party and government for steadfastly defending the core interests, including the Taiwan issue, and advancing the socialist cause, adding that the DPRK would oppose hegemony and jointly safeguard the fair international order and peace together with the Chinese comrades.

Li Qiang warmly

congratulated once again the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK on behalf of the CPC, the government of the PRC and the Chinese people, saying it is the steadfast stand of the Chinese party and government to successfully consolidate, successfully defend and successfully develop the traditional China-DPRK friendly relations no matter how the international situation may change.

He expressed the willingness of the PRC to work together with the DPRK to promote the socialist causes of the two countries and support and encourage each other on the multilateral stage and realize international equity and justice.

The talks discussed the issues of boosting the strategic communication between the two parties and the two countries and promoting exchange and

cooperation in all fields, true to the noble intention of the top leaders of the DPRK and China.

The talks took place in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

The Central Committee of the WPK and the DPRK government hosted a reception in welcome of the party and government delegation of the PRC.

The delegation laid a flower basket at the Friendship Tower.

Delegation of United Russia Party visits DPRK



Talks are held at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on October 9 between Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and Dmitri Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party.

KCNA

A delegation of the United Russia Party led by President Dmitri Medvedev visited Pyongyang between October 9 and 11 to take part in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea at the invitation of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of

the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, met on October 10 Comrade Dmitri Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party, who is paying a congratulatory visit to the DPRK as the head of the delegation of the United Russia Party on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

Dmitri Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party, visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on

Mansu Hill in Pyongyang and laid a flower basket before them on October 9.

Talks were held at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang on October 9 between Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and Dmitri Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party.

Present there from the DPRK side were Ri Hi Yong,

member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Song Nam, alternate member of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and director of the International Department of the WPK Central Committee, Yun Jong Ho, minister of External Economic Relations of the DPRK, and officials concerned, and from the Russian side Vladimir Yakushev, secretary of the General Council of the United Russia Party and first vice-chairman of the Russian Federation Council, Aleksandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK, Aleksandr Kozlov, minister of Natural Resources and Ecology of Russia, and members of the delegation of the United Russia Party.

The talks appreciated that the bonds of friendship between the ruling parties and peoples of the two countries are being further deepened with the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK as a momentum.

Expressed there were the will to steadily boost many-sided exchange and cooperation between the WPK and the URP as required by the new era of development of the DPRK-Russia relations ushered in thanks to the leadership of

the heads of state of the two countries and thus make a positive contribution to further enriching the bilateral relations.

At the end of the talks, a joint statement for the development of relations between the Workers' Party of Korea and the United Russia Party was adopted.

The joint statement was signed by Ri Hi Yong, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, on behalf of the WPK, and Vladimir Yakushev, secretary of the General Council, on behalf of the URP.

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea hosted a reception at the Kumsusan State Guesthouse on the evening of October 9 in welcome of the visiting delegation of the United Russia Party.

Present there at invitation were Dmitri Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party, members of the delegation and members of the Russian embassy in Pyongyang.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, and other senior Party and government officials.

The participants

toasted the health of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, and the wellbeing and prosperity of the fraternal peoples of the two countries.

The delegation of the United Russia Party led by President Dmitri Medvedev laid a wreath at the Liberation Tower on October 9.

Dmitri Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party, visited the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea, the "pedigree farm" and the highest institute for training the backbone of the Party.

Being briefed on the fact that the political school is further enriching the treasure house of the Party's ideology and theory and reliably guaranteeing the steady succession and development of the revolutionary cause of Juche, Dmitri Medvedev went round various places of the school.

He visited the military hardware exhibition *Defence Development-2025* that opened on the occasion of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

He looked round with keen interest the powerful ultra-modern military hardware of the Korean style, a clear proof of the steady leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea which reliably defends the sovereignty and dignity of the DPRK by building up the greatest national defence capabilities.

The delegation of the United Russia Party headed by President Dmitri Medvedev took part in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea during its visit to the DPRK.



The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea hosts a reception at the Kumsusan State Guesthouse on the evening of October 9 in welcome of the visiting delegation of the United Russia Party.



Dmitri Medvedev, president of the United Russia Party, visits the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea.



In celebration of WPK's 80th anniversary

Joint statement between WPK and URP adopted

KCNA

A joint statement on the development of relations between the Workers' Party of Korea and the United Russia Party was adopted on October 9.

The joint statement was signed by Ri Hi Yong, secretary of the Party Central Committee, on behalf of the WPK, and V.V. Yakushev, secretary of the General Council, on behalf of the URP.

The joint statement said as follows:

The Workers' Party of Korea and the United Russia Party jointly celebrated with splendour the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK, the guiding force of the heroic people of the DPRK.

