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Our Party Is a Revolutionary Party With Unyielding Will and Courage

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[Article by Choe Tae-pok]

[Text] Our people have engraved the annual ring of great victory on the chronicle of the glorious Korean revolution through their protracted and arduous struggle.

Ever since the party was founded, our people have surmounted multilayered barriers and difficulties with their own strength on the road of protracted and arduous struggle and have, thus, created a history of great change and advance.

By brilliantly carrying out the two phases of social revolution in a short period of time in history and by vigorously accelerating socialist construction, our people have liquidated centuries-long backwardness and poverty and, thus, have built an infinitely prosperous, rich, and independent country on this land. Today, our revolution is making a long drive taking advantage of victory and independent country on this land. Today, our revolutionary struggle and construction along the single road of victory with indomitable fighting spirit and courage.

The strong will that the people display in the revolutionary struggle is an expression of their independent ideological consciousness. It is also the firm will and determination to pioneer their destinies by themselves. The courage that the people display in the revolutionary struggle is precisely the strength and mettle which create a miracle by boldly advancing forward without hesitation or trepidation, under any circumstances.

The strong will and courage are the source of force, which makes it possible to boldly surmount all sorts of difficulties and trials and, thus, to lead the revolutionary struggle to victory. Therefore, the strong will and courage are the traits that the party of the working class and communists should have.

The Workers’ Party of Korea [WPK], which was born amid the flames of arduous struggle, has unstintedly demonstrated its noble leadership traits of boldly overcoming all sorts of barriers and trials with iron-like, firm will and courage, thus creating miracles and changes.

The traits of the party of the working class are prescribed by its leadership traits. The leadership might of the WPK, which has led the revolution along the single road of victory with indomitable will and courage, is precisely the might of the lofty leadership traits of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song who is the founder and the leader [yongdoja] of the party.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song is the outstanding leader who has led the Korean revolution along the single road of victory and glory with iron-like will and matchless courage.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song has wisely led our revolution from victory to victory, taking upon himself the heavy burden of the times and the revolution. The course of the great leader’s sacred struggle for national liberation and for the country’s prosperity and grandeur under the banner of the chuche idea has been not only the road of bloody struggle, but also the unprecedentedly awesome and complicated road of creation to sternly do away with old things and to pioneer and change everything anew. On the course of opening the new road of historic change, the respected
and beloved leader has created the brilliant mode of the revolutionary leadership of boldly breaking through all sorts of difficulties with his iron-like will and courage—which no one can dare to have—and of leading the revolution to a great upsurge and victory.

The work of creating revolutionary changes and renovation while overcoming arduous trials can be accomplished only by the tested leadership of an excellent leader. The Korean revolution, which has overcome unprecedentedly arduous trials, has been able to consistently traverse the single road of victory and advance, because the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has wisely led the revolution, while boldly breaking through all sorts of difficulties with his extraordinary leadership traits, iron-like will, and courage.

The course of the rewarding struggle in which our people have won great victory in the revolution for national liberation, the revolution for democracy, and the socialist revolution and in which they have vigorously accelerated socialist and communist construction is precisely the history of exploits in which the great change, prosperity, and grandeur unprecedented in our long history have been created.

All of the proud and dignified things unfolded on the land of the fatherland and all of the infinitely noble changes made in the people’s lives—ideological, economic, and cultural—are directly related to the extraordinary leadership traits of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song who has brilliantly opened the victorious road of the revolution with his iron-like will and courage even under the difficult conditions in which the country is still divided due to the U.S. occupation of South Korea and, consequently, its situation has become tense all the time.

In the difficult postwar period when antiparty and counterrevolutionary factional elements directly challenged the party, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song—who achieved national liberation and led the fatherland liberation war to victory—smashed the challenge of these factional elements at one blow and, thus, demonstrated his ever-victorious leadership might that is constantly creating heroic exploits with iron-clad will and peerless courage, overflowing with vigorous energy and a militant spirit.

Our party, which inherited the lofty leadership traits of the respected leader Comrade Kim Il-song, is demonstrating its grand appearance as the revolutionary party that is constantly creating heroic exploits with iron-clad will and peerless courage, overflowing with vigorous energy and a militant spirit.

The might of the indomitable will and courage cherished by our party is being displayed in the fact that our party boldly designs and carries out all projects on a large scale.

Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Political Bureau Presidium and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, has indicated:

“It is an important demand of the communist work style and the party’s work method to carry out the work on a large scale and to boldly push ahead with it.”

It is the communist work style and the militant work method that the party of the working class should maintain to boldly design and carry out all projects on a large scale.

Having put forward the militant program on the chuche-orientation of the entire society, our party showed a brilliant leadership example by boldly carrying out and energetically pushing ahead with the struggle to realize it. With matchless courage and grand conceptions which marvel the world, our party has unfolded the work of remodeling men in a communist manner, the grand work of remaking nature, the work of constructing ever-lasting monumental creations, and the work of the grand construction march. Thus, it has led these struggles to great victory by operating them in a daring way and by organizing them in an assiduous manner.

The miraculous events and great reforms taking place today in our country are the outcome of the wise leadership of our party, which carries out all work in a bold manner with iron-clad will, matchless courage, vigorous fighting spirit and energy.

The gigantic scale and the speed of construction of the facilities for the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students, held for the first time in Asia, demonstrated the might of the revolutionary leadership of our party, which is leading the socialist construction along the single road of reform and exploits with strong will and courage and through a bold and large-scale operation.

Under our party’s bold plans, courage, and refined leadership, as many as 260 large-scale construction projects, including the May Day Stadium with 150,000 seats, have been completed in Pyongyang in only the past 2 years, and the Kwangbok Street, the Street of Youth and the sports village, which will be handed down permanently together with the era of chuche, were built.

The indomitable will and courage cherished by our party are being vigorously displayed in our party’s strong combat capabilities of excellently accomplishing any
revolutionary task, no matter how great it may be, in the shortest period of time and on the highest standard by waging the speed battle.

The speed battle is a revolutionary work principle that enables one to carry out all work in a lightning manner and is a basic combat formula in the socialist construction. Only when the principle of the speed battle is correctly embodied, can the tasks be successfully accomplished in the shortest time and on the highest standard by fully demonstrating the zeal and boundless strength of the masses.

The party of the working class, which is leading the popular masses by taking the responsibility for their destiny, should not only put forward the correct lines and policies but should also have the revolutionary work trait to thoroughly accomplish such lines and policies in the shortest time and at the highest level under any difficult circumstances. Herein lies the militant strength and temperament of the party carrying out the revolution.

By thoroughly embodying the principle of the speed battle in leading the socialist construction, our party achieved miraculous successes by excellently accomplishing huge tasks, which one cannot imagine with his common sense, in a short time and with the highest standard. Once our party makes a decision, it vigorously carries out the tasks and all large-scale work based on the principle of the speed battle. Thus, our party created a new march speed in the economic construction and effected revolutionary reforms one after another, drawing the admiration of the people of the world.

That our People's Army and the people attained a miraculous success in building the Sohae lockgate, the world's first-rate building structure of enormous magnitude, through their heroic struggle on a rough sea of 20 ri in a short period of 5 years was a shining fruition of the revolutionary leadership of our party, which exercised its wise leadership with its indomitable, firm will andpluck so that everything could be carried out brilliantly on the supreme level within the shortest period of time.

Our party, which has led the country's socialist construction along the road of a great upswing, creating an amazing speed of march, has thoroughly shown its refined leadership trait by carrying out unprecedentedly enormous tasks at the most superior level within the shortest period of time, through the 200-day campaign conducted twice, during the last year and during the first half of this year. These shining victories are the proud fruition brought forth by the might of our party's leadership and the great victory achieved in the embodiment of the revolutionary policy of the speed battle. This made it possible for the noble faith, which our people would not trade for anything—the firm faith that there cannot be any difficulties unsolvable or any fortress unoccupiable when they uphold the party's leadership—to take root deeper in the hearts of our people.

By vigorously conducting the movement of the great march to attain the 10 major prospective targets of socialist economic construction today, our party is creating a new history of a speed battle, adding luster to the eighties to make it an era of the most brilliant exploits in the socialist construction of our country.

The firm will and pluck of our party are also vigorously demonstrated in the ethos, which does not allow the slightest slack or standstill, which always opens a way to progress through struggle, and which allows continuous innovations and advances.

Not allowing slack or standstill, opening a way to progress through struggle, and making continuous innovations and advances is the work ethos and revolutionary trait to be maintained by communists and the working class party.

For the working class party to fulfill the arduous revolutionary cause that lasts for a long tie, we should maintain the stubborn ethos, upholding the struggle banner, of not allowing the slightest slack or standstill, opening a way to progress through struggle, and effecting continuous innovations and advances. If struggle is abandoned by the party, the militant vanguard organization leading the revolutionary struggle, slack, and standstill in society will be unavoidable and we will not be able to advance the revolution. When the party keeps upholding the banner of the revolution and opens a way to progress through struggle, it can give the people hope for the future, faith in victory, and courage, and can incite them to make a vigorous magnificent march for the victory of the revolutionary cause.

Effecting continuous innovations and advances toward a new high target, while opening a way to progress through struggle, is the principle that our party has maintained consistently. Because of this, our party is highly demonstrating its honor and might as a party engaging in the revolution and struggle, continuous new changes are taking place in our country, and our people's revolutionary cause is advancing at an exceptionally rapid speed.

Today the exceptionally large-scale construction projects are being pushed ahead on the road of march to model the entire society on the chuche idea, bringing forth new changes every day before the country. This proud reality has been achieved by our party, which opens a road of advances through struggle with an indomitable will and unmatched pluck and wisely leads the people along the road of continuous innovations and advances.

Also, the indomitable will and pluck our party has is intensively expressed as it counters the antirevolutionary offensive with the revolutionary offensive.

It is the traditional leadership trait of our party to counter an antirevolutionary offensive with a revolutionary offensive and lead the revolution and construction toward continuous upsurges.
How to cope with an antirevolutionary offensive becomes a fundamental problem in determining the revolutionary position of the working class. Only when we counter an antirevolutionary offensive with a revolutionary offensive, can we thoroughly crush the maneuvers of the imperialists and the reactionaries, defend the revolutionary gains, and vigorously advance the revolutionary cause.

The resolute position of countering an antirevolutionary offensive with a revolutionary offensive presupposes high revolutionary principles and an indomitable firm will and pluck. Without an indomitable revolutionary spirit, stubborn will, and bold pluck, we cannot crush an antirevolutionary offensive with a revolutionary offensive, nor can we lead the revolution to continuous upswing.

