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[Article by Chon Che-kwan]

[Text] Development of Science and technology is one of the strategic tasks to which the working-class party should consistently adhere in socialist economic construction. Socialist construction is a sacred cause for having the masses of working people attain the independent stand and attitude. In order for the masses of working people to attain the independent stand and attitude, the working-class party should exert efforts to build the socialist material and technological foundation of socialism and remodel the relationship between society and people after the image of the working class.

An important problem in accelerating economic construction is how to quickly develop science and technology. Only through a rapid development of science and technology will it be possible to accelerate economic construction at a fast pace and thus build the socialist material and technological foundation of socialism and provide full conditions necessary to insure a self-dependent and creative life for the masses of working people.

The wealth and power and development of a nation depends in a large measure upon the development of science and technology.

Today, when science and technology are developing with decisive effects on the development of the economy, an important task confronting our party is to thoroughly implement the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught as follows:

“The reality of socialist construction in our country all the more urgently demands that science and technology be developed at a rapid pace. Without a rapid development of science and technology and without bold and active technical innovations it will be impossible to fulfill the enormous tasks of the prospective plan and elevate the economy of our country onto a new higher stage.” (“Kim Il-song Selected Works,” Vol 9, pp 482-483)

The Third 7-Year Plan for the development of the national economy currently being implemented by our people is a very formidable struggle requiring an enormous amount of labor and huge material and financial outlays. This Herculean undertaking can be smoothly accomplished only by actively introducing the latest science and technology and remodeling all sectors of the national economy with modern technology. An important guarantee for successfully fulfilling the Third 7-Year Plan, by giving full scope to the might of the existing economic foundations, and by accelerating socialist economic construction still more, lies nowhere else but in rapid development of science and technology through the fulfillment of the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan.

Reflecting in the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan set forth at the 13th Plenum of the Sixth WPK Central Committee is the firm determination and will of our party to successfully fulfill the Third 7-Year Plan for the development of the national economy by
The 3-Year Science and Development Plan is a stupendous plan designed, first of all, to simultaneously develop all important branches of science and technology, including those realms pivotal to the development of science and technology.

Economy, the material foundation of social life, is a very divergent and complex domain in which man creates and utilizes material wealth necessary for his living—food, clothing, and shelter. Accordingly, equally vast are the fields of study for science and technology, which are closely related to economic construction.

In the diverse fields of study for science and technology, there are some more important branches which exercise decisive effects on economic development, the branches on which particular emphasis should be placed in a given period. These branches become the pivotal fields in the development of science and technology in that specific period.

The pivotal fields in the development of modern science and technology are electronics, biology, and heat engineering.

The central task of the 3-Year Science and Development Plan is to raise the nation's science and technology onto an advanced level as soon as possible by developing the important branches of science and technology, such as electronics, biology, and heat engineering. Only by rapidly developing electronics, biology, and heat engineering, and other important branches of science will it be possible to realize the modernization of the national economy, epochally improve the people's living standard, and accelerate socialist economic construction still more by smoothly solving problems concerning heat energy.

Outlined in the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan is the task for the electronics field to conduct advanced research and development work on electronic materials, electronic components, electronic computers, and numerical control (NC) machine tools, and robots so that the automation, robotization, and computerization of the national economy may be actively realized. Also outlined in the plan are the tasks to develop more fine breeds of plants and animals on the basis of the successes achieved in the field of biology, including cellular engineering and genetic engineering; to actively develop microbiology so as to solve problems concerning protein feed; to carry out active research and development work designed to increase fishery products by carrying out large-scale on-shore fish breeding. In addition, the plan includes tasks to solve heat and power problems more satisfactorily to suit the demands of the developing reality by actively carrying out scientific research work designed to widely utilize low calorie coal in all branches of the national economy, to introduce room heating systems and gasification in local cities and rural areas, and to effectively utilize natural energy such as solar energy and wind power.

Set in the 3-Year Science and Technological Development Plan are, in addition to developing electronics, biology, and heat engineering, the tasks to be undertaken in all areas of scientific and technological development, such as tasks to solve urgent scientific and technological problems arising in all branches of the national economy, including the chemical, metal, extractive industries and railway transportation; and the necessity to pay profound attention to the development of basic sciences including mathematics and physics.

Thus the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan is a stupendous plan which will enable us to raise the overall national level of science and technology another notch by simultaneously developing the important branches of science and technology, including the pivotal spheres of modern science and technology.

The 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan is also a farsighted plan to bring science and technology definitely ahead of economic development by effecting a turnaround in the development of science and technology in a short period of time.

Scientific and technological search work is a creative undertaking designed to uncover the laws of development of nature and probe ways to use these laws to the best advantage of human beings. The basic mission of science and technology in socialist society, in which the means of production belong to society, is to be of service in building the solid material and technological foundations of socialism and communism. In order that science and technology may actively contribute to socialist construction to suit their mission, it is imperative to bring science and technology ahead of economic construction by rapidly developing them in a short period of time and apply the results of scientific and technological research in production on time. Only by doing so will it be possible to increase production at a sustained high speed and enable science and technology to make a practical contribution to building the firm material and technologic foundations of socialism. Without bringing scientific and technological development ahead of economic construction will it be impossible to satisfactorily solve scientific and technological problems arising anew as socialist construction makes headway. All those wondrous achievements being made in the modern way of production that would have been beyond imagination in bygone days are the results of the rapid development of science and technology and their punctual application in production.

The Science and Technology Development Plan confronting us today is a difficult and complex task to epochally elevate the national level of science and technology in 3 short years on the basis of the achievements already made
in scientific and technological development. The important goal of the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan is to continue to bring science and technology ahead of economic development by exploring and finding perfect solutions to various scientific and technological problems at the forefront of modern science and technology in 3 short years, by making 10 steps while others make only one step, and making hundreds of steps while others make one hundred steps. When this goal is attained, we will be able to solve scientific and technological problems arising in production and construction in a farsighted manner to suit the policy demands of our party, thereby satisfactorily providing conditions necessary for equipping all sectors of the economy tightly with modern technology. This will enable us to firmly insure the fulfillment of the Third 3-Year Plan in scientific and technological sphere and go forward to augment the economic power of our country.

All this indicates that the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan is a worthy plan which first, in terms of breadth, covers all important branches of science and technology including the domains which are at the center of modern scientific and technological development; second, in terms of height, will elevate our nation’s science and technology onto the world’s advanced level; and, third, in terms of speed will reap the best results in the shortest possible time.

When the 3-Year Science and Technology Plan is fulfilled, our country will in a few years enter the new stage of seeing the further development of chuche-oriented microelectronics, electronic computers, and optic communications technology and realizing the full-fledged automation, robotization, and computerization of production. In addition, agricultural production, stock breeding, and onshore fish breeding will be placed on a highly scientific foundation thanks to modern biology; various chemical products will be produced at the large chemical industrial bases in Sunchon and Sariwon, bringing about an epochal turn in the people’s daily living—in their food, clothing, and shelter. Heat energy problems will be solved satisfactorily in various sectors of the national economy and in all units utilizing heat; and our economy as a whole, including the metal and chemical industries, will be raised onto a more modern scientific and technological foundations, with its chuche character enhanced still more.

Thus, when the 3-Year Science and Technology Plan is fulfilled, our country’s science and technology will be raised onto a new higher level and the overall economic strength of the country will be augmented still more.

Today we have all the necessary sufficient conditions and possibilities for successfully fulfilling the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan.

Under the sagacious leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, a powerful army of intellectuals numbering as many as 1.3 million has been trained, and hundreds of scientific and research organizations and research bases with modern research facilities and equipment have been firmly built.

We also have the rich experience gained in scientific research work in the past. Each time our party set forth economic construction programs at each period and each stage of economic construction, it worked out immediate as well as long-range plans for the development science and technology necessary for the fulfillment of these programs, and saw to it that these plans were thoroughly implemented along with the economic programs. Through the course of fulfilling the science and technology development plans, proud successes were scored and valuable experiences accumulated in scientific research work, and overall economic construction in the country was pushed forward at a rapid pace.

If we make the best and maximum use of all these conditions and possibilities and concentrate our efforts at scientific research work, we will be able to raise the level of our nation’s science and technology onto a higher stage.

By vigorously launching into the struggle to fulfill the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan with firm faith in victory and with revolutionary optimism, we should raise our national level of science and technology and successfully fulfill the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan.