Both sides reaffirmed their will to continue developing the relations

between the two parties and the two countries at a high level in the light of the ties of friendship between the peoples of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation and the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries and on the basis of the agreement on exchange and cooperation between the WPK and the URP concluded in Moscow on October 25 2018.

Both sides shared the views that the mounting political and military tension on the Eurasian continent and the rest of the world is, above all, directly linked to the aggressive politics of the West to continue maintaining at any cost the dangerous and non-constructive line to realize overall hegemonism for only the self-interest of the ruling class and

the illegal interference in internal affairs of sovereign states.

In this regard, the United Russia Party expressed firm support for the measures taken by the leadership of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to bolster up the country's defence capabilities.

The WPK expressed firm solidarity with Russia's stand on the issue of coordinating the crisis in Ukraine and full support for the special military operations being conducted by the Russian armed forces.

The United Russia Party expressed sincere thanks to the WPK and the leadership of the DPRK for making a decision on dispatching units of the Korean People's Army to Kursk Region to take part in the operations for liberating the region from the robbers of the Kiev authorities.

The Russian people will always remember the feats of the officers and soldiers of the Korean People's Army who displayed distinguished bravery and heroism in the fight against the occupiers.

Both sides reached a consensus of views on the common goal for jointly coping with the attempts to distort historical events and struggling against the forces disturbing peace and stability in Northeast Asia including the Korean peninsula, revival of fascism and Nazi ideas and neocolonialist acts persistently committed by the West.

It is necessary to defend and promote the establishment of a new world order in which the rights of all countries and peoples are reliably guaranteed without coercion from the West.

Both sides expressed their intention to strengthen the ties through active dialogue between the party central bodies, between regional organizations and between the activists of the basic party cells in order to implement the already reached agreements, and planned a series of joint events including continuing and activating the exchange of delegations.

The participation of the delegation of the United Russia Party in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK marked a significant occasion in further developing the relations between the ruling parties of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation and deepening the comprehensive strategic partnership and alliance between the DPRK and Russia.

Russian parliamentary political parties visit Pyongyang



Choe Ryong Hae meets with heads of the delegations of parliamentary political parties of Russia, and leading members of the delegations.

Affairs Committee of the State Duma, and Dmitri Novikov, vice-chairman of Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and first vice-chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the State Duma, who are heads of the delegations of parliamentary political parties of Russia, and leading members of the delegations who paid a courtesy call on him and had talks with them in a friendly atmosphere at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on October 9.

They took part in the celebrations of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Foreign party delegations, delegates visit Pyongyang

KCNA

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, met and had talks in a friendly atmosphere with heads of delegations, delegates and leading members of foreign parties who paid a courtesy call on him at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on October 9.

They included Brenda Rocha Chacon, president of the Supreme Election Council of the Republic of Nicaragua, Alberto Anaya Gutierrez, national leader

of the Workers' Party of Mexico, Nsue Mengue, first deputy general secretary of the Democratic Party of Equatorial Guinea, Tania Diaz Gonzalez, vice-chairwoman of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela, Walter Sorrentino, national vice-chairperson of the Brazilian Communist Party, Mohammad Ali Amani, general secretary of the Islamic Coalition Party of Iran, and Mario Maurici, member of the Sao Paulo State Committee of the Brazilian Workers' Party and major members.

They visited Mangyongdae, the birthplace of President Kim Il Sung on October 9.

They also toured the Korean Revolution Museum, the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK and the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace.

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The delegations of parliamentary political parties of Russia visited Pyongyang between October 9 and 11.

Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the

Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, met with

Sergei Mironov, chairman of the Socialist Political Party "For Just Russia-Patriots-Truth" and chief of the party group of the State Duma, Leonid Slutski, chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia and chairman of the International

Reception given for home-visiting overseas Koreans

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A reception was given on October 12 for overseas Koreans who visited their homeland in celebration of the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Present there at invitation were the congratulatory group of Koreans in Japan, the congratulatory group of the General Association of Koreans in China, the

congratulatory group of the International Social Confederation of Koreans, the delegations carrying the letters of loyalty sent by the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan and the General Association of Koreans in China, the delegation of Koreans in China and the delegation of Korean social scientists in Japan for celebrating the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK.

Present there were Ri Son Gwon, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and officials concerned.

Ri Son Gwon made a speech at the reception.

The speaker congratulated the compatriots who had the honour of significantly celebrating the 80th founding anniversary of the WPK in the presence of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

He expressed belief that all overseas Koreans would, in the future too, firmly believe in and follow only the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, who put the DPRK on the apex of the century as a powerful and dignified country and is leading the great historic cause of realizing the people's ideal to victory, and wholeheartedly advance along the road of patriotism.



Choe Ryong Hae meets and has a talk in a friendly atmosphere with heads of delegations, delegates and leading members of foreign parties who paid a courtesy call on him at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on October 9.