The entire course our revolution has traversed has been that of an arduous struggle of crushing the antirevolutionary offensive of the imperialists and all forms of reactionaries with a revolutionary offensive and leading the revolution and construction along the single road of victory and advance. Today the revolutionary struggle of our people is being carried out in a very difficult and complicated environment in which the antirevolutionary challenge of the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean reactionaries are being continuously stepped up and the counterrevolutionary trend is prevailing.

Whenever the maneuvers of the imperialists and all forms of reactionaries were intensified and the situation of the revolution within and without grew complicated, our party firmly maintained a resolute position of anti-imperialism and the revolutionary position of the working class, so that it could vigorously advance the revolution and construction.

Because our party has this leadership trait, it is vigorously accelerating the great socialist march today, resolutely crushing the frenzied anticommunist, anti-Republic commotions of the imperialists and the reactionaries, and is changing the prevailing grave situation to one favorable for the advance of the revolution.

Our party is thus highly demonstrating its invincible might as a revolutionary party of indomitable will and pluck, militant spirit, and overflowing vitality that actively overcomes any difficult trials and brilliantly opens a road of victory. Our party is being strengthened into a militant party of indomitable firm will and pluck because it has an endless loyalty to the chuche revolutionary cause and the noble revolutionary spirit.

The working class party's leadership trait and struggle ethos is, above all, the manifestation of the loyalty to the revolutionary cause and the revolutionary spirit.

Our party has the endless loyalty to the chuche revolutionary cause and the indomitable revolutionary spirit determined to complete the revolution and construction to the end thoroughly with the strength of our people and in our own style. Our party makes it its fundamental mission to complete the chuche revolutionary cause and leads all work and activities to this end. Completing the chuche revolutionary cause purely to the end is our party's noblest mission and its unswerving iron will.

Our party is also a great party with the indomitable revolutionary spirit which overflowed in the Paektu forest during the glorious era of anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle that pioneered the bright future of the Korean revolution. This is why our party has a firm will and unmatched pluck as a major characteristic of its leadership trait.

Our party's indomitable will and pluck are also based on the absolute trust in the strength of the popular masses.

Our party is an outstanding and refined guide that always and absolutely trusts the strength of the popular masses and creates miracles and changes based on their united strength.

This trust in the strength of the popular masses is a starting point of all the activities and an unswerving faith of our party. Our party has a firm position that the fundamental factor for the successful solution to all problems rests with the people's popular masses, and makes it its consistent leadership principle to carry out the revolution and construction by inciting the inexhaustible strength of the popular masses.

The popular masses have an enormous strength that no individual can exert, a strength that can remake and change the world in conformity with their aspirations and demands, and have the rich experience they accumulated over a protracted history.

Whenever a difficult situation was created and difficult tasks emerged, our party overcame the trials and successfully advanced the revolution and construction by trusting and depending on the strength of the working class and the popular masses.

The sublime relations of trust formed between the party and the popular masses and the firm unity and cohesion based on such relations are the source of the strength of our party that overcomes any tempestuous trials of the revolution with iron will and determination and continues its victorious advance.

The might of the leadership of our party that has indomitable will and determination is the shining symbol of the outstanding leadership art of dear Comrade Kim Chong-il and of his sublime leadership traits. Because of his wise, outstanding, and refined art of leadership, our party is highly enjoying its might as a revolutionary party with ever-victorious militancy and leadership might, and is guiding with confidence the rewarding struggle to complete the chuche revolutionary cause along the ever-victorious road.

Because dear Comrade Kim Chong-il leads them wisely with his sublime leadership traits, our people vigorously advance the revolution and construction without the slightest letdown or standstill, scoring great victories in...
socialist construction. It is the greatest honor and pride for the Korean communists and people to carry on the revolution following the guidance of the mighty party that leads the cause of socialist construction along the single road of victory and advance always upholding the red banner of the revolution and with firm will and determination. Cherishing this endless pride and self-respect deep in our hearts, we should make a more vigorous advance while firmly rallying around the party and the leader.

All functionaries, party members, and working people should firmly establish their revolutionary outlook based on the leader and thoroughly embody the great leadership traits of our party whose invincible might and vitality have been thoroughly demonstrated in actual struggle.

Deeply learning our party's leadership traits and overflowing with iron will, courage, and the revolutionary spirit is all the more important in view of the situation of our revolution within and without and the unprecedentedly lofty revolutionary task assigned to us.

The situation of our revolution within and without is very tense and complicated. The U.S. imperialists and the South Korean reactionaries have been further escalating the anti-Republic maneuvers from various angles, extremely aggravating the situation on the Korean peninsula. The U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique are accelerating new war preparations. Maneuvering to permanently divide our country and nation, which constitutes one stretch of land sharing one blood vein, they are viciously pursuing “nordpolitik.”

The imperialists' anticomunist and antisocialist motions are also intensifying more than ever. For their own filthy purposes, the imperialists are attempting to demolish from within some socialist countries, taking advantage of the difficulties these countries are temporarily experiencing.

Even though the prevailing situation is tense and complicated, we should never slow our advance. Despite the increasing tension and complexity of the situation, we should muster up our revolutionary fighting spirit and pioneer the road of victory with more courage and in larger steps. This is the revolutionary position and attitude of our party and people.

An unprecedentedly tremendous task of socialist construction is assigned to us. We should further accelerate the march for socialist construction to brilliantly fulfill the tremendous Third Seven-Year Plan and expedite the complete victory of socialism and the cause of the fatherland reunification.

We should uphold the banner of the revolution, the banner of socialism, and thoroughly crush the anti-Republic and antisocialist maneuvers of the imperialists and the reactionaries so as to more vigorously carry out the great march of socialism.

It is our people's noble struggle ethos to daringly overcome any difficulties and brilliantly realize the great idea and the resplendent plan put forward by the party to advance toward a new victory in high spirit. We should effect continuous upsurges in socialist construction with indomitable fighting spirit and determination and militant spirit so that we may brilliantly fulfill the Third 7-Year Plan and accelerate the complete victory of socialism and highly demonstrate the dignified appearance and spirit of the chuche Korea.

We should make a vigorous advance upholding the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and dear Comrade Kim Chong-il so that we can score greater victories in socialist construction.

Living our Life in Our Own Style Is Our Party’s Invariable Policy

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[Text] For a long period, over half a century, our revolution has energetically advanced and triumphed following the chuche line.

The proud course of our revolution, which has vigorously advanced straight ahead along the road of victory even under the most difficult and complicated circumstances, and the convulsive events that have taken place on that road cannot be thought of apart from the unique guideline on living in our own way, to which our party consistently adheres. The party's guideline on living in our own way is a firm guarantee and a basic factor for the completion of our revolutionary cause.

The party's strategic guideline on carrying out revolution and construction in our own way is the source of strength that guarantees the vitality of our revolution. It is the banner of struggle. This is the rock-firm will, the faith our people carried engraved deep in their hearts as they carried out the long, arduous, and complicated revolutionary struggle.

By firmly grasping our own style of revolutionary method to which our party consistently adheres and brilliantly embodying it in revolution and construction, we shall achieve the complete victory of socialism in the northern half of the republic and advance the independent, peaceful reunification of the fatherland and bring closer the completion of the chuche revolutionary cause.

To live in our own way is the strategic guideline to which our party has consistently adhered in revolution and construction.

Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Presidium of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea [WPK] and Secretary of the Central Committee, pointed out as follows:
“Let us go on living in our own way!” is indeed a strategic slogan which our party is setting forth today as a matter of consequence.”

Living in our own way means to think and act with our wits about us according to the demands of chuche thought and to resolve all things by our own efforts so as to benefit our revolution and our people.

The party’s strategic guideline concerning living in our own way is a unique guideline based on the ideological foundation of chuche thought. It is a revolutionary guideline that convincingly proved its justness and might through the conduct of our revolution, which has triumphed and advanced under the banner of chuche thought.

Only by gloriously carrying out the revolutionary guideline of living in our own way can we hasten the advance and revolutionary development of the chuche era and successfully accomplish the cause of socialism and communism without any kind of deviation.

The reason living in our own way is a strategic guideline we should consistently adhere to in revolution and construction is that it generally embodies the basic standpoint to which we must adhere in the revolutionary movement.

For a certain idea to be the strategic guideline of the party it must broadly embody the basic stance that must be firmly adhered to through the entire period of revolutionary movement.

An independent, creative stance is the basic stance to which we must firmly adhere in our revolution and construction.

To go on living in our own way indeed thoroughly embodies the basic stance of the revolution.

First of all, it embodies the independent stance that flows from the intrinsic nature of the revolutionary movement.

The revolutionary movement arises from the independent aspirations and demands of the popular masses and is accomplished by the popular masses themselves. In every respect the main body of the revolution is the popular masses. That being the case, the popular masses should properly maintain an independent stance in the revolutionary movement. Only by adhering to an independent stance can all problems arising in revolution and construction be solved to the benefit of the popular masses. Only then can the popular masses defend their rights and carry out their responsibility as masters of the revolution and construction.

Living in our own way basically consists of thinking and acting with our wits about us according to the demands of chuche and dealing with all problems according to our own individual opinions, judgment, and determination, with the interests of the people as the point of departure. In addition, it makes as its basic point that one assume responsibility for solving all problems in revolution and construction under the principle of self-reliance.

This tells us that living in our own way thoroughly embodies the independent stance that flows from the essence of the revolutionary movement. In other words, it tells us that living in our own way is indeed a most accurate revolutionary method that enables us to brilliantly achieve the essential demands of the revolutionary movement with respect to thinking and acting with our wits about us and deciding all problems according to our own individual opinions and beliefs and solving them by our own efforts under the principle of self-reliance.

Living in our own way also thoroughly embodies the creative stance that flows from the nature of the revolutionary movement.

The revolutionary movement is a creative movement of the popular masses. The demand of the popular masses to live and develop independently—casting off all sorts of restraints and restrictions of nature and society—is attained through creative activity. This tells us that the revolutionary struggle of the popular masses for independence is creative in nature.

This kind of creative nature of the revolutionary movement requires that the popular masses hold to their creative stance in revolution and construction. Only by adhering to a creative stance can the popular masses heighten their creative powers and seek out methods suitable to reality and dynamically push ahead revolution and construction.

One of the major components of living in our own way is to solve all problems arising in revolution and construction on the basis of the creative wisdom and strength of the popular masses and solve them in conformity with the level of preparation and requirements of the people of the country and the objective and subjective conditions of the revolution. Moreover, it also creatively compares the progressive working class’s revolutionary theory with the experiences of other countries. This shows that living in our own way thoroughly embodies the creative stand point that flows from the character of the revolutionary movement.