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 follows:

"The party is determined to raise the nation’s scientific and technological level by one notch in the shortest possible time.”

In successfully fulfilling the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan, it is necessary above all for all scientists and technical personnel to prepare themselves securely as scientists and technicians dedicated to the chuche ideology.

Scientists and technicians are the people directly in charge of scientific and technological development. How soon, and how well the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan will be fulfilled depends in a great measure on the role of those in charge, the scientists and technicians.

In order to fulfill their honorable duty assigned in the fulfillment of the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan, scientists and technicians should regard our party’s revolutionary thought, the chuche ideology, as the revolutionary view of the world, their only faith, and move forward confidently on the road indicated by the party, without the slightest swerving wherever, whenever, whatever wind may come. They should also take due pride in the great achievements that our party has
made in revolution and construction by implementing the chuche ideology, and fully understand why in this period our party has set forth the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan and intends to fulfill it as soon as possible.

What is of particular importance for scientists and technicians in becoming dedicated to the chuche ideology is to firmly establish chuche in scientific research. From the firm chuche point of view, scientists and technicians should put efforts into research work designed to solve scientific and technological problems that arise in accelerating the implementation of chuche, the modernization, and scientization of the national economy, in fulfilling the prospective goals of socialist economic development, and in improving the people's living condition.

In our society, scientific research work is an honorable revolutionary undertaking, a plan of the nation for the ages, and all the scientists and technicians engaged in it are revolutionaries. For revolutionaries, the interests of the revolution are more important than their individual interests, and it is the most glorious way of living to gladly give even their prime of life for the interests of the revolution. Our scientists and technicians, when they solve but one problem or write but one book, should maintain the correct attitude of giving their first consideration to the interests of the revolution, the interests of the country and people, not their personal interests.

Scientific research work is a very difficult task to capture the fortress of modern science. The more difficult and complex the task that confronts them, scientists and engineers should give the fuller play to the evolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude and carry out scientific research in the revolutionary way by making something from nothing and turning an adverse condition to their advantage.

In successfully fulfilling the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan, it is also important to decisively improve the quality level of scientists and technicians.

The basic duty of scientists and technicians is to contribute to the revolution through their scientific knowledge, and their loyalty to the party and the leader becomes manifest not in words, but in the practical achievements in scientific research work. In order for scientists and technicians to repay the party and the leader with loyalty for the high political trust and consideration, their loyalty should invariably be backed up with their real ability. Scientists and technicians lacking real ability cannot be loyal to the party and the leader. Our time, the age of science and technology, demands that everyone, particularly scientists and technicians who serve the party and the revolution with their scientific knowledge and technological know-how, attain a high quality level.

Scientists and technicians should thoroughly establish the revolutionary study habit and get well acquainted with scientific and technological problems in their specific fields of specialty and keep abreast with the world trends in these fields. At the same time, they should step up the study of foreign languages so that they may study the world's advanced science and technology on a regular basis and introduce them on time. When all scientists and technicians become men of ability and doctors, the nation's science and technology will develop all the faster.

In successfully fulfilling the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan, it is also important to further improve science and technology administration and properly insure the necessary conditions for scientific research.

The science and technology development plan is a plan to actively push forward scientific research work and technological development work. Even if the enthusiasm of the scientists and technicians is fervent and their quality is high, it would be impossible to translate the drawn up plans into reality and raise the nation's science and technology onto a higher level unless science and technology administration is not well planned and organized and the necessary conditions for research are not provided.

Scientific research organizations should set research tasks to suit the actual condition in the country and plan and organize division of labor in detail in assigning these tasks. After giving scientific research assignments, it is necessary to provide vigorous support so that the assignments may be fulfilled without fail, and from the principle stand, to accurately sum up and evaluate the results of the research done by scientists.

Socialism means a society based on collectivism, which is vital to socialism. We should strengthen cooperation among scientific research organizations and cooperation between scientific research organization and the institutes of higher education so that they may jointly solve important scientific and technological problems and give full scope to the superiority of socialist collectivism in scientific research work. Particularly, when we thoroughly overcome particularism in scientific research and strengthen the system of cooperation so as not to thinly spread out scientific resources, we will be able to produce greater results.

At the same time, we should step up scientific exchanges so that we may creatively introduce advanced science and technology to suit the actual condition in our country.

The important purpose of the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan is to achieve a fast growth in production through the introduction of the results of scientific research. All sectors of the national economy, while pushing immediate production tasks, should wage a vigorous struggle to introduce the results of scientific research on time.
It is very important to properly insure the necessary conditions for scientific research while improving administrative guidance in science research work.

On the principle of increasing investment in the field of scientific research in line with the party policy, we should set up the stringent discipline of drawing up accurate research plans and meticulously implementing them and deliver equipment and materials needed in scientific research on a preferential basis.

To improve the level of scientific and technological education and strengthen education in the latest fields of science and technology is an important task related to the prospect of development for the nation's science and technology and one of the basic links in accelerating socialist economic construction.

Today in our country, with the thoroughgoing implementation of the “Theses on Socialist Education” presented by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, chuche has been firmly established in education, the level of scientific and technological education markedly improved, and the material and technical foundations of education further strengthened. Prodigious and precious as the achievements made in education may be, the level of education, particularly scientific and technological education in universities, should be raised still more in order to accelerate the complete victory of socialism and rapidly develop the nation's science and technology.

We should reorganize major subjects of study in a rational manner to suit the developing trends of modern science and technology and the demands of the developing economy, and strengthen education in major fields of science and technology, such as electronics, biology, and heat engineering. At the same time, we should strengthen experiments and practical exercises and education in designing and provide an adequate material and technical foundation for these educational training. By doing so, all students should be brought up as able scientific personnel and encouraged to actively contribute to the development of the nation's science and technology.

The struggle to develop science and technology is an honorable and worthy cause for the prosperity of the nation.

We will raise the nation's science and technology onto a new higher stage and more vigorously accelerate socialist economic construction by successfully fulfilling the 3-Year Science and Technology Development Plan.

**Let Us Ceaselessly Improve the Labor Administration Work According to the Demand of the Grand Socialist Construction**

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**The Collection of Books ‘The Immortal History’ is the Glorious Cultural Treasure of Our People**

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**Anticommunism Is a Doctrine of Confrontation, Division, and War**

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[Article by Yu Ho-chun]

[Text] These days the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique are feverishly stepping up their anticommunist machinations, viciously denigrating our republic in connection with what they call the “safe staging” of the 24th Olympic Games. Claiming that there is the possibility that we will make a “provocation” to “obstruct” the “successful staging” of the Olympiad, and arbitrarily laying the blame at our door, they are reinforcing armed forces in and around South Korea and staging war exercises in a reckless militarist frenzy.

All the preceding South Korean rulers persited in anticommunist maneuvers without exception, but the present ruling clique is more viciously clinging to anticommunist machinations than any of its predecessors.

The current anticommunist machinations staged by the No Tae-u clique under U.S. instigation are nothing but a ruse designed to perpetuate the division of the country, suppress the struggle of South Korean youths, students, and people for sovereignty, democracy, and reunification, and cover up all its crimes committed against our nation.

The traitors cannot cover up their criminal acts with sophistry; not a single anticommunist fanatic could ever averted ruin. This is attested to by the stark facts in our country and many other countries in the world.
Anticommunism in South Korea is not a doctrine or ideology that the puppet clique itself has come up with, but a tenet that the U.S. imperialists have put in its hand.

Essentially, anticommunism is an ideological weapon of the imperialists used in justifying aggression against, and the subjugation and colonial exploitation of, other countries.

In bygone days, under the slogan of anticommunism, the imperialists not only fascistized their own countries but also invaded and subjugated other countries and enforced colonial rule on them.

Emerging as the head of world imperialism following World War II, the U.S. imperialists used anticommunism as an instrument of aggression against other countries in a more cunning and sinister way, in an attempt to seize control of these countries.

The U.S. imperialists hold it as the basis of their foreign policy to “provide unlimited support to countries opposed to communism.” Imposing anticommunism upon their allies and vassal states as the basis of mutual relations, the U.S. imperialists are driving them to anticommunism under the signboards of “aid” and “military and political alliance” for the cause of anticommunism.

These maneuvers of the U.S. imperialists find their most concentrated expression in their aggression and colonial rule in South Korea.