As we see from the foregoing, living in our own way is a revolutionary guideline that thoroughly embodies an independent and creative stand. It serves as a firm guarantee, a banner of struggle that enables us to successfully accomplish revolution and construction. This is an important reason why living in our own way is a strategic guideline to which our party of the working class—which is struggling to achieve the cause of sovereignty of the popular masses, the cause of socialism and communism—must adhere consistently.

Next, living in our own way is a strategic guideline to which we must consistently adhere in revolution and
construction because it most accurately reflects the rational demands of the development of our age's revolutionary movement.

The revolutionary struggle of our age is being pressed forward country by country, by national units formed on the basis of nation states. On the other hand, the cause of world revolution is achieved by the revolution's emerging victorious in each country and success being achieved in the building of new societies.

Such an inevitable process in the development of our age's revolutionary movement requires that each country's party and people accomplish their own country's revolution independently and creatively.

Living in our own way is the genuine revolutionary method that enables our country and people to carry out revolution independently and creatively.

Of course, in waging revolution there can be no fixed, unchanging formula, no prescription that suits every age and every society. In mathematics there are formulas, but in waging revolution there can be no immutable formulas. If there is a formula that must be observed in waging revolution, it is that all problems must be thought out with our wits about us and dealt with by our own efforts.

Living in our own way is indeed a revolutionary method, a firm guarantee for dynamically advancing our age's revolutionary movement by communists thinking and judging with their wits about them, all problems arising in revolution and construction with a firm chuche-oriented standpoint and solving them by their own strength so as to suit the actual situation of their country.

Living in our own way is a revolution method that enables our party and people to be faithful to world revolution and heighten proletarian internationalism, by enabling them to do a good job of revolution and construction.

We cannot speak of world revolution apart from our country's revolution and, without accomplishing the national duty of revolution, we cannot be faithful to our international duty. By successfully accomplishing our country's revolution and construction with a chuche-oriented stance, our party is strengthening the world revolutionary forces and further consolidating the solidarity of proletarian internationalism.

Indeed, living in our own way is a revolutionary method that meets the inevitable developmental requirements of our age's revolutionary movement and the principle of proletarian internationalism. Here is yet another reason that living in our own way is a strategic guideline that must be firmly adhered to in revolution and construction.

Our country's practice of revolution proves clearly that living in our own way is a strategic guideline that must be adhered to in revolution and construction.
Our party resolved in our own way the problem of achieving socialist industrialization and consolidating the results, the problem of solving the socialist agrarian problem, and the problem of the socialist management system. And it created a history of great transformations in building a socialist economy and culture by solving in our own way those problems arising in the field of building socialist culture. We have created an independent, self-reliant, self-defending socialist power here, where after the war only ashes remained. And we have developed a great golden age of chuche arts by solving all problems arising in revolution and construction in our own way under the wise leadership of the great leader and the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il.

Life dynamically proves that indeed the most fair and genuine revolutionary methods is our own kind of revolutionary method in which all problems arising in revolution and construction are resolved so as to suit the interests and realities of one's own country without sticking to some kind of accepted formula or existing theory. Our party's guideline concerning living in our own way is indeed a unique guideline whose justness and might forcefully proven through the practice of revolution. It is a banner of struggle that the party of the working class and the people must firmly grasp in order to successfully accomplish their own historical cause.

As in days gone by, in the future as well we must firmly grasp the party's revolutionary guideline concerning living in our own way in all fields of revolution and construction, and brilliantly accomplish them.

On the basis of a scientific insight into the inevitable demands of today's prevailing situation and revolutionary development, our party is setting forth as its strategic guideline the militant task of living in our own way and thoroughly embodying it in all fields of revolution and construction.

Precisely here—in continuing to hold high the revolutionary banner of chuche thought and living in our own way—is the real path that will continue to brilliantly open up our nation's destiny and future prospects, and the firm guarantee for the ultimate conclusion of the Korean revolution.

Particularly today, living in our own way is an important issue in successfully pressing ahead with the building of socialism and communism by taking the initiative in dealing with the complexities of the prevailing revolutionary situation.

Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Presidium of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the WPK and secretary of the Central Committee, pointed out as follows:

"The prevailing situation urgently demands that we cope with the aggressive machinations of the U.S. and Japanese imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique and maintain a state of full readiness and more than ever before that we firmly establish chuche and go on living in our own way."

Today the internal and external situation of our revolution is very complex and complicated.

The U.S. imperialists and the puppet clique are suppressing the anti-U.S. and anti-"government" feelings of the youth and students and the people and are frenziedly trying to crush the forces of fatherland unification and are lying in wait for an opportunity to once again launch an aggressive war provocation against the northern half of the peninsula. The U.S. imperialists are rallying together the forces of the Japanese reactionaries and the world imperialists and are concentrating their arrows of attack on opposing our country and scheming to defame our republic and isolate us internationally. The U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique are the root cause of all the misfortunes and sufferings of our people and the basic obstacle blocking the advance of our chuche revolutionary cause.

The cause of sovereignty of mankind in the present era also is colliding with the severe challenge of the imperialists, who are trying to reverse the basic trend of our times. The imperialists, in collusion with one another, are opposing with their combined strength the world forces of independence and maneuvering more cunningly and viciously in order to break up socialism, the core force of anti-imperialism, and strengthen their domination and exploitation over the developing countries. The imperialists are noisily making a fuss about "peace" and "force reductions" while expanding military expenditures and accelerating preparations for a nuclear war and are unscrupulously and boldly carrying out interventionist schemes and plots to overthrow other countries, behind the world "detente" and "dialogue."

Under these conditions, only if the party of the working class and the people, who are waging revolution, think and act with the correct mental posture can they correctly analyze and judge the trends of the complicated prevailing situation and cope with them, and vigorously press forward with revolution and construction straight along the road of victory with no deviation. If the party of the working class does not think and act with the right mental attitude, they become in consistent in formulating lines and policies and they cannot avoid pain and vicissitudes in revolution and construction, and later fall victim to irreversible aftereffects. It is by no means a coincidence that today some countries have abandoned revolutionary principles and are dragging capitalism into their country, dazzled by the moneybags the imperialists are dangling in front of them, and are rolling down the road of betrayal of socialism.

The historical experience of the international communist movement shows us that unless the party of the working class firmly sets up individual principles and self-reliant beliefs, one cannot successfully advance the revolution and construction.
Therefore, in order to take the lead in coping with the complex prevailing revolutionary situation and vigorously press forward revolution and construction without the slightest deviation or vicissitudes, we must brilliantly carry out the party's revolutionary guideline on living in our own way. Only by so doing, no matter how complicated the revolutionary situation develops, we can adamantly defend and protect the revolutionary principles and viewpoint of the working class and successfully accomplish the cause of socialism and communism.

Above all, the important thing in carrying through the party's guideline on living in our own way is to protect and defend the achievements attained by our party in the struggle to embody the immortal chuche thought, and to gloriously inherit and develop them.

We have the unique policy lines and guidelines set forth by the great leader and the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il in the course of leading the revolution and construction under the banner of chuche thought and we have the precious model of the work method they personally created. This is the precious asset of our party and revolution and the well spring of the strength that propels the victorious advance of the chuche revolutionary cause.

Only by thoroughly protecting and defending glorious works achieved by our party is it possible to successfully accomplish without deviation the cause of socialism, the cause of communism, and the cause of chuche.

We must see to it that all party members and workers gloriously embody in the political, economic, and cultural and all other fields the precious achievements of our party created under the wise leadership of the great leader and the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il.

A particularly important problem arising in protecting and embodying the previous achievements of our party is to firmly grasp all of our party's lines and policies—starting with the guideline on transforming the whole society with chuche thought, the line of the three revolutions, the guideline concerning firmly guaranteeing the leadership of the party over revolution and construction, the Chongsan-ri spirit, the Chongsan-ri method, and the Taean Work System—and to gloriously carry them out. The guideline on transforming the whole society with chuche thought, the line of the three revolutions, the guideline concerning firmly guaranteeing party leadership over revolution and construction, the Chongsan-ri spirit, the Chongsan-ri method, and the Taean Work System are the most scientific guiding directions of socialism and communism. They were created by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il in the course of leading the revolution and construction. In these guidelines are gloriously embodied our chuche-oriented stand concerning waging revolution in our own way.

When we firmly grasp our party's original policy lines and guidelines and thoroughly carry them out, we can gloriously embody the party's strategic guideline concerning living in our own way in all fields of revolution and construction and success fully accomplish without any kind of deflection the cause of socialism and communism.

An important problem that arises in order to carry out the party's guideline on living in our own way is strengthening indoctrination in chuche thought among party members and workers and enabling them to possess the firm stand and viewpoint that we must be all means achieve our revolutionary cause by our own efforts.

Possessing the chuche-oriented viewpoint and revolutionary ethic that we must by all means achieve the revolutionary cause by our own efforts is an important requirement for living in our own way and a real guarantee for successfully accomplishing the revolution and construction. Only if we possess the firm chuche-oriented viewpoint and revolutionary ethic that we must by all means achieve the revolutionary cause by our own efforts can we highly display chajusong and creativity and resolve all problems arising in revolution and construction by our own efforts so as to suit the actuality of our own country.

If party members and workers are to possess a firm chuche-oriented viewpoint and revolutionary ethic, they should firmly arm themselves with chuche thought. Chuche thought is the revolutionary world view of the working class. Only by arming ourselves with chuche thought can we firmly establish a revolutionary viewpoint.

We must further strengthen indoctrination in chuche thought among party members and workers and have them make the party's revolutionary thought, chuche thought, their own conviction, and have them highly display the revolutionary spirit of working out their salvation by their own efforts.

Another important thing in order carry out the party's guideline concerning living in our own way is to vigorously wage a struggle to oppose outmoded thought such as flunkeyism, dogmatism, and revisionism.

Outmoded thought such as flunkeyism, dogmatism, and revisionism is an ideological toxin—it eats away at people's independent ideological consciousness and paralyzes their revolutionary struggle ethic. If one becomes polluted with outmoded thought such as flunkeyism, dogmatism, and revisionism, one loses originality in thought and practice. Egoism is fostered among the people, a carefree attitude arises, and even a bourgeois-type lifestyle becomes prevalent in society. Also, people come to look upon others with envy, today to others, and regard their things with contempt while making much of what others have. It is a lesson of history that if people become polluted with outmoded thought such as flunkeyism, dogmatism, and revisionism, it will cause the severe result of eating away at socialism and reviving capitalism.
We must prevent outmoded thoughts such as flunkeyism, dogmatism, and revisionism, from taking root and surviving among party members and workers and carry out an endless ideological struggle to thoroughly resist it. We must correctly make party members and workers cognizant of the intrinsic nature and the poisonous nature of flunkeyism and revisionism and have them recognize them in time and thoroughly overcome them.

Living in our own way is the steadfast will of which intends to complete from generation to generation, following the banner of chuche thought, the Korean revolution that great leader Comrade Kim Il-song pioneered in the forests of Paektu. By holding high the party's strategic guideline on living in our own way and more thoroughly carrying it out, we will gloriously achieve the lofty intent of the glorious party center.

Our Party's Line and Policy are the Most Revolutionary and Unique Strategy and Tactics to Consummate the Cause of the Chuche Cause

The revolutionary cause of chuche, charted in the Paekdu forests, is advancing dynamically on a new high stage, converting the whole society to the chuche ideology under the sagacious leadership of WPK. Our people have pushed the chuche cause unceasingly along the road of sure victory against all kinds of arduous and formidable ordeals. They could do that because our party set forth, and carried through consistently, the most revolutionary, most creative lines and policies for them.

Through their practical struggles to advance the chuche cause under the party leadership, our people have engraved it on their hearts as a firm revolutionary conviction that the line and policy of our party is the most correct strategy and tactics showing most clearly the shortest cut to success in socialist, communist construction.

The cause of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology will be accomplished without fail as long as our party's line and policy, which is most revolutionary and creative, illuminates the future course of the chuche cause, and as long as we have with us the faithful people who have it engraved on their hearts as their unswerving revolutionary faith that the carrying through of that line and policy leads to the complete realization of the independent stand and attitude.

All the functionaries, party members, and working people should recognize even more deeply the scientific nature, truthfulness, revolutionary spirit, and creativeness of our party's lines and policies and continue to carry them out faithfully, thereby fulfilling the revolutionary cause of chuche through to the end.

The line and policy of our party is the most revolutionary, most creative strategy and tactics for the attainment of the revolutionary cause of chuche.

Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and secretary of the party Central Committee, pointed out:

"The line and policy of our party is the most revolutionary and creative line and policy that gives a scientific answer to all problems arising in the revolution and construction, making it possible to lead socialist and communist construction along the road of surest victory with no complications at all."

For the working-class party to put forth a correct strategy and tactics is an important task in successfully building socialist, communist society where the independent stand attitude of the masses of people is realized. In order for the masses to successfully build socialist, communist society, they must have correct lines and policies, strategy and tactics showing them a clear-cut way.

Strategy and tactics in a revolution are the action plan and the guiding principle of struggle for victoriously advancing and ultimately consummating the revolutionary cause of the working class. The strategy and tactics of the revolution sets the ultimate goal of the revolutionary struggle to realize the masses' self-reliance, and the specific revolutionary target for each stage of the revolution, showing the shortest cut to them; makes clear the principles and methods to hold on to in preparing chuche-oriented forces for the revolution, in creating favorable environments and conditions for the revolutionary struggle and in mobilizing and utilizing them. Therefore, only by having a correct strategy and tactics can the working masses advance their revolutionary struggle and construction work along the road of sure victory without the slightest tilting or complications.

The strategy and tactics of the revolution is reflected in the line and policy of the revolutionary party of the working class, the helmsman of socialist, communist construction. The working class' party, proceeding from the lofty mission to fully realize the independent stand and attitude of the masses of people, formulates and puts forth its lines and policies on the basis of scientific analyses of the independent aspirations and demands of the masses, the specific environments and conditions surrounding the revolutionary struggle and construction work under way, and the inevitable demands of the developing revolution.

The line and policy of our party represents the strategy and tactics dedicated to consummating the chuche cause.

The chuche cause is the cause of the masses of people charted and developed under the banner of the chuche ideology. It is a sacred historic cause for translating the chuche ideology into reality and realizing the independent stand and attitude of the masses of people. The
chuche cause is an awesome creative work for remaking and remolding nature, society, and people in accordance with the demands of the chuche ideology. It is accompanied by fierce class struggles against imperialists and all other class enemies. The chuche cause, attended with awesome creations and transformations and intense class struggles, demands the most correct strategy and tactics. Our party in the past always put forth the most correct lines and policies, strategies and tactics embodying the demands of the times and the developing revolution as well as the aspirations and desire of the masses of people, and by doing so, advanced the chuche cause triumphantly.

Today our party demands that all the party lines and policies be firmly adhered to and implemented consistently—including the guideline of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology to meet the demand of the chuche cause which is now in a higher stage, the three-revolution line, the guideline of firmly guaranteeing the party leadership in the revolution and construction, the Chongsan-ri spirit and method, and the Taean work system. These lines and policies set forth by our party are the most correct strategy and tactics that should be strictly adhered to in accomplishing the chuche cause.

Most important in the party's strategic and tactical guidance for achieving the working class' revolutionary cause is to correctly set forth the final goal, direction, and basic method of the revolutionary struggle.

Only when the party sets forth the final goal, direction, and basic method of the revolutionary struggle correctly and clearly can the revolutionary cause be brought to final consummation without any tilting or complications at all.

The lines and policies of our party clearly state the final goal of the struggle to fulfill the chuche cause, and the direction and basic method of that struggle. The final goal, direction, and basic method of this struggle are fully reflected in the party guideline of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology, and in the three-revolution line.

The essence of the guideline of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology is to remold every member of society into a true, chuche-type communist revolutionary, remake nature and society in accordance with the demands of the chuche ideology, and to capture the ideological, political, and material fortresses of communism. It portrays the communist society in which the chuche cause will have finally been achieved and clarifies the basic method to arrive at it. It elucidates all social relationships and modes of activity that will come true in communist society.

Our party's three-revolution line—the basic strategy for socialist, communist construction—elucidates the basic method for bringing the chuche cause to consummation. No struggle programs so vividly clarify the final goal of, and the direction to, the realization of the independent stand and attitude of the masses of people as the guideline of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology does; no lines so clearly elucidates how to remold people, society, and nature the communist way as the three-revolution line does. Therefore, when the party guideline of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology is adhered to firmly and the three-revolution line put into reality thoroughly, the chuche cause will advance along the line of sure victory and be accomplished finally.

Building chuche-type forces for the revolution and elevating their active function and role is one of the major fundamental tasks facing the strategic and tactical guidance of the working-class' party for the consummation of the chuche cause.

Inasmuch as it is the active function and role of its chuche that moves the revolution forward victoriously, firm chuche-type revolutionary forces must be built if the chuche cause is to be led to ultimate consummation. The chuche-type revolutionary forces represent the self-reliant chuche of the revolution based on the unity of the leader, the party, and the masses.

The lines and policies of our party fully elucidate all the theoretical and practical methods relating to the strengthening of the chuche of the revolution and heightening its role.

Especially, the party guideline on strengthening the party and heightening its leadership role is a strategic and tactical guideline that should be adhered to unwaveringly in order to strengthen the chuche of the revolution and heighten its role.

The party, as a core unit of the masses of people closely united around the leader, constitutes the pivot of self-reliant socio-political life. Only by strengthening the party and enhancing its leadership role will it be possible to unite the masses of people around the leader organizationally and ideologically and turn them into a socio-political organic body, and to heighten their active functions and role for the ultimate attainment of the chuche cause.

Another important element of the strategic and tactical guidance of the working-class' party in advancing and consummating the revolutionary cause is to clearly state and apply correct methods of struggle.

If the revolutionary cause is to succeed, it is necessary not only to enunciate the final goal and direction, and firmly set up the chuche, of the revolution but also to clearly show and apply a correct method of struggle.

The lines and policies of our party fully elucidate all the methodological principles that should be embodied in the course of struggle to attain the revolutionary cause.

Typical of them are the Chongsan-ri spirit and method and the Taean work system created by our party. The Chongsan-ri spirit and method are the communist-type guidance ideology and method for the masses, while the
Taean work system is the communist-type method of control and management for enterprises.

The chuche cause will be attained successfully if we, in accordance with the demands of the Chongsan-ri spirit and method established by our party, place ourselves among the masses, work with people energetically, and organize and mobilize them into the revolution and construction in a positive manner, and if we manage the socialist economy as taught by the Taean work system.

All this clearly explains that the line and policy of our party is, precisely, the correct strategy and tactics for the ultimate attainment of the revolutionary cause of chuche.

The line and policy of our party, representing the strategy and tactics for the attainment of the chuche cause, is most revolutionary and creative of all the lines and policies.

The revolutionary and creative nature of our party's line and policy lies, first of all, in the fact that it embodies the chuche ideology.

The party line and policy embodies the guiding ideology. The greatness of the guiding ideology defines the revolutionary and creative nature of the line and policy.

The unitary ideology of our party, the revolutionary party of chuche, is the great chuche ideology. The chuche ideology is a revolutionary ideology that holds out as its fundamental goal to defend and realize the independent stand and attitude—the life of people as social beings. It is a revolutionary theory elucidating the most correct way to reach that goal. The lines and policies of our party, regardless of areas they cover, are all based on, and run through with, the great chuche ideology. Our party defined its lines and policies on its own, thoroughly on the basis of the chuche ideology, the demands and aspirations of our people, and realities in our country. Therefore, the line and policy of our party stands as the most revolutionary and creative one formulated by the party's unique, independent opinion and conviction and with its own right mind.

All the lines and policies put forth by our party in the entire period—from the first day of its leadership for the revolution and construction to date—are run through with the chuche ideology and, for that reason, stand an imperishable banner for the victorious advances of the chuche cause.

Our party set forth, and carried through, the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal and pro-democracy revolution line in the early post-Liberation period; the line of developing heavy industry preferentially and developing light industry and agriculture simultaneously, and the line of reforming the economy the socialist way prior to remodelling technology in the period following the Korean War. All these lines were thoroughly based on the chuche ideology, and on the demands and aspirations of our people and realities in our country. That is why they were all carried through brilliantly with no tilting at all.

All the lines and policies pursued steadfastly by our party today—such as the guideline of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology, the three-revolution line, the guideline of elevating the leadership role of the party in the revolution and construction, the Chongsan-ri spirit and method, and the Taean work system—are all displaying their invincible vitality and pushing the chuche cause forward forcefully. It is because they are the most revolutionary and creative lines embodying the chuche ideology. Therefore, when we adhere to, and carry through consistently, these creative lines set forth by our party, the chuche cause will be attained ultimately.

The revolutionary and creative nature of the line and policy of our party also lie in the fact that they correctly reflect the objective inevitability of socialist, communist construction.

The party line and policy, strategy, and tactics can be most scientific and revolutionary only when reflecting the objective inevitability of socialist, communist construction.

Elucidating creatively the fundamentals of inevitability that control developments in socialist, communist construction to its completion and formulating lines and policies based on those fundamentals constitutes an important condition for ensuring the scientific and revolutionary nature of the lines and policies formulated.

Our party always elucidates creatively the fundamentals by which socialist, communist construction develops and completes. It formulates and puts forth its lines and policies on the basis of those fundamentals, and by doing so, could forward the chuche cause successfully with no tilting or complications at all.