The U.S. imperialists, who occupied South Korea by military means while disguised as the liberator, stuffed the South Korean Government with pro-American elements and used it as their agent to faithfully execute their policy of anticommunism, thereby turning South Korea into an anticommunist bastion.

The anticommunist “policy” currently pursued by the South Korean puppets is one bestowed upon them by the U.S. imperialists, and it is precisely because of this that the anticommunist maneuvers of these puppets are most vicious and of an antinational character.

The viciousness and antinational character of anticommunism as enforced in South Korea lies first of all in the fact that anti-communism is South Korea’s “state policy.”

The South Korean puppets hold anti-communism as the political ideological basis of their foreign “policy,” subjecting everything else to it. They are using anticommmunism as a means of justifying all their criminal acts, ranging from the suppression of the people and the removal of their political opponents to the fanning of fratricidal war fever.

The successive South Korean puppets openly perpetrated treasonous acts under the slogan of anticommunism. The South Korean puppets, while clamoring that South Korea should strengthen anticommunist “ties” with the United States for the cause of anticommunism, completely turned South Korea into a colonial military base of the U.S. imperialists by putting into practice the treasonous documents of subjugation signed by their predecessors. Further, the South Korean puppets sold out the vital national political, military, and economic interests to the U.S. imperialists, while under the slogan of anticommunism, trying to legitimize the permanent U.S. occupation of South Korea and justify U.S. “aid,” which is aggressive in nature. Under the slogan of anticommunism, the South Korean puppets did not even hesitate to commit the treasonous act of strengthening collusion with the Japanese militarists who in bygone days imposed the life of colonial slavery upon our people.

It is a foregone conclusion that anticommunism as an instrument of aggression for the imperialists will lead to enslavement, and the true colors of the anticommunists are none other than treason.

The viciousness and treasonous character of anticommunism as practiced in South Korea finds its expression in extreme hostility to our republic and to the communists in the North, and South Koreans regard it as their first and foremost objective to “obliterate” our republic and the communists in the North.

Generally, anticommunism has been regarded as opposition to communism in general. But anticommunism as practiced in South Korea today is concentrated specifically on opposing the socialist system and the communists in the northern half of the republic rather than communism in general.

Recently, on the eve of the Olympics, the South Korean puppets, while winking at other socialist countries saying they are going to do something about their “relations” with the communist camp, are feverishly stepping up their vociferous machinations against our republic with the strongest enmity ever. This indicates that anticommunism as advocated by these scoundrels is directed at no one else but the communists and the people in the northern half of the republic, their fellow countrymen, and thus it is being used as a means of denigrating the international prestige and dignity of our republic and creating a climate favorable to concocting “two Koreas.”

Under the pretext of anticommunism, the South Korean puppets are using all kinds of ways and means to ceaselessly carry out machinations against us. The scoundrels have framed various incidents for subversive purposes in order to lay the blame at our door, while systematically raising anti-republic racketeers.

These anticommunist racketeers raised by the South Korean puppets under U.S. instigation are bound to have the harmful effect of tending to fan the sentiments of confrontation, division, and enmity inside our nation and hampering national unity and reunification.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught as follows:
Anticommunism is a doctrine of confrontation and division, a doctrine of war, which rejects peace, and which is opposed to the solidarity and unity of the nation.” (“Kim Il-song Selected Works,” Vol 9, p 491)

The anticommunist machinations being carried out in South Korea by the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique are one of the main factors tending to deteriorate North-South relations, stir up confrontation, impede national unity, obstruct national reunification, aggravate tension on the Korean Peninsula, and increase the danger of war.

Anti-communism in South Korea is above all a doctrine of confrontation and division as opposed to national unity and reunification.

The most pressing task confronting our nation, which has lived as a homogeneous people throughout its long history, is the realization of national unity and reunification, not confrontation and division.

Realizing national unity and reunification means founding a unified state and establish national sovereignty throughout the country through the reconciliation and union of the North and the South. In order to realize national unity and reunification, it is imperative for the North and the South to achieve grand national unity by transcending the differences in ideologies, ideals, systems, and religion beliefs.

For this reason, we have advanced the proposal for founding the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo and have been doing every possible sincere effort for the realization of this proposal—the most justifiable and reasonable formula for achieving national reunification and establishing a unified national government in which the North and the South will participate as equal partners, on the condition that both sides recognize and tolerate each other's ideologies and systems as they are.

However, the South Korean ruling clique, under the slogan of anticommunism, perceiving the national reunification issue as the question of one side swallowing up, or being swallowed up by, the other, are dreaming of achieving "reunification" by means of imposing its own ideology and system upon the North and obliterating the ideology and system of the North. Laboring under this illusion, the clique, claiming that the Northern half of the republic is the "unrecovered territory," is talking about "recovering the lost land" and ranting that the South should brace itself up with the "exterminate-communism" posture in order to "subdue" the North by "force."

If under the present circumstances, the national reunification issue is defined as the question of one side swallowing up, or being swallowed up by, the other side, then it would be forever impossible to remove the state of confrontation and thus achieve unity, prevent permanent division, and realize reunification. Just as national unity is inconsistent with confrontation, so is national reunification incompatible with anticommunism. To advocate anticommunism in settling the national reunification issue would only result in stirring up antagonism and confrontation, instead of promoting reconciliation and unity within our nation. Particularly, in the northern half of the republic, the communist ideology, the immortal chuche ideology, representing our time and the bright future of humankind, has become the firmly established guiding thought, with all the people wholeheartedly cherishing this thought; the most advanced socialist system has been firmly established; and socialist and communist construction is progressing successfully. Under these circumstances, any attempt to subdue the northern half of the republic by "force" and achieve "reunification" is an illusion forever unrealizable, and amounts to not wanting to unify the country. The South Korean puppet's doctrine of "unification while over-communism" or doctrine of "unification by defeating communism"—an attempt to achieve "unification" by "defeating" or "exterminating" the communists in the northern half of the republic by regarding them as their enemy, the very people with whom they should work hand in hand to achieve national reunification, which is the cherished desire of our nation—this doctrine is an antinational dogma which runs counter to the necessary requirement for achieving grand national unity by transcending differences in ideologies, ideals, systems, and religious creeds, an antireunification dogma which negates national reunification itself lock, stock and barrel.

The antinational behavior of the South Korean rulers, who from the standpoint of anticommunism, are rejecting reunification and seeking division, has graphically manifested itself in their stance toward North-South dialogue.

Bringing anticommunism to the fore, the South Korean ruling clique has consistently held fast to its negative attitude toward dialogue and reunification, declaring that the "superiority of national strength" is the "underpinning" of dialogue, and that "national strength" should be augmented in order to promote dialogue.

Because the anticommunist machinations of the South Korean puppet clique stemming from its negative attitude toward dialogue and reunification, the dialogue in the 1970's and 1980's were suspended without any results, after wasting so much time and energy. The real intention of the South Korean puppet clique in suspending these talks which came to be held after much difficulty, was laid bare all the more clearly in their naked statements. Arguing that "peaceful reunification does not mean in the least that we work hand in hand with the communists," and that "reunification, under whatever circumstance, can be achieved only when communism is defeated," the South Korean puppets characterized the 1980's as "the period of all-out confrontation between North and South" and "the decade of intensified North-South competition," and openly declared that it is their "plan and "goal" for the ages" to achieve "reunification" in the 20th century after the "foundation of reunification is laid."
On account of this anticommunist stand and posture of the South Korean ruling clique, the multichannel dialogues were discontinued and still remain suspended, with antagonism and confrontation intensifying with each passing day.

To turn the current tense situation into relaxation and create a condition favorable to peaceful reunification, there can be no other alternative but to embark upon the road to dialogue and negotiation. To this end, our most just and reasonable proposal for convening a North-South joint conference should be realized as soon as possible.

Under the circumstances in which the South Korean authorities are persistently rejecting our proposal for a North-South joint conference, we have made a new proposal for negotiation that before the proposed North-South joint conference is convened, representatives of various political parties, groupings, and strata in the North and South hold bilateral or multilateral contacts and talks. This new proposal is the best way of breaking the current impasse, in favor of improvement in North-South relations as well as of dialogue, peace, and peaceful reunification, at a time when in the North and South keep their doors tightly closed to each other, with the state of confrontation reaching its extremity. In addition, we have also announced that the “high-level North-South talks” which the South Korean authorities proposed by insisting on setting up “a unified contact point for dialogues” can be held in the form of preliminary talks preparatory to a North-South joint conference. This principled position of ours demonstrates our sincere efforts to realize negotiations between the North and the South at all costs and overcome the national difficulties by the joint efforts of our nation, and also demonstrates our generosity with which we tolerantly embrace the opinions of the other side.