From the beginning of the building of new society, our party pursued the line and policy in conformity to the fundamentals of the three revolutions; in the period following the establishment of the socialist system, it defined the three-revolution line as the fundamental strategic line of socialist, communist construction, embodying the inevitable demands of the developing revolution, and has since been implementing it consistently. The three-revolution line of our party, reflecting the inevitable demands of socialist, communist construction, is being implemented successfully, displaying great traction and invincible vitality from its revolutionary nature, creativeness and truthfulness.

Our party put forth the line of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology at a historic time when the chuche cause reached a new high stage of development and has since waged a vigorous struggle to carry it through. The line of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology is a revolutionary, creative line
reflecting a ripe demand of our revolution. The line of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology reflects realities in our country where the chuche ideology—the great revolutionary ideology potent to dye the entire society in one color ideologically—brightly illuminates the path for the revolution to follow; where the firm material and technological foundations of socialist, communist construction have been laid, and where the chuche of the revolution has solidly been put in place and is ready to accept the ideological dyeing of the entire society in one color. This shows that the line of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology is the most revolutionary and creative line embodying the inevitable demands of our developing revolution.

The process of developing and completing socialist society is the process of fulfilling the intrinsic demands of socialist society in a better way and enhancing its communistic character. Proceeding from the fact that collectivism is the life of socialism, and that embodying the fundamentals and principles of collectivism is the way to enhance the communistic character of socialist society, our party establishes, and implements, all its lines and policies in line with collectivism. The Taean work system and a series of other lines and policies set forth by our party enable the producer masses to possess a collectivism—not individualistic—view of life, give full play to the collective wisdom and initiative, and thus to effectively manage and control the economy. For that, they are the most scientific and creative system of economic management.

Especially, our party's line of strengthening the party and heightening its leadership role is based on an in-depth analysis showing that the cause of socialist, communist construction can be accomplished with inevitability only under the leadership of the party, and is therefore most revolutionary and creative. As socialist, communist construction deepens, we must further strengthen the party, the guiding power of that construction, and heighten its leadership role incessantly. Only by doing so can we solidify our society and develop it in a way ensuring that the society's working-class nature is increasingly enhanced and the intrinsic demands of the working class satisfactorily fulfilled. Only by doing so can we ultimately accomplish the chuche cause. Thus, all the lines and policies of our party are most scientific, most revolutionary, and fully embody the inevitable demands of socialist, communist construction.

Next, the revolutionary and creative nature of our party lines and policies lie in the fact that they are permeated with the firm revolutionary character of principle from the beginning to the end.

The revolutionary character of principle is the resolute revolutionary spirit for defending the class interests of the working class and the principles of socialism. Embodying the revolutionary character of principle in the process of formulating a line and policy constitutes an important factor ensuring its revolutionary nature. If the party should fail to embody the character of principle in formulating its lines and policies, it would expose the revolution and construction to the danger of being toyed with by foes of the class and of non-working-class elements—i.e., bourgeois elements—inflicting into the socialist society.

The character of principle in the lines and policies of a party has something to do with how thoroughly the party is with its revolutionary and working-class nature. Our party is the most revolutionary party fighting to fully realize the self-reliance of the working class and the masses of working people. Therefore, thoroughly embodied in every line and policy put forth by our party are the class-oriented stand and fundamental interests of the working class and the intrinsic demands of socialism. It is because of that principled stand embodied in our party's lines and policies that our people, even under such difficult circumstances where they are in direct confrontation with the U.S. imperialists, could forward the chuche cause forcefully, steadfastly holding to the firm working-class-oriented stand and socialist principles.

All the lines and policies being pursued steadfastly by our party today to attain the chuche cause embody thoroughly the same revolutionary stand and principle, and therefore are most revolutionary and creative. When we continue to adhere to and implement consistently the lines and policies of our party, we can repel anti-socialist maneuvers by all sorts of class enemies and develop the socialist society in accordance with its intrinsic demands, ensuring the consummation of the chuche cause.

All this clearly shows that the line and policy of our party is precisely the most revolutionary, most creative strategy and tactics for the consummation of the chuche cause.

It is the greatest honor and pride for our people that they are fulfilling the chuche cause under the sagacious leadership of the party and the leader, and with the most revolutionary, most creative lines and tactics.

We must recognize even more deeply the validity of the line and policy of our party and carry it through with greater steadfastness, and by doing so, forward the chuche cause vigorously.

Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and secretary of the party Central Committee, pointed out:

"All the party organizations must strengthen organizational, political, and ideological work among the party members and working people and see to it that they thoroughly carry out the teachings of the great leader and the guidelines of the party through to the end."

Knowing clearly the validity of the party line and policy and carrying it through consistently is a matter of vital significance in ensuring that we trust the party under any
circumstances and work with it through to the end to accomplish the chuche cause.

In carrying through consistently the party lines and policies, it is important that we find an immense national pride in the fact that we are fulfilling the revolutionary cause under the most correct line and policy, the party leadership, and under the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

The revolutionary nature and creativeness of the party line and policy derives from the greatness of its leader.

Today our people are accelerating the chuche cause, with a great guiding ideology and an invincible party, with the glorious fatherland and the most superior socialist system with them. Underlying all these wonderful things about the revolutionary cause they pursue is the fact that they have the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song with them, that they are under the leadership of the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, and that they have with them the most revolutionary and creative lines and policies set forth by the party and the leader. So scientific, revolutionary, and creative are the lines and policies of our party, solely because our great leader with his rare ideological, theoretical gifts, rich experiences and iron will takes the helm, and because the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, fully personifying the sublime features of our leader, leads the way.

Our people, walking the rugged road to socialism under the leadership of the party and the leader, realized through their own experience more than once that the WPK lines and policies are precisely the invincible banner that turns adversity into prosperity, misfortune into fortune, and forwards the revolutionary cause with a firm grip on it. In the past period, our people, by forging ahead under the lines and policies of our party, won victory in two social revolutions, carried out the socialist industrialization in a short period of history and built the powerful socialist country of self-dependence, self-support, and self-reliant defense. As shown by all this, a firm guarantee for the consummation of the chuche cause lies in our consistently implementing the party lines and policies. Since the lines and policies of our party are correct, there is no need for us to be dazzled by or snoop around for anything else.

With an unwavering revolutionary conviction and high national pride that the lines and policies put forth by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and our party are the best of all, we must steadfastly adhere to and consistently implement all the lines and policies of our party, including the guideline of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology, the three-revolution line, the guideline of heightening the leadership role of the party in the revolution and construction, the Chongsan-ri spirit and the Chongsan-ri method, and the Taean work system.

Displaying a high revolutionary spirit and combat strength is an important task in carrying through the lines and policies of the party and accomplishing the chuche cause.

The excellent lines and policies for the attainment of the chuche cause are illuminating our future brightly. In this condition, whether or not these lines and policies are carried through to the end is determined by what posture and position our functionaries, party members, and working people assume toward them, and by what struggle ethos they have in their living and fighting. The course of carrying through the lines and policies of the party is by no means a smooth one. In order to wage this difficult struggle without vacillations, it is imperative that the functionaries, party members and working people display a high revolutionary spirit and combat strength. If they have the revolutionary spirit and combat strength, there can be no difficulties that they cannot overcome.

By having the ethos of working in a revolutionary manner and living in a militant fashion at any time and at any place as our party expects of us, and by giving full play to the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude, we must thoroughly implement the lines and policies of our party absolutely without fail.

In implementing party policies successfully, it is important that functionaries work with a correct methodology.

It is through functionaries that struggles to implement a party line and policy are strategically set up and organized, executed and reviewed. Therefore, whether or not the party line and policy is successfully implemented is largely determined by what work method and ingenuity functionaries come up with in organizing and setting up the work and in organizing the masses into it.

Once the party sets forth its line and policy, all the functionaries must study it in depth and make correct plans for implementation. They must place themselves among the masses and rouse them to a vigorous struggle to carry out the party policy.

Keeping it engraved on their hearts as their unwavering revolutionary conviction that the line and policy of our party precisely is the most revolutionary, most creative line and policy for the attainment of the chuche cause, all our functionaries, party members, and working people must fight on even more vigorously for the independent reunification of the fatherland, the complete victory of socialism and for the ultimate attainment of the chuche cause.
Arming With the Revolutionary Tradition of Our Party Is a Firm Guarantee for Defending the Cause of Socialism and Communism

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Improving the Functionaries’ Working Methods and Styles Is an Important Requirement for Enhancing the Leading Role of the Party

Enhancing the Level of the Party Members’ Organizational and Ideological Life Is a Firm Guarantee for Strengthening the Party

Enhancing the leading role of the party members’ organizational and ideological life is an important requirement for improving the functionaries’ working methods and styles, and for enhancing the level of the party members’ organizational and ideological life. In this manner, the party can be strengthened and consolidated, with its members maintaining their might continuously in every possible way.

Raising the levels of the party members’ organizational and ideological life is a firm guarantee for strengthening the party.

Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and secretary of the party Central Committee, pointed out:

“As the great leader taught, the key to successfully resolving all problems arising in consolidating the party ranks is to strengthen the party life of party members.”

Elevating the levels of the party members’ organizational and ideological life means for them to participate in the politico-ideological life and the organizational life in good faith with a revolutionary view of the organization and thus train and improve themselves ceaselessly, thereby living the party life in consistency with the growing demands of their political lives.

The party life is the party member’s political life for fulfilling the demands of their political lives. It consists of organizational life and ideological life. It is through the organizational and ideological life that the party members’ political lives are maintained and strengthened. The party members’ socio-political lives are highly precious ones that they come to possess by forming kindred ties with the leader through the party organization as the parent body. The leader creates revolutionary ideology by synthesizing the independent demands of the masses of people, provides ideological and spiritual food for them, controls the party and other revolutionary organizations and, with them as a parent body, take people into firm solidarity. By doing so, the leader gives them their true social and political lives. Inasmuch as the party member’s political lives are bestowed by the leader, the party life for fulfilling the demands of the political lives is, in essence, a life in which they fulfill the revolutionary duty assigned by the party and the leader under the guidance and control of the party organization, with the leader’s revolutionary ideology as the spiritual food.

In order for party members to fulfill more satisfactorily the demands of the socio-political lives they took on, they must elevate the levels of their organizational and ideological life uninterruptedly and thereby strengthen the party—the parent body of their political lives—in every possible way. Inasmuch as the party is a political organization in which the masses of party members are united organizationally and ideologically on the basis of the leader’s ideology, it grows stronger as the levels of the party members’ organizational and ideological life continue to rise.
Raising the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life is, above all, a fundamental way of consolidating the party ranks organizationally and ideologically.

Consolidating the party organizationally and ideologically constitutes the basic content of the party construction and the central task of activities to strengthen the party. Only when it firmly maintains the party ranks with quintessential elements of the revolution and turns the whole party into a solid organizational entity can the working-class party become a genuine political organization to lead the masses of people and fully carry out its historic mission.

An important task in consolidating the party ranks organizationally and ideologically and strengthening the party uninterruptedly is to elevate the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life.

The party ranks are composed of cadres and the masses of party members, who are the core elements and backbone; therefore, only by constantly strengthening the organizational and ideological life among the cadres and party members and elevating the levels of their party life with no let-up can the party ranks' qualitative consolidation be achieved and the party itself strengthened.

The party ideological life constitutes one of the important contents of the party life of party members.

The party ideological life is the political life in which party members work to turn the spiritual food—which they received to maintain their political lives—into their blood and flesh. Only by raising the levels of the party ideological life among party members can they arm themselves with the leader's revolutionary ideology more firmly and become true communist revolutionaries infinitely faithful to the party and the leader.

Cadres and party members should more firmly arm themselves with the revolutionary ideology of the party and the leader through the process of elevating the levels of their party organizational and ideological life. And only by doing so can they be united with the party ideologically, maintain and glorify their political lives as party members. People need food to maintain their physical lives; likewise, party members need to elevate the levels of their party ideological life with unceasingly to be able to build the revolutionary ideology of the party and the leader into their blood and flesh and share the fate with the party.

If cadres and party members should neglect or slight the work of elevating the level of the party ideological life even the slightest way, if they should thus fail to arm themselves firmly with the revolutionary ideology of the party and the leader, they would be unable to wage a forceful struggle against any alien ideologies, alien to the leader's revolutionary ideology, that might make an inroad upon them. In that case, they could lose their precious political lives and seriously hamper the strengthening and development of the party. Only through the work of elevating the level of the party ideological life will it be possible to further raise the levels of the ideological consciousness of cadres and party members who make up the party ranks, and to realize smoothly the ideological consolidation of the party ranks.

In order to consolidate the party ranks qualitatively and strengthen the party, it is important to raise the level of the party organizational life along with the raising of the level of the party ideological life.

To have the level elevated of the party organizational life of cadres and party members is a fundamental task in consolidating the organizational solidarity of the party ranks and strengthening the party.

The party organizational life is political activity in which party members, belonging to the party organization, fulfill the party-assigned revolutionary duty under the guidance and control of the organization. Party members, through the struggle to raise the level of the party organization life, should correctly understand how precious the party organization is and become true revolutionaries who superbly fulfill the revolutionary duty assigned by the party organization. This is the only way to consolidate the party ranks organizationally and thereby strengthen the party uninterruptedly.

Party members, belonging to their party organization, will keep raising the level of their organizational life under the guidance and control of the party organization. Only by doing so, they will develop the correct perception that the party organization centering on the leader is the parent body of their lives, and come to strive to solidify their relationships with the party.

The party is the core force of the masses of people firmly united around the leader organizationally and ideologically. It is the pivot of the live, self-dependent socio-political body. Away from the party, no one can have kindred ties with the leader or live an eternal socio-political life. Therefore, deserting the party means precisely to lose the political lives.

Cadres and party members would, through struggles to elevate their level of the party organizational life, recognize more deeply the preciousness of the party organization centering on the leader. Thus, they eventually grow to be tough, true revolutionaries who devote everything they have to carrying out resolutely the revolutionary duty assigned by the party and leader.

This shows that raising the level of the party organizational life makes it possible to bring up cadres and party members as revolutionaries infinitely faithful to the party and the leader and thereby strengthen the party ranks with no let-up.

It indicates that to have the levels elevated continually of the party members' organizational and ideological life is a basic guarantee for the strengthening and development of the whole party into a powerful, mighty party—a party
of the wholehearted ideological unity around the leader's ideology, and of the wholehearted unity in action with the party ranks moving in one mind under the leader's unitary leadership.

Also, elevating the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life constantly constitutes a decisive guarantee for ensuring the party's militant functions and role in every possible way.

It is an important demand in the construction of the working-class party to heighten the party's militant functions and role. Only by constantly heightening its militant functions and role can the working-class party as the general staff of the revolution lead the revolution and construction correctly and fully carry out the historic mission and duty assigned to it.

The party's militant functions and role are determined by the levels of ideological consciousness and aggressiveness of individual party members and the functions and role of party organizations.

The party is a united, organized force of party members. It is an organic union of party organizations. Only when each and every party member who makes up the party fulfills in a responsible manner his or her duty and role as the vanguard fighter of the working class and the masses of people, and when all the party organizations carry out their functions and role satisfactorily as the highest guiding organ in their respective branches and units, then the party strengthens and develops into a party with invincible combat strength and capable of performing correctly the leadership role for the revolution and construction.

In order to heighten the party's militant functions and role in every possible way, it is necessary to elevate the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life ceaselessly by strengthening the party life among them. Precisely in raising incessantly the leaves of the party members' organizational and ideological life lies the key to successfully resolving all problems arising in the strengthening of the party's militant functions and role.

When the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life improve, all the party members who make up the party become active to implement decisions and directives of the party and assignments of party organizations, with their spearheading role drawing, organizing and mobilizing the broad masses into powerful struggles for the implementation of the party lines and policies. Especially, the elevated levels of their organizational and ideological life make cadres and party members accept the leader's orders and directives and the party's guidelines as the loftiest demands of their lives and carry them out thoroughly under any difficult conditions. This leads to the solid realization of leadership for the revolution and construction.

When the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life get higher through the strengthened party life, the functions and role of party organizations also consolidate. As the levels grow higher, it becomes possible to more firmly build up the party committees of all levels with people who are infinitely faithful to the party and the leader and are gifted with leadership, and to heighten their responsibility and role, turn all party organizations into militant organizations full of vitality and ensure the successful fulfillment of the revolutionary cause.

Therefore, elevating the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life constitutes a firm guarantee that ensures the party's functions and role in every respect and the strengthening of the party.

Also, elevating the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life is an important task in strengthening the party in a forward-looking manner as the helmsman of socialist, communist society.

The party is the helmsman of socialist, communist society. The party leadership is needed for socialist, communist construction and it is equally needed after communism has been built.

The struggle of the masses of people for self-reliance continues in communist society, too. When a communist society is built, the independent stand and attitude of the masses of people, symbolizing the emancipation of humanity, is fully realized in it; even when that time arrives, however, the independent demands of the masses of people continue to grow incessantly. In order to satisfy the masses' independent demands that continue to grow incessantly in communist society, it is required to carry on struggles to educate and indoctrinate people accordingly, improve social relations and conquer nature. These struggles can be successfully waged only under the political leadership of a guiding force such as a party. Especially, even if communism is realized in a country or a region, threats of aggression continue as long as capitalism and imperialism exist on the earth; in this situation, only under the leadership of a political organization such as a party will it be possible to reliably defend the independent and creative life of the masses of people against the imperialists' aggressive maneuvers.

Inasmuch as a leadership organization is needed even after communism has been built, the demand arises as the society develops for strengthening and developing the working-class party in a forward-looking manner as the helmsman of communist society.

Important in building the working-class party in a forward-looking manner as the helmsman of socialist, communist society is to incessantly elevate the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life through the strengthened party life. Only through elevating the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life, all the party members will come to possess the noble political, ideological features typical of communist revolutionaries, apply thoroughly the leader's party construction ideology and theory to the
Thus, the work of elevating the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life builds up the party ranks firmly, ensuring their militant functions and role thoroughly. Therefore, it provides a firm guarantee for the strengthening and development of the party into an invincible revolutionary party to guide socialist, communist construction.

In the past period our party has raised the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life incessantly as the revolutionary struggle and construction deepened, and by doing so, strengthened and developed the party into a strong and mighty revolutionary force with invincible strength.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, during the entire period from the founding of the party to date, sagaciously led the work of strengthening the party life of party members and elevating the levels of their organizational and ideological life, seeing it as the key to firmly building up the party ranks organizationally and ideologically and to heightening their militant functions and leadership role.

The respected and beloved leader, defining the party life as the political activity of the party members to carry out their duty under the party rules, saw to it that they are trained organizationally and ideologically through the process of executing party assignments and receiving incessant indoctrination and criticism from party organizations. As a result, the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life rose and the party was strengthened organizationally and ideologically.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il led the way sagaciously ensuring that the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life are raised uninterruptedly in accordance with the demands of our developing revolution for converting the whole society to the chuche ideology.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, at the times when a new turnaround was occurring in the development of our party, took the epochal measure of establishing the revolutionary party life system to enhance the view of the organization among party members and ensure that the party organizational and ideological life—including the study meeting, lecture meeting, friday labor and the party life summation—continues with no let-up in accordance with the standards established within the party. In this connection, the newly established party life summation system is of important significance in elevating the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life.

The party life summation system established by our party proved to be an epochal turning point for party members to review their organizational and ideological life before the party organizations on a regular basis and cultivate and train themselves ceaselessly organizationally and ideologically.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il elucidated—in accordance with the demands of our party in the new high stage of development where the chucheization of the society has come to the fore—that the party organization is the parent body of the socio-political lives, thus establishing the new viewpoint linking the preciousness of the organization to the socio-political lives. Not only that but also he put forth the new formalization defining the party life as the political life in which party members try to fulfill the demands of their political lives. By doing so, he lifted the party life, organizational and ideological, of party members to a high level where it is for fulfilling the demands of their socio-political lives.

Thanks to the sagacious leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, the levels of organizational and ideological life of cadres and party members have improved extraordinarily and our party has further strengthened and developed as an invincible revolutionary party forging ahead energetically with the chuche cause.

All the cadres and party members now form an ideological, conscientious entity armed firmly with the great immortal chuche ideology, the unitary ideology of our party, breathing and acting in accordance with the demands of the chuche ideology under any difficult circumstances. Regarding the party organization, with the leader in its center, as the parent body of their lives, they have become one solidly organized body, closely united around the party and the leader. Thus, all the cadres and party members accept the lines and policies set forth by the party and leader as the most correct ones and are thoroughly implementing them to the end, with the uncompromisingly revolutionary faith that they will live and die solely for the party, sharing the fate with it.

All the individual party members are thus united in one mind with the party organization with the leader in its center, both organizationally and ideologically, forming a live socio-political body. This precisely is the proud face of our party today. Our party is thus further strengthening and developing as the great helmsman to move forward the cause of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology successfully.

We must continue to elevate the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life in accordance with the realistic demands generated by the work of converting the whole society to the chuche ideology that has arrived at and is intensifying in a new stage.

Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and secretary of the party Central Committee, pointed out:

"Party functionaries must guide the party life of party members in a substantive manner, ensuring that all the
party members cherish the party organization and fulfill faithfully the revolutionary duty assigned by the party.” (“On Firmly Establishing the Revolutionary View of Chuche,” monograph, p. 12)

Important in raising the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life is, first of all, to ensure that they participate in the party life voluntarily and in good faith with the party-oriented conscience.

The party-oriented conscience is the sublime social consciousness viewing the party organization—the parent body of the socio-political lives—as something more valuable than one's own physical life and laying down everything one has in the interest of the party, in the interest of the revolution. Only by possessing the party-oriented conscience can party members participate in the party life voluntarily and in good faith and raise the levels of the party organizational and ideological life ceaselessly.

In order for party members to participate in the party life voluntarily and in good faith with the party-oriented conscience, they must possess a correct view of the organization.

The correct view of the organization is a basic factor prompting party members to participate in the party life voluntarily and in good faith with the party-oriented conscience. Therefore, party organizations and party functionaries must see to it that all the party members cherish the party organization as the parent body of their lives and always work and live by relying on the party.

Another important task in having party members participate in the party life voluntarily with the party-oriented conscience is to thoroughly establish the ethos among them of familiarizing themselves with the party rules and the party life standards and abide by them.

The party rules and the party life standards fully elucidate the fundamental requirements for party members to meet in their party life. Therefore, party organizations and party functionaries must thoroughly explain them and bring them home to party members and see that party members abide by them in their party life. Cadres in particular, who make up the general staff of the revolution, should participate in the party life even in a more exemplary manner, voluntarily subjecting themselves to the guidance and control of the party organization.

Next important in raising the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life is to ensure that the party life is steered in close conjunction with the fulfillment of the revolutionary tasks.

To steer the party life in close conjunction with the fulfillment of the revolutionary tasks means ensuring that the process of party members fulfilling their revolutionary tasks becomes their party life itself.

The party life is the process of fulfilling the revolutionary tasks assigned by the party. The purpose of elevating the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life through the strengthened party life is to better fulfill the revolutionary assignments. One cannot discuss the party life apart from the revolutionary tasks assigned by the party and the leader. Therefore, the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life also have to be demonstrated through practical activities to accomplish the assigned revolutionary tasks.

In order for party organizations and functionaries to steer the party life in close conjunction with the fulfillment of the revolutionary tasks, they must see to it that party members subjugate their party life to the fulfillment of the revolutionary tasks thoroughly and wholeheartedly, and that all forms and methods of party activity such as party assignments and party conferences are conducted in close conjunction with the fulfillment of the revolutionary tasks. At the same time, the evaluation of the party life of party members must be conducted on the basis of their performance in fulfilling the revolutionary tasks. Thus, all activities of the party members should become a process of always thinking and practicing with the focus on the revolutionary tasks assigned by the party.

Also important in raising the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life is to establish the ethos of revolutionary party life among party members and thereby strengthen their ideological struggle.

The ideological struggle is a method to raise the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life through revolutionary indoctrination. The purpose of the ideological struggle is not to find some comrades' faults, insult them and make troubles but to help them correct their mistakes and be true revolutionaries. Therefore, party organizations and functionaries must always pay deep attention to the ideological struggle, ensuring that all the party members participate in it in good faith with a correct view and attitude.

In order to wage the ideological struggle vigorously, it is necessary to bring democracy into full play while leading party members to have a correct view and attitude about it.

In work, there is a difference between party members of different levels; in the party life, however, there is no such thing as a high or low party member. Within the party, everyone should criticize and be criticized. Although criticism of upper levels and that of lower levels are equally necessary, it is particularly important to strengthen criticisms from lower levels. Only by doing
so will it be possible to further elevate the levels of the party members' organizational and ideological life through the ideological struggle.

All the party members and functionaries must continue to elevate the levels of the party organizational and ideological life and, by doing so, further strengthen our party as an organized body united in one mind.

Political Method Is a Basic Requirement of the Party Guidance Over the Administrative and Economic Work

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Actively Mobilizing and Utilizing the Local Potential of Production Is an Important Way To Improve the People's Standard of Living

The regular method to control and manage socialist system should be the collectivist method through and through.

To control and manage the economy by the collectivist method means to attach greater importance to the demands and interests of the state and social collectives in economic control and management while ensuring the interests of individual economic units and working people, and to solve all problems in economic control and management by relying on the working people's revolutionary fervor and their united strength. Only by using the collectivist method in controlling and managing the socialist economy can we strengthen the socialist economic system, thoroughly protect and defend the intrinsic demands of the working class and the fundamental interests of the revolution in the economic construction, and lay the firm material and technological foundations of socialism, communism.

The collectivist method constitutes the basic method of control and management of the socialist economy, and this has something to do, first of all, with the fact that it is a method embodying the intrinsic demands of the socialist ownership.

Generally, the relations of ownership with the means of production and the method of economic control are inseparable from each other. The relations between ownership and the means of production has a regulatory effect on economic control, while the economic control method exerts a great influence on the consolidation and development of the relations of ownership.

First of all, the relations of ownership with the means of production for represent the basic relations of the respective social system, namely the economic relations, and as such, exercise a regulatory influence on the method of economic control and management. The owner of the means of production would consider their own interests in establishing systems and methods to control and manage those means. If the owner of the means of production should fail to define the method to be used to control and manage the means of production, he or she cannot be said to be exercising the ownership. The type of economic control and method is determined by the form of ownership on the means of production.

Meanwhile, the method of economic control and management actively affects the consolidation and development of the relations of ownership. It is because the method of economic control and management, as a means to satisfy the demands of the respective relations of ownership, exert an influence on the social relationships among people in the process of social production. When the method of economic control conforms to the existing relations between ownership and the means of production, it spurs the development of that ownership. If not, it generates change alien to the existing relations of ownership.

Such close links between the relations of ownership and the method of economic control and management make
it imperative that we conduct the control and management of the economy by a method that suits the nature of the ownership.

In socialist society, there are two types of ownership for the means of production—the ownership by the state and all the people and the ownership by cooperatives.

The ownership by all the people and the ownership by cooperatives are collectivist- and joint-type ownerships that are totally distinguished from the private ownerships; they are the type of ownership that serves the will and demands of the working people involved and the interests of the entire state and social collectives.

Under the socialist ownership, it is imperative that all problems arising in production and management are solved in a way that serves the overall state interests and the interests of social collectives. The ownership by all the people is a collective ownership under which the means of production are socialized on a scale embracing the entire state and society, while the ownership by cooperatives, predominant in socialist rural areas, is a collective ownership under which the means of production are socialized within the limits of the respective cooperative farms. Types of the socialist ownership for the means of production are all commensurate with the levels of ideological consciousness of the socialist working people and their technological, cultural levels; under these types of ownership, the state interests and social collectives' demands are fully served. Therefore, the method of control befitting the socialist economic status, which is based on the collective ownership of the means of production, should of course be one based on the collectivist principle.

If the socialist economy based on the collective ownership should be controlled and managed not by the collectivist method but by a method based on individualism, the nature of the socialist ownership will gradually change and, more seriously, make it impossible to strengthen the socialist system itself. Generally, it can be compared to a substance and its structure. When the structure of a substance is altered, it, needless to say, leads to change in its function; likewise, if the function of a material is altered by applying some influence, it will cause its structure to change gradually.

All this shows that the socialist economy, based on the socialist-type ownership of the means of production, should necessarily be controlled and managed by the collectivist method, and that the collectivist method is the method of economic control and management embodying the intrinsic demands of the socialist-type ownership, the basic method of the socialist economic control and management.

Also, that the collectivist method is the basic method of the socialist economic control and management has something to do with the fact that it helps mobilize the revolutionary fervor and creative strength of the masses and vigorously accelerates the economic construction.

Socialist society is a society in which the masses of working people have become the master of the state ruling power and the means of production. It is the most superior society where everything serves the interests of the masses of working people. In socialist society, production is for improving the material and cultural living standards of the masses of working people unceasingly, with the material wealth thus created used to promote their well-being in its entirety. In socialist society, therefore, all the working people have vital interests in the growth of production and they come to display their revolutionary fervor and initiative for economic development.

In order to accelerate the economic construction by having the masses of working people display their revolutionary fervor and creative positiveness highly and accelerate the economic construction, we must give priority to the work of ideological indoctrination among them and, at the same time, embody the right method of control and management in economic management.

The superior method that brings into full play the revolutionary fervor and creative positiveness of the masses of working people in socialist economic control and management is the collectivist method.

The individualistic method at work in the petty proprietor economy or the private ownership-type economy is based on the individualistic outlook on life that attaches the greatest importance to the interest of individuals; consequently, it may spur the fervor of people temporarily and within the bounds of their own personal interests but there always are limits to the fervor and initiative they display. The individualistic method does not suit the large-scale socialist state-run or cooperative economy based on the collective, social ownership. After all, it cannot positively spur the revolutionary fervor of the working people in the joint labor for society and collectives.

If the socialist economy should be controlled and managed by the individualistic method under the pretext that the method stimulates the will of people for production, it will lead to revival of old ideologies among the working people such as severe egoism and departmentalism, with people working only for themselves, pursuing only their own pleasures at the cost of the collectives' interests. In such a situation, it would be impossible to control and manage the socialist economy in accordance with the intrinsic demands of the working class—the demands for opposing individualism and egoism and fully realizing self-reliance for the entire masses of people—or to attain the unity and solidarity of the masses of people which is the source of the invincible strength of socialism. By the individualistic method, it is impossible to control and manage the socialist economy in a unified manner or to have people display their revolutionary fervor as they should, or to successfully build a socialist, communist society in which every one lives a happy life.
The collectivist method of control and management is based on a higher level of ideological consciousness on the part of the masses of working people. Unlike the individualistic method, it is based on the collectivist outlook on life. It unifies the interests of collectives and the interests of individuals into one, giving priority to the independent demands and interests of the masses of people. It thus leads all the working people to cooperate with comradeship for the common goal and interests and demonstrate their united strength in the economic construction. Originally, in socialist society, the individual demands and interests are contained in the collective interests; the individual demands are satisfied within the collective achievements.

The collectivist method does not ignore the interests and initiative of individual people; it values the interests and initiative of individual members of society along with the interests of collectives. The collectivist method itself demands that the independent stand and attitude and the creativeness of all the members of society be brought into fuller play, and that they be given due appraisals depending on how highly they value the interests of the whole society, and how they struggle for the sake of collectives.

In economic management, the collectivist method provides those working people who contributed more to society and collectives with due socio-political and material rewards; it distributes to all the working people according to their work, and according to what they have earned.