The question remains: What stand and attitude the South Korean authorities will take toward North-South dialogues. If they should only give lip service to “dialogue” and “reunification” while continuing to cling to their anticommunist posture of confrontation, it will become all the more clear that their professed intentions are not true but phoney.

Anticommunism under the slogan of which the South Korean ruling clique is showing enmity toward the northern half of the republic and stirring up the feelings of confrontation and hostility between the North and the South is an ideological toxin obstructive to reconciliation and unity, dialogue and reunification.

That anti-communism is an ideology of confrontation and division is also because it is the reactionary ideology which suppresses the desire of the South Korean people for reunification and hampers grand national unity. Anticommunism is a reactionary thought incompatible with freedom of thought and freedom of political activity, and it is of necessity the bedfellow of fascism.

Anticommunism in South Korea has another aspect of its gravity in that, while spreading rumors that the North is attempting to achieve “reunification under communism by force,” it tyrannically suppresses patriotic people aspiring for sovereignty, democracy, and reunification, by linking them to us.

The No Tae-u clique bloodily put down the heroic Kwangju popular uprising of South Korean people, branding it as a “riot staged by insurgents” under the instigation of the North. This same clique, the principal culprit of that bloody suppression, even today is randomly arresting and executing patriotic South Korean youths, students, and people at all levels by implicating them in framed “incidents” and falsely linking them to us. In this way, the clique is still obstructing the desire of the South Korean people for reunification and grand national unity. In the past, the South Korean fascist elements arrested and executed—on charges of having committed “pro-Communist actions benefitting the enemy”—those “members of the National Assembly” who made “statements in the National Assembly” calling for the “national policy of reunification” in opposition to the “national policy of anticommunism,” and also those religious activists who engage in religious activities calling for justice and democracy as opposed to injustice and autocracy. This same clique is now perpetrating “all-out political terrorism” against anyone who makes the “same demands as the North” or uses “the same expressions used in the North,” by branding him as a “pro-Communist element.” This cannot but be an unpardonable antinational criminal act negating the existence of our nation itself which speaks the same language and seeks the same goals.

Proceeding from this kind of way of thinking, the South Korean ruling clique opposes co-hosting the Olympics, which will be conducive to national reconciliation, unity, and reunification. While insisting upon single hosting of the Olympics—which will be used to stir up confrontation and division and to concoct two Koreas—it is suppressing the patriotic youths, students, and people demanding a co-hosting. That is not all. The scoundrels branded the patriotic act of the youths and students who proposed, and tried to participate in, the 10 June student talks, as an “undesirable act” or an “unlawful act aiding the North,” and mobilized over 60,000 fully armed puppet policemen to block movement of these students at bayonet point, arresting and imprisoning many of them.

This kind of antinational behavior of the No Tae-u clique is based on its fascist doctrine of “establishmentarianism” and boils down in the last analysis to an attempt to achieve “stability of power” by accentuating confrontation and division. This is borne out by the fact that at the 30 May opening ceremony of the 13th National Assembly session, No Tae-u the traitor, while viciously picking on and maligning us, branded the patriotic South Korean youths, students, and people fighting for sovereignty, democracy, and reunification as
"violent riotous elements" and laid bare his sinister intention to suppress them at all costs in order to "preserve the system of free democracy."

The anticommunist maneuvers of the South Korean ruling clique to preserve the fascist establishment, and to suppress the struggle of the South Korean youths, students, and people for sovereignty, democracy, and reunification by linking them to us, can never be justified by any means.

The mass struggle of the South Korean people was not touched off as a result of some "infiltration" from the outside, but it is a struggle of their own and is a manifestation of the ever intensifying national and social contradictions and a reflection of the inevitability of historical development. The system which is suppressing this struggle is an antinational reactionary system.

All facts clearly prove that anticommunism in South Korea is an antinational doctrine of confrontation and division which seeks to bolster up discord and confrontation within the nation, suppress the South Korean people desiring reunification, hamper grand national unity, and obstruct reunification.

Anticommunism in South Korea is also a doctrine which rejects peace and seeks war.

Generally, the purpose of anticommunism as advocated by the imperialists is to extinguish communism by force and its main instrument is war.

When the first socialist state, the Soviet Union was born following the victory of the October Socialist Revolution, the imperialists, including the U.S. and British imperialists, carried out a collective armed intervention under the slogan of anticommunism; and subsequently Nazi Germany, fascist Italy, and militarist Japan signed an anticommunist agreement, thus touching off World War II.

The U.S. imperialists, who emerged as the head of world reaction after World War II, in an attempt to subdue the anti-imperialist forces—including the rapidly growing socialist countries—by force of arms, and conquer the world, persistently pursued their policy of aggression and war by clinging to their anticommunist doctrine. In this process, the U.S. imperialists successively provoked wars of aggression against other countries, including the Korean War.

Even now the U.S. imperialists are scheming to occupy the whole of Korea and go forward to conquer the Asiatic continent by using South Korea as their base of operation. With such an aggressive goal, the U.S. imperialists, under the pretext of "defending" South Korea from the "threat of southward invasion," have stationed more than 40,000 aggressor troops in South Korea, covered the whole area of South Korea with nuclear bases, continue to bring nuclear weapons into South Korea—where they have already deployed more than 1,000 of them—while frequently staging large-scale, clamorous war exercises to complete preparations for a war against the North. This clearly indicates what their true intentions are in spreading rumors about the "threat of southward invasion." Particularly, under the pretext of insuring the "safe staging" of the 24th Olympiad, the U.S. imperialists have brought numerous aggressive forces, including antiaircraft carriers, in and around South Korea and placed the U.S. forces and the South Korean puppet troops in a "standby status," and are about to stage the largest U.S-Japan joint naval exercise in history. All this stems from their criminal design to bring the South Korean situation to the brink of war.

As long as U.S. troops remain in South Korea and their machinations of war and aggression continue under the pretext of anticommunism, peace in Asia, let alone peace on the Korean Peninsula, will remain exposed to perpetual threats.

The most faithful shock brigade in executing the U.S. imperialist policy of war is the South Korean puppet clique. Upholding the anticommunist slogan given by the U.S. imperialists, and declaring that "North-South confrontation is our foremost policy goal" and that "there can be nothing else but a clash of arms between North and South," the South Korean puppet clique is begging for the permanent U.S. occupation of South Korea, entrusting South Korea in the hands of the U.S. imperialists as their largest nuclear base in the Far East, and playing the role of anticommunist shock brigade for the implementation of the U.S. imperialist nuclear war strategy. The scoundrels, under the pretext of seeking "security" under the U.S. nuclear umbrella against the military supremacy of the North and the "threat of southward invasion," are actively pushing the "modernization plan" of the puppet forces by receiving the latest model weapons and other instruments of war from their U.S. masters to have a showdown with us, while furiously staging blustery war maneuvers jointly with the U.S. aggressor forces against us.

We have declared time and time again that we will never invade the South. The validity of this position formally expressed by the government of our republic has been borne out by historical facts.

Yet, the South Korean puppet clique is frenziedly stirring up war hysteria by clamoring about the threat of southward invasion, and this is nothing but a clumsy ploy to find an excuse for promoting confrontation and igniting a war against us.

The criminal design of the South Korean puppet clique in carrying out anticommunist machinations with a dogged tenacity is to "obliterate" the socialist system in the North and extend U.S. colonial rule to the whole of Korea by saving its crumbling rule, perpetuating national division, and eventually starting war against our republic. However, this wild-goose chase of the clique will never be fulfilled.
The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught as follows:

"Up to now the notorious enemies of communism have made every desperate attempt to wipe out communism, but no one has ever succeeded in wiping out communism. Communism is ever expanding with each passing day, far from obliterated." ("Kim Il-song Selected Works," Vol 26, p 287)

History shows that anticommunist fanatics are destined to self-destruction. In the past, Hitler, Mussolini, and Tojo, while going berserk in their attempts to destroy communism by all means, perished in the flames of World War II, which they themselves ignited. The fate of the U.S. imperialists who are frantically running amok with their machinations to start war, with the blade in their mouths, cannot be different from that of these three men.

By the same token, in South Korea, the same fate awaits No Tae-u, the Traitor, who is treading in the footsteps of these three traitors who preceded him: Syngman Rhee, who fell to ruin while advocating an expedition to conquer the North, with struggle against communism as his “lifetime mission”; Pak Chong-hui, who perished while crying for “victory over communism,” with anticommunism as a “supreme order”; and Chon Tu-hwan, who has been thrown into the trash heap of history while fulminating about destroying communism, with anticommunism as his “ideal of survival.”

The present South Korean ruling clique should be clearly aware of what fate befell the preceding anticommunist fanatics and behave discreetly. Instead of suppressing, under the pretext of anticommunism, the aspirations of the masses which no force on earth can repress, the South Korean ruling clique should take the position of association with communism [yongong] and accept the reunification formulae and peace proposals we have already advanced, including the proposals for a North-South joint conference. This is the only way the clique can survive in keeping with the trends of the times.

Anticommunism is the road to national destruction, whereas association with communism is the path of patriotism.

The South Korean people should smash the anticommunist machinations of the U.S. imperialists and the puppet clique and hold aloft the banner of patriotism based on association with communism and go forward to vigorously wage the struggle for sovereignty, democracy, and reunification. More immediately, they should continue to fight doggedly in order to thwart the continued U.S. occupation of South Korea and U.S. interference in internal affairs, to drive out the U.S. imperialists, to reject the monopolization by the puppet authorities of reunification dialogues, and to realize bilateral or multilateral contacts and talks between North and South.

In order to frustrate the anticommunist machinations of the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppets, it is imperative for all the Korean people, Koreans residing overseas as well as people living in the North and the South, to form a nationwide front for grand national reunification on the principle of grand national unity.

If all parties, all groupings, and people of all strata in the North, the South, and overseas band tightly together and wage a vigorous patriotic struggle to achieve national salvation from the grip of U.S. imperialism and national reunification, then the anticommunist machinations of the U.S. imperialists and the puppet cliques in South Korea will be crushed to pieces and the independent peaceful reunification of the country, the cherished desire of our nation, will be achieved without fail.

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The Republic Is a Great Revolutionary Achievement Obtained Through the Long and Arduous Struggle Under the Leadership of the Respected and Beloved Comrade Kim Il-song

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[Text] Today, with great national pride and self-confidence, we significantly welcome the 40th anniversary of the founding of the DPRK as a great festival of the
victors. Also, we are looking back upon the past with reminiscence, upon the proud path which the republic has walked along with success, glory, and prosperity. Our people, over a long period of time, have, under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, fought heroically to achieve and safeguard sovereignty and to strengthen and develop it. And in the process, a lot of blood was shed. Indeed, the republic is a noble revolutionary achievement which our people gained through blood and safeguarded it with their lives and strengthened and developed it through devoted struggle and creative labor. Our people, who heartily realize how important and grateful the socialist nation and the republic is, are overflowing with a firm will to forever defend the achievements of this noble revolution.

1. Under the leadership of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the DPRK is a great revolutionary achievement of the Korean communists and people, which was obtained through blood in the flames of the arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has taught: The DPRK is a great achievement of our revolution.

The true communists and patriotic peoples of Korea have, for over a long period of time, through arduous revolutionary struggle, achieved the historic undertakings of national independence and vigorously established the DPRK in the liberated nation. (Kim Il-song: “Selected Works,” Vol 9, p 194)

The issue of sovereignty is a basic issue in revolution and a fundamental issue which determines the success or failure of a revolution and the results in the construction work. The working popular masses must put sovereignty into their hands and ceaselessly strengthen its function and role so as to achieve complete class and national liberation, firmly safeguard the nations' independence and national autonomy, and successfully advance toward the cause of socialism and communism.

In the early 20th century, our nation was completely reduced as a colony of the Japanese imperialists, who were the most outrageous militarist, feudalistic imperialists. Our people, who were deprived of the country, were forced into bitter tears of slavery and received all sorts of national revilement and contemptuous treatment. Thus, our people had a country and homeland, where we were born and raised, but did not have a true fatherland, which embraces a true happy life, and national dignity and honor. Due to the forced fate of a bitter national ruin and deprivation of the country, the most pending desire of our people was to have true sovereignty. Our people chose the road to resistance to have their own government and be free from the situation of a bitter national ruin. However, since they were not able to receive the excellent leadership of the leader, failure was repeated and blood was shed futilely.

History shows that until now, neither a class nor a people has succeeded in establishing political domination when the revolutionary leader has not been brought forth.

During those dark days when the ordeal of our people reached its peak after they were deprived of their country by the Japanese imperialist aggressors, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song took the lead in the Korean revolution and then organized and carried on the heroic anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle to achieve the liberation of the fatherland and the sovereignty of the working class.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle was a struggle to achieve the sovereignty of workers and peasants and to overthrow the colonial ruling system of the Japanese imperialists, who had the huge fascist machines of oppression and their armed forces of aggression on their side. Simultaneously, it was a struggle in the colony that paved the way to both national liberation and class liberation under the banner of the chuche idea.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, which the Korean communists organized and carried out under the leadership of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song, was an unprecedented struggle in its duration and difficulties. The anti-Japanese guerrillas had no rearguard area and no support of a regular army. They had to overcome the most unfavorable conditions, in addition to the encirclement of the enemy and the severe storms of nature. Thus, under such worst case circumstances, they had to wage decisive battles at every step. During the days of the long and arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, there were many severe trials and serious difficulties that could have broken off the lineage of the Korean revolution. However, the anti-Japanese warriors always maintained faith in victory and the revolutionary optimism that they would achieve victory in the Korean revolution and that there would be a future involving a liberated fatherland, because the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song stood in the forefront. By so doing, they sacrificed their youth and lives in the sacred struggle for the true sovereignty of the people and for the liberation of the fatherland.

On the sacred road to achieve the liberation of the fatherland, there were commanding officers who defended the headquarters of the revolution by using their bodies as foretresses and shields under the shower of bullets and there were the anti-Japanese heroes who opened the way of advance for the guerrillas by blocking the muzzles of the enemies' machine guns with their burning hearts. On that road, there was also an indomitable warrior who made the Japanese imperialist brigands tremble by shouting from his heart even after his two eyes were blinded by the enemy that he could see the victory of the revolution and the new day of the liberation, and there was another warrior who bit his tongue to keep the secret of the revolution and, thus, faced the end of his heroic life, looking forward to the future of the liberated fatherland.
During the blood-stained anti-Japanese battles to achieve the liberation of the fatherland and the true sovereignty of the people, numerous revolutionaries and sons and daughters of Korea shed blood and sacrificed their lives.

The history of the 20-odd years of the arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle is the story of the heroic struggle of numerous fallen revolutionary patriots who fought decisive battles against the Japanese imperialist aggressors by sacrificing themselves in the forest of the Mt. Paektu.

Under the outstanding leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the communists and patriotic people of Korea achieved the liberation of the country and paved the way to a new system and a new life by defeating the Japanese imperialist aggressors through long battles. This was a miracle and an instance in world history where a weak country and nation achieved the cause of national liberation by defeating the atrocious imperialist enemy.

The revolutionary power of the working class can strike deep roots, continue to be consolidated and developed, and invariably protect its revolutionary character, only when it is maintained as a single lineage based on the revolutionary tradition.

In the country of the working class, revolutionary tradition is established by the outstanding leader who blazed the path to the victory of the revolution for the nation, and is forged in the flames of the revolutionary struggle of the highest stage to achieve sovereignty.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song closely linked the struggle for national liberation and independence with the struggle for the sovereignty of the working people, and established the glorious tradition of the people's regime during the days of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

Correctly defining the line of establishing a regime is a prerequisite to successfully settling the questions of achieving sovereignty and establishing a regime. Only when a correct line is defined can a regime that can completely speak for the will and interests of the working people, and that can vigorously organize and mobilize them in the revolution and construction, be established, and people of broad strata be made to turn out in the struggle to consolidate the regime.

During the period of the glorious anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, by scientifically analyzing the character and mission of our revolution and the social class relations in our country, put forth the line of establishing a chuche-oriented regime based on the worker-peasant league led by the working class and based on the united front of the people. He then established the people's revolutionary government in the guerrilla bases, a regime that was unique in form. The course of establishing and operating the people's revolutionary government in the guerrilla bases was the course of a severe struggle to smash the schemes of the factionalists and flunkeyists and the schemes of the right- and left-leaning opportunists and to defend and implement the line of establishing a chuche-oriented regime. At the same time, it was the course of an arduous struggle to defend the people's revolutionary government from the atrocious "punitive" offensive of the Japanese imperialist aggressors.

It was during the course of the arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle that the basic form of the people's regime to be established in our country in the future was established, the rich experiences and noble achievements were gained and won to build a people's regime, and many revolutionary cadres were nurtured to build a self-reliant independent state.

The struggle for national liberation and independence was closely linked with the struggle to achieve the sovereignty of the working people, and the new basic form of the regime, which would reflect not only the current demands of the revolution but also its future demands, was established. This was precisely the result of the sagacity of the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song in successfully settling the question of sovereignty in our country.

Because of its correctness, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song's unique line of establishing a chuche-oriented people's regime served as a revolutionary program illuminating the path of our people's struggle to achieve sovereignty during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle. Even following liberation, it has become a noble revolutionary treasure and a permanent foundation which encouraged the struggle of our people in building a self-reliant independent state.

Following the liberation, our people's struggle to settle the question of sovereignty was carried on in very complicated and difficult conditions. The division of our fatherland, which was created because of the U.S. imperialists' occupation of South Korea, and the schemes of the right- and left-leaning opportunists, who infiltrated our revolutionary ranks, created many obstacles against our people's struggle to settle the question of sovereignty.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, by overcoming the impeding maneuvers of the reactionaries and right- and left-leaning opportunists—who created many obstacles against settling the question of sovereignty—embodied the line of establishing a chuche-oriented people's regime, which he put forth during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle. He swiftly established the people's regime by inheriting the people's revolutionary government established in the guerrilla bases. With the people's regime as a tool, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song carried out all democratic reforms and, based on this, finally established the DPRK and proclaimed its founding to the world in September 1948.
The founding of the DPRK was the noble fruition of the long and arduous revolutionary struggle which the communists and patriotic people of Korea carried out under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, and was the brilliant fulfillment of our people's cherished desire to establish true sovereignty for the workers and peasants.

Indeed, the DPRK is a glorious regime which has been established based on the shining revolutionary tradition, forged in the flames of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle organized and led by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song, and is a great gain for the revolution which our people won through the long and arduous struggle.

With outstanding ideas and theories and through the great practice of the revolution, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song has established an invincible revolutionary regime by overcoming the severe storms of the revolution and by paving the way to establishing the regime of the working class. This shines as an immortal achievement which the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song has won for the era and history and for the fatherland and nation.

2. The DPRK is the noble fruition of the revolution that was defended with life and limb in the arduous flames of the fatherland liberation war.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has taught: “Our people displayed lofty, devoted patriotism and the spirit of sacrifice. They heroically fought at the front and in the rear, going through hell and high water, to defend our party, which liberated them from exploitation and oppression and which provided a free and happy new life to them, and the people's sovereignty.” (Kim Il-song: “Collected Works,” Vol 22, p 422)

Defending the fatherland from the imperialists' aggression is the popular working masses' sacred right and their righteous struggle to defend national dignity and independence. Our people were able to continue the struggle for an independent and creative life as the masters of the country and in full sovereignty only when they repelled the armed invasion of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges and defended their revolutionary government, advancing the social system and revolutionary gains.

The 3-year-long war, which was forced on us by the U.S. imperialists, was a war in defense of the fatherland not only to defend the advanced social system and the revolutionary gains in the northern half of the republic, but also to safeguard national sovereignty. It was also a war that determined the destiny of the nation.

The U.S. imperialists desperately pounced upon us in a bid to eliminate our young republic in its cradle with the mobilization of vast military strength, which included the main forces of their army, navy, and air force; the South Korean puppet army; and the hired mercenary troops from their 15 follower countries—totalling more than 2 million troops—and modern lethal weapons.

Our young republic had to undergo great trials, and our people had to wage an arduous revolutionary war against the “powerful” imperialists. However, our people and soldiers of the People's Army, who realized deep in their hearts the preciousness of the fatherland through the course of their rewarding life under the benevolence of the people's government, although it had only existed for a short span of time, unanimously rose up in the struggle to defend the country's freedom and independence and the gains of the revolution under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

Our people, who suffered contemptuous treatment in the past, had come to enjoy genuine life and happiness, receiving the due treatment worthy of man, since the great leader regained the lost fatherland for our people. With the establishment by the great leader of the genuine people's government after national liberation and his implementation of various democratic reforms thereafter, our people have become the masters of farmland and plants and the dignified masters of the country. Our people, who experienced a life worthy of man and genuine happiness in the bosom of the fatherland as the masters of farmland and plants for the first time after national liberation, heroically struggled against the aggressors, realizing deep in their hearts that the fatherland is more precious than their lives and that it is their due obligation to repay with their lives the benevolence of the respected and beloved leader who regained the lost fatherland.

The decisive role in a war is not played by weapons or military technology, but the political and ideological strength of the popular masses—the army—who are in charge of the war. Enhancing the role of the popular masses—the army—and enhancing and displaying the political and ideological superiority of the revolutionary armed forces constitute a basic factor guaranteeing victory in a war.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the ever-victorious and iron-willed commander, firmly prepared our people and the People's Army politically and ideologically and wisely led them to smash the U.S. imperialist aggressors with the political and ideological superiority of our revolutionary armed forces. Thanks to the wise leadership of the respected and beloved leader, the party's leadership toward the People's Army was further strengthened in conformity with the demands of the contemporary wartime situation, and all soldiers of the People's Army firmly armed themselves with infinite loyalty to the party and the leader, a spirit of lofty socialist patriotism, firm faith in certain victory, and indomitable fighting spirit.
The heroic People’s Army men and officers educated and nurtured by our party, deeply realizing their mission as protectors of the fatherland, and people, highly displayed their indomitable revolutionary spirit and mass heroism. During the severe counterattacks for the liberation of the southern half, during the difficult trials of the temporary strategic retreat, and during the severe battles to carry out the renewed attack and defend positions, our heroic People’s Army, always with lofty faith in victory, fought bravely against the enemies for the great leader and for the party and fatherland. By using the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song’s chuche-oriented tactics, our People’s Army always took the initiative in every battle, dealt smashing blows to the enemies everywhere, and sacrificed their lives to defend every hill of the fatherland and every inch of its soil.

During those harsh days of the fatherland liberation war as well, our people and People’s Army always upheld the great leader as the hero of the nation, the peerless patriot, and as the father who had provided freedom and happiness for them. At every battle site, warriors of the People’s Army wrote letters pledging themselves to the leader and smashed the enemy tanks and warships with their bodies as bombs. They unhesitatingly blocked the muzzles of the enemy guns with their young bodies.

The immortal feats performed by the warriors of Wolmi Island, all members of a company, who unhesitatingly sacrificed their lives in the last decisive battle to defend the island of the fatherland with the firm faith that the fatherland is precisely the respected and beloved leader: performed by those heroic warriors who opened the path of advance for their unit by unhesitatingly sacrificing their lives to defend their only fatherland; and performed by those known and unknown heroic warriors who shed blood and sacrificed their youth to defend every inch of the fatherland and to defend the sovereignty of the people, have been permanently recorded in the history of the fatherland.

The spirit of incomparable sacrifice and mass heroism which the warriors of the People’s Army displayed during those difficult days of the fatherland liberation war fully displayed the loftiness of the spiritual and moral traits of our People’s Army. It was precisely thanks to those heroic warriors who possessed such spiritual and moral traits that we were able to deal shameful defeat to the U.S. imperialist aggressors at every step and win the final victory even under the severe trials of the war.

A revolutionary war requires the full mobilization and utilization of all human and material resources and potentials in all areas of the political, economic, and military field. Victory in a revolutionary war, after all, largely depends on the mobilization of the party, the army, and the people toward the realization of the goal to gain victory in the war.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, regarding the invincible unity and cohesion of our party and people as one of the most important factors to achieve victory in the war, wisely led us so that we would firmly unite the people around the party based on the principle of strengthening the party organizationally and ideologically. The respected and beloved leader also wisely led us so that the political and ideological unity of the people would be further strengthened based on the worker-peasant alliance according to the wartime circumstances by thoroughly implementing the class and mass lines among the functionaries of the organs of the party and power and by vigorously carrying out the struggle to improve working methods and style. The political and ideological unity of the army and people under the firm unity around the party and leader was a firm guarantee for achieving victory in the fatherland liberation war.

Consolidating the rear area is one of the important factors for achieving victory in a war.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, to unite the front and the rear as a single military force, put forth the militant slogan “Everything for victory in the war!” and took the active step of turning all sectors of the people’s economy into a wartime system in a short period.

Our people’s heroic struggle to achieve victory in the war was vigorously carried out in the rear area as well as at the front. The people in the rear area—men and women, and the young and old—saying that the rear area was a front as well, turned out in unison to defend their towns and villages with rifles in their hands, and heroically struggled to guarantee wartime production and to support the front even under the enemies’ barbarous bombardment.

Under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song—the ever-victorious iron-willed commander and outstanding military strategist—our people and People’s Army firmly united around the party and leader and turned out in unison in the struggle to defend the independence of the fatherland and the sovereignty of the people. As a result, we were able to deal a shameful defeat to the U.S. imperialist aggressors and win a great victory in the fatherland liberation war.

The historic victory in the fatherland liberation war was a great victory of the chuche-oriented military ideology and the art of an outstanding military operation of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song—the ever-victorious iron-willed commander.

At the same time, it was a display of the invincible might of our people and People’s Army that firmly united around the party and leader. Our people’s victory clearly proved the truth that nothing can conquer a people who rise to defend the freedom and independence of the fatherland and the sovereignty of the people by holding their own destiny in their hands under the wise leadership of their party and leader.
Thus, under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, our people defended the precious gain of our revolution—the true sovereignty of the people—at the risk of their lives by fighting heroic battles, refusing to surrender even under the severe trials of the war.

3. Under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the Republic has been strengthened and developed into a socialist power. This is the great gain of the revolution.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has taught: Under the banner of the chuche idea, our country has turned into a socialist country with complete political independence, a strong, self-reliant national economy, powerful self-defending capabilities, and a magnificent national culture. (Kim Il-song “Collected Works,” Vol 25, p 331)

Strengthening and developing the revolutionary regime of the working class ceaselessly are key factors for the victory of the revolution and the success of socialist and communist construction.

Under the leadership of the party, only by ceaselessly strengthening and developing the revolutionary regime, which they have gained through a blood-stained struggle, can the working people defend the sovereignty and independence of the country and successfully accelerate socialist and communist construction by smashing the maneuvers of all the enemies of the nation and class.

Following the war, our people faced the task of strengthening and developing the republic, which they had gained and defended by blood, into a powerful socialist power. For our people, this was as difficult and arduous a struggle as the one to achieve and defend sovereignty.

The division of the country created by the U.S. imperialists and the miserable ravages of the war created indescribable obstacles to the development of our revolution. The scars of the war were not completely healed yet and our party, for the reconstruction of the country, had to appeal even for 10,000 tons of steel. Under these difficult postwar circumstances, the South Korean puppets, under the support of the U.S. imperialists, were blowing the bugle of northward attack, and the factionalists in the party were openly attacking our party in collusion with the impure elements from without. The situation was difficult, and the obstacles were great.

Under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, however, our people tightened their belts and fought severe battles. By highly displaying the spirit of incomparable sacrifice and mass heroism, they overcame the mounting difficulties and made a beginning of the great upsurge of the socialist construction and the chollima movement. Through the severe class struggle and creative struggle of labor, they won the victory of the socialist revolution and have established on this land an advanced socialist system without exploitation and oppression.

Defending and strengthening the socialist system are as difficult and complicated a struggle as the one to establish it. If we stop short following the establishment of the socialist system and if we do not strengthen and develop it ceaselessly, it is impossible to defend the system from the destructive maneuvers of the imperialists and class enemies, and we can be deprived of the gains of the revolution, which we have won by blood. It is through the tense and blood-stained struggle against the imperialists and reactionaries and through the difficult and complicated struggle to harness nature and reform society that the socialist system is defended and strengthened.

Our people’s struggle to accelerate the revolution and construction and solidify and develop the socialist system has been arduous and difficult.

Because of the intensifying maneuvers for aggression by the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique, our people have never been relieved of the danger of war, and genuine peace has never visited our country. In this tense situation, our people have waged a devoted labor struggle, crushing the enemy’s new war provocation maneuvers, and successfully carried out the difficult and tremendous task of socialist construction, and are vigorously accelerating the struggle to realize the complete victory of socialism ahead of schedule.

Because the revolution and construction have been vigorously pushed ahead under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the political and ideological unity of the entire society has been firstly solidified and the socialist production relations and material and technological socialist base have been strengthened and developed, enabling our republic to have an even more solid political foundation and firm economic base.

Our republic is even more dependably assured of its solidity thanks to its strong self-defending national defense capabilities.

Our people and the People’s Army waged a vigorous struggle, under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, to accomplish both economic and defense construction to cope with the intensifying maneuvers for aggression and provocation by the U.S. imperialists and their stooges. Thoroughly implementing the party’s self-defending military line, they have firmly built an all-people defense system capable of defeating any enemy act of aggression and dependably defending the security of the country and the revolutionary gains.

That the leader, the party, and the masses are in firm unity and cohesion in one ideology and organization, thereby forming the strong subject of the revolution; that they are based on a mighty material and technological socialist foundation; and that they are supported by the invincible self-defending national defense capabilities is
a firm guarantee for the solidity of the socialist system of our country and a decisive factor ensuring the victory of the cause of socialism and communism in our country.

Shining eternally in the history of our country is the great achievement of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song who has strengthened and developed the regime of the republic to be an ever-victorious chuche-type revolutionary regime with a mighty political, economic, and military foundation with his outstanding leadership and devoted struggle without sleep or rest.

The immortal achievements made by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song in strengthening and developing our republic are thoroughly defended and adhered to today by the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, and our republic is being developed more firmly into a chuche-type regime that actively contributes to the cause of modeling the entire society on the chuche idea under the leadership of the party.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il has clearly elucidated the direction and method to strengthen the people's regime in conformity with the demand of remodeling the entire society on the chuche idea. He is energetically exercising his leadership so that the great leader's monolithic leadership can be firmly realized in the activities of the people's power organs and in all fields of state construction.

The strong subject of the revolution which consists of the united body of the leader, the party, and the masses is the fundamental factor ensuring the strengthening, development, growth, and prosperity of the republic.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il achieved the unity of the party and the revolutionary ranks on a new higher plane and had all ideological indoctrination conducted consistently to make it indoctrination in the chuche idea to strengthen the subject of the revolution so that the subject of our revolution could be strengthened in all aspects and the regime of the republic could be solidified even more firmly with its might.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il placed major emphasis on solidifying and developing the socialist system and highly demonstrating its superiority to make it an important task for defending the revolutionary cause and bringing it to perfection to the end. He elucidated anew the fundamental demands in demonstrating the superiority of the socialist system and various other theoretical and practical problems based on the principles of the chuche idea, and is wisely leading the struggle to realize them to ensure that the superiority of the socialist system of our country is demonstrated comprehensively.

Because of the energetic leadership of the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, our republic has today been further solidified and developed into a powerful weapon of the revolution and construction, vigorously accelerating the chuche revolutionary cause. It is demonstrating its dignified appearance as the most superior, dignified, and strong socialist power and as a great country advancing with confidence toward the future of communism under the revolutionary banner of the chuche idea.

Truly, our republic is shedding light as a growing and prosperous socialist country because it has the great leader, and the future of our country and people is endlessly bright.

The entire road traversed by our people winning, defending, adhering to, and developing their true regime has been indescribably arduous and rugged. We have always been confronted with and fought against the imperialist aggressors, have had to wage a serious struggle against all types of opportunism, and have had to build a new life and new society on the ruins. Nevertheless, our people waged a resolute struggle without the slightest hesitation or perturbation under the wise leadership of the party and the leader and have always been able to overcome all the difficulties and trials, thereby advancing ever-victoriously.

We are still on the road of the revolution, and we have a long and rough road to go. The work of adhering to, solidifying, and developing the socialist system and comprehensively demonstrating its superiority is carried out in the fierce class struggle against the imperialists and their stooges. The maneuvers of the imperialists and all types of class enemies to encroach upon and destroy our socialist country and socialist system are perpetrated in an unprecedentedly vicious and persistent manner. Under this condition, all of us, with an attitude befitting the people of a country engaged in the revolution and of the era of struggle, should have the spirit of the resolute anti-imperialist struggle and firmly defend our socialist country and the revolutionary regime of workers and peasants from the imperialists and class enemies, and further add luster to the honor and dignity of socialism.

The motherland [choguk] is the true mother of all people and it is the cradle of life and happiness. The true life and happiness begins and blooms in the bosom of the motherland. The motherland cannot be traded for anything else, and there is nothing more precious than the motherland. The motherland is more precious than life.

It was because the motherland is more precious than anything else that our people took up arms and waged an arduous and bloody struggle against the Japanese imperialists; that they fought in the grim Fatherland Liberation War against the U.S. imperialists' armed invasion, demonstrating the unequalled heroism; and that they waged a desperate struggle on the ruins after the war, girding their loins.

Soaked in the indigo-red flag of our republic is the red blood shed by the numerous fallen revolutionary fighters and patriotic martyrs. Our people's long-cherished desire to fully enjoy a happy and rewarding life in a true motherland of their own also dwells in this flag.
Truly, our republic is sum of the great revolutionary gains; it was founded with blood through a long and arduous struggle, defended with life, and strengthened and developed through a bloody struggle and creative labor.

All party members and workers should always remember how dear a price has been paid for today's prosperous republic, warmly love their fatherland, and wage a struggle for the growth and prosperity of the fatherland, devoting their youth and lives to it.

Victory and glory are all that there is in the future of our people who wage a vigorous struggle for the ultimate victory of the cause of socialism and communism under the wise leadership of the party and the leader, living in the chuche socialist fatherland founded and built by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and glorified by the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il. Our revolutionary gains will always be firmly defended and remain shiny.

Our Republic Is a Self-Reliant, Self-Supporting, and Self-Defending Socialist Power Which Brilliantly Embodies the Chuche Idea in All Fields of State Activity
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[Text] During the last 40 years, our republic, under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, brilliantly embodied the chuche idea in all fields of state activity. Therefore, immortal achievements were acquired before the fatherland and people. The government of the republic organized and mobilized the popular masses to vigorously accelerate the revolution and construction. Therefore, the most advanced socialist system was established in a land where exploitation and suppression had been dominant, and our nation, which had been poor and lagging behind, was changed into a socialist country with a firm self-reliant national economy, brilliant national culture, and strong national defense.

Today, our republic is in its heyday. Our country's socialist system is being consolidated and developed as time passes, and the power of the republic is endlessly growing and strengthening in the political, economic, cultural, and military fields. In the 5,000 years of our country's history, there has never been a time as today in which our nation is prosperous and presents a grand appearance to the whole world.

All of our country's people cherish in their hearts the endless pride and confidence to live and revolutionize as citizens of their true nation, the DPRK. They are ensuring that they ultimately will struggle more strongly to succeed in the revolutionary achievements of the chuche idea under the banner of the republic.

Constructing a self-reliant and independent socialist nation is an important issue related to the country's and the nation's fate. What is most important in solving this issue successfully is to regulate correctly the national construction line. The working class and popular masses, "unification, independence, and prosperity" as printed reliably assist the nation's stability and thoroughly fulfill the independent, self-supporting, and self-defending time so as to strengthen the nation's defense capacity." (Kim Il-song "Selected Works," Vol 21, p 488)

The self-reliant, self-supporting, and self-defending line presented by the great leader is a chuche-oriented national construction line which brilliantly embodied the invincible chuche idea in the field of national construction.

The self-reliant, self-supporting, and self-defending line is based upon the chuche idea in which it scientifically illuminates the basic characteristics of the self-reliant and independent socialist nation.

Revealing scientifically the basic characteristics of a self-reliant and independent socialist nation is a prerequisite in constructing a socialist state. The basic characteristics of a self-reliant and independent socialist nation must be clearly revealed so that the popular masses can push ahead confidently in the construction of the state with a distinct goal and direction.

Self-reliance in politics, self-support in economy, and self-defense in national defense are basic characteristics originally revealed for the first time in history according to the chuche-type state construction line and the self-reliant, self-supporting, and self-defending lines.

In these basic characteristics of the self-reliant and independent socialist nation, the demand of the chuche idea is embodied extensively to advocate independence, which is the life of the country and nation.

As is shown in the chuche idea, just as independence is life to the people, independence is also life to the country and nation. Just as a person who is a social existence is not a person if he does not have independence, a nation without sovereign rights is not a nation.

Adhering to political independence is a guarantee of the country's and nation's independence and is a foremost demand in constructing a self-reliant and independent nation.

A nation's self-reliance and independence means primarily to assume political independence. Also, the function and role of the self-reliant and independent nation is guaranteed through political independence. Realizing independence in politics to draw up and execute all lines and policies is to adhere to its uniqueness, and exercising complete equality and sovereign rights in international relations makes possible a completely self-reliant and independent nation.
If a nation loses independence in politics, it will blindly follow another country's line and policy and will not be able to defend stubbornly the consistent and fundamental rules in drawing up and executing policies. Countries adhering to independence in politics only can regulate and fulfill lines and policies individually according to decisions they themselves make. Therefore, the country's prosperity and complete independence can be realized.

The country's and nation's independence is not only guaranteed in the political field but it should also be guaranteed economically and militarily.

Economic independence is a basic material for solidifying the country's self-reliance and national independence. Political independence which does not receive internal support from economic independence in reality is nothing but a formality. Countries that depend on others economically will be follower nations to other nations, and a nation that is subordinated economically cannot be free from the circumstances of colonial slavery. All countries must be independent economically to become completely self-reliant and independent and to possess and illuminate national honor and dignity.

Possessing the self-defending armed power is one of the basic qualifications for a completely self-reliant and independent nation.

We can say that a country with vestiges of imperialism and which does not have a self-defending armed power to safeguard the nation from the enemy is in reality not a completely self-reliant and independent nation. Imperialism is a basic source of habitual war. The main power for today's aggression and war are the U.S. imperialists. Imperialism is becoming the source of habitual war; and a self-defending national defense is necessary for defending national independence, safeguarding the nation as self-reliant and independent in a dignified way, and exercising sovereign rights under the conditions of aggression and war-provoking maneuvers by the U.S. imperialists in a candid and vicious way.

The self-reliant, self-supporting, and self-defending lines which the great leader presented are a chuche-type state construction line which illuminates scientifically the basic characteristics of a self-reliant and independent socialist nation that embodies the chuche idea in the field of state construction.

The self-reliant, self-supporting, and self-defending lines are also based on the chuche idea which clearly illuminates the basic principles which must be adhered to in state activities.

A socialist nation is a strong tool in the construction of socialism and communism, which is for the independence of the popular masses. For a socialist nation to carry out its glorious mission completely, there must be a guide for righteous principles in one's activities to carry out successful revolution and construction.

The independent, self-reliant, and self-defending revolutionary line is a basic principle which a socialist country should firmly adhere to in its activities because it shows the correct path to strengthen the chuche-oriented revolutionary force and successfully carry out the revolutionary struggle and construction to achieve the independence of the people.

The people's struggle for independence is the confrontation of strength between the revolutionary force, which desires independence, and the counterrevolutionary force, which encroaches upon it. Thus, it is accompanied by a severe struggle against counterrevolutionary elements. The chuche idea shows that the chuche-oriented revolutionary force should be firmly strengthened to vigorously carry out the revolutionary struggle. In particular, the chuche idea shows that strengthening the chuche-oriented revolutionary force is a decisive factor for the victory of the revolution under circumstances in which the people's revolutionary struggle for independence is carried out with a country and nation as a unit.

To strengthen the chuche-oriented revolutionary force, the independent, self-reliant, and self-defending revolutionary line should be thoroughly implemented. Only then can the chuche-oriented revolutionary force be firmly organized by equally strengthening all integral parts of the revolutionary forces: political, economic, and military forces. Adhering to the independent, self-reliant, and self-defending principle in state activities is precisely a decisive guarantee for carrying out a victorious struggle for the people's independence through the consolidation of the chuche-oriented revolutionary force.

Indeed, the independent, self-reliant, and self-defending revolutionary line put forward by the great leader is a powerful guiding principle which elucidates the goal and direction for building a truly self-reliant and independent socialist country and illuminates the path for strengthening the might of a socialist country politically, economically, and militarily through the embodiment of the chuche idea in state activities.

Throughout the entire course of creating the new history of building a self-reliant and independent country under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, our republic has struggled ceaselessly to implement the independent, self-reliant, and