The collectivist method gives the working people material as well as socio-political appraisals, and duly rewards them, on the basis of how far they unified their individual interests and the collective interests and how much they contributed to the collectives. Therefore, the collectivist method in economic management prompts the working people to show revolutionary fervor and initiative in their work and display infinite devotion and mass heroism for the sake of society and collectives.

That the collectivist method constitutes the basic method in the control and management of the socialist economy has also an important connection with the fact that it is a method to control and manage the socialist economy scientifically and rationally.

The socialist economy is a large-scale modern economy that develops according to plans and on the basis of the objective economic laws and deliberate use of science and technology. These characteristics of the socialist economy make it imperative that its control and management be scientific and rational.

At work in socialist society are economic laws reflecting the intrinsic demands of the socialist economy such as the fundamental economic laws of socialism; due to the transitional nature of socialist society, other economic laws such as the law of value are also at work. In the economic management in socialist society, priority should be given to fulfilling the demands of the socialist economic laws and, at the same time, the law of value should be utilized as an auxiliary means of rationalization in economic management. If the socialist economic laws should be ignored, if the commodity production and the law of value should instead be regarded as something with absolute validity, it could lead to grave consequences, causing capitalist elements to emerge and eventually ruin the planned socialist economy and create chaos in the overall economic life.

In the socialist economic control and management, it is also very important to meet the scientific and technological demands of production. As the economy grows in scale and the production and technological processes are modernized, the linkages between production processes and production units become increasingly complex. Therefore, only by satisfying the scientific and technological demands of production in keeping with these developments can we properly control and manage the socialist economy, ensuring the planned and balanced developments of the economy and solving various problems in economic management successfully.

The collectivist method is the only way to solve all these problems in the control and management of the socialist economy.

The socialist economy, large in scale and equipped with modern technology, cannot be properly controlled and managed by relying on the wisdom and will of individuals. By relying on the wisdom and will of individuals, it is impossible to correctly grasp the objective realities of the socialist economy, which is large in scale and complex in terms of the linkages between units of production, or to satisfactorily comply with the economic laws and the scientific and technological demands of production.

If the socialist economy should be controlled and managed according to the demands and will of certain individuals, it is bound to spawn serious cases of arbitrariness, subjectivism and bureaucratism in economic guidance and enterprise management, stifling the initiative and wisdom of the masses and democracy, and making it impossible to establish proper measures to ensure scientific, rational economic management. If individual arbitrariness, subjectivism or bureaucratism is allowed in economic management, we will be unable to correctly utilize the objective economic laws or provide scientific, technological guidance for the modern production based on science and technology because under such circumstances it is impossible to have the aspirations, demands and creative wisdom of the masses properly reflected in management.

The collectivist method—putting the demands and interests of the state and social collectives in the forefront and solving all problems in economic management by relying on the strength and wisdom of the producer masses—is the only scientific method of management befitting the socialist economy, which is large in scale and based on up-to-date science and technology.
The collectivist method, complying with the demands of the basic socialist economic laws, sets the aim of the enterprise management not in the pursuit of profits as in the case of capitalism but in more satisfactorily serving the interests of the whole society and the demands of all the people. And the overall work of economic management is also organized and conducted accordingly.

The collectivist method makes it possible not only to properly control and manage the economy in accordance with the demands of the objective economic laws but also to satisfy the scientific and technological demands of production by relying on the strength and wisdom of the producer masses. The producer masses are the masters of the socialist production and management; they know better than anyone else about the actual state of production and ways to improve enterprise management. The collectivist method precisely brings the broad masses of working people, the masters of production, to participate in enterprise management extensively, giving full play to their collective wisdom and creativity. On that basis, the collectivist method makes it possible to organize and coordinate the overall economic management in accordance with the objective economic laws and the scientific, technological demands of production.

Thus, the collectivist method works as a mighty method promising scientific, rational control and management of the economy.

The collectivist method is indeed a scientific method of control and management befitting the intrinsic nature of the socialist-type ownership. It is a method that brings into full play the revolutionary fervor and creative positiveness of the masses of working people, who are in charge of the socialist construction, and makes it possible for the economy to be controlled and managed scientifically and rationally. Precisely for this reason does the collectivist method serve as the basic method of control and management of the socialist economy.

Presently, in connection with the vicious antisocialist racket being made by the imperialists, it has become a very important task to hold on steadfastly to the collectivist method.

Today, the imperialists on the verge of ruin are making all desperate attempts to find a way out of the political and economic crises they are in. The imperialists, degrading economic as well as political systems of socialist countries, are ranting and raving as if the socialist economy were inefficient, unavailable, and unable to advance science, technology and productivity. Under this condition, it is only by defending resolutely, and holding on firmly to the collectivist method in economic control and management that we can achieve an uninterrupted high rate of speed in our economic developments to check and frustrate the vicious antisocialist racket of the imperialists, demonstrate the superiority of the socialist economic system powerfully and, further yet, hasten the victory of the socialist, communist cause to a maximum degree.

Viewed either from the enormous revolutionary tasks facing us or from the demands of our revolution’s internal and external situations, it is very important that we continue to adhere to the collectivist method in our economic management.

We must defend and preserve the collectivist method resolutely, thoroughly recognizing that it is the only and most correct method to control and manage the socialist economy and that there is no other method.

Most important in holding on to the collectivist method in economic management is for all the functionaries and working people to firmly arm themselves with our party’s creative ideology, theory and policy concerning the control and management of the socialist economy.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught:

“Only by knowing the line and policy of the party deeply, one can think and act in a way that meets the intent of he party, and have confidence, fighting spirit and enthusiasm in the struggle to carry out the party policy.” ("The Collection of Kim Il-song’s Works," Vol 18, p 317)

The ideology, theory and policy of our party dealing with the control and management of the socialist economy elucidate scientifically all problems arising in controlling and managing the socialist economy by the collectivist method, and clearly show specific ways and means to solve them.

The ideology, theory and policy of our party dealing with the control and management of the socialist economy already vividly proved their validity, superiority and invincible vitality through the practice of socialist construction in our country. They continue to have as great a traction today. Only by arming ourselves firmly with the ideology, theory and policy of our party can we thoroughly defend and adhere to them with firm confidence in victory under any difficult and complicated circumstances and continue to control and manage the socialist economy by the collectivist method in accordance with its intrinsic demands.

All the economic guidance functionaries must thoroughly establish the revolutionary study ethos; study and understand in depth the revolutionary ideology of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the lines and policies of our party embodying it, and party policies relating to the work in their respective branches; keep them engraved on their hearts as their revolutionary faith, and embody them brilliantly in the economic management. Especially, they must firmly defend and hold to the our party’s basic principles in the control and management of the socialist economy—relating to properly combining political guidance with economic guidance, the unified state guidance with the initiative of each unit, democracy with the unitary command, and political and moral incentives with material incentives—and the chuche system of economic management that fully embodies those principles.
Also important in holding on to the collectivist method in economic management is to thoroughly carry through the Taean work system.

The Taean work system, embodying the revolutionary mass line of our party, is the most superior method in controlling and managing the socialist economy the collectivist way. Thanks to the Taean work system, we have always been able to control and manage the people’s economy by the collectivist method without the slightest deviation or any complications during the entire period of our socialist construction, successfully solving difficult and complicated problems arising in economic management and vigorously accelerating production and construction. Today, with the huge task of economic construction facing us and with our revolution in a very complex situation internally and externally, an important guarantee for the continued control and management of the socialist economy precisely lies in our carrying through the Taean work system even more thoroughly.

We must continue to adhere to the superior Taean work system steadfastly—the system for factories and enterprises to conduct all management activities under the collective guidance of the respective party committees, the system that gives priority to political work, fulfills the given economic task by mobilizing the producer masses and sees to it that sees to it that the upper level helps the lower levels, the system that controls and manages the economy scientifically and rationally. Especially, we must thoroughly ensure the party committee’s collective guidance so as to further strengthen the party leadership for the socialist economic construction.

Also important in adhering to the collectivist method in economic management with no interruption is to strengthen the mutual cooperation and solidarity between factories, enterprises and working people.

In socialist society, while collectivism should be in evidence in every area of social life, it should in particular be given intensive expression in the economic construction—the joint labor for strengthening the material and technological foundations of the society and improving the material and cultural living standards of the people.

Today, production units have increased enormously, with extremely complex production-consumption linkages among them, as the socialist economic construction has deepened; under these circumstances, without highly displaying the collectivist ethos of life—the laudable communist-type virtue of all the factories and enterprises and working people helping, leading and uniting with one another—it is impossible to control and manage the economy by the collectivist method.

In order to strengthen comrade-type cooperation and unity among factories, enterprises and working people, indoctrination in collectivism must be stepped up among economic guidance functionaries and working people, ensuring that they thoroughly overcome obsolete ideologies such as departmentalism, individualism and egoism, that collectivism, which is the basis of socialist, communist social life, is built into their bodies, and that they think and act by the collectivist mode, the mode of activity for the communists. Thus, all the economic guidance functionaries and working people should carry out the economic assignments of their respective factories and enterprises without fail, in one mind attaching importance to the interests of the collectives and society, helping and leading one another and working for the society and collectives. They should, in the spirit of helping management activities of other factories and enterprises, give priority to ensuring the necessary conditions for fulfilling the cooperative production as scheduled.

Doing the economic organizational work well constitutes an important factor ensuring that the collectivist method is firmly adhered to in economic management with no interruption.

The collectivist method could highly display its strength in the socialist economic construction in our country during the past period, and this has an important connection with the fact that economic guidance functionaries did good jobs in planning and coordinating their organizational work under the sagacious leadership of the party and the leader. Today, with the socialist economic construction going on in a new, higher stage, how economic guidance functionaries plan and coordinate their economic organizational work will largely determine the outcome of the struggles for bringing the superiority and vitality of the collectivist method of control and management into full play.

Economic guidance functionaries must, with a high sense of responsibility for their assignments, push their work in a bold, daring manner, displaying the revolutionary spirit, party spirit, working-class spirit and people-mindedness positively. At the same time, they must grasp the actual, specific state of lower levels and provide them with satisfactory production conditions. Especially, they must put major emphasis on the supply work to ensure the delivery of raw materials and other materials and supplies on a timely basis for all the required items and specifications. They must mobilize the resourcefulness and wisdom of the masses and all the reserves and potential to the maximum and solve day-to-day problems for the masses in a responsible manner.

The struggle to hold on steadfastly to the collectivist method of control and management is a sacred struggle to defend and maintain the revolutionary position of the working class in the economic construction and to bring about uninterrupted upsurges in production and construction.

We should, by firmly maintaining the collectivist method of control and management, accelerate the socialist economic construction at an uninterrupted high rate of speed and give fuller play to the superiority of the socialist economic system of our country.
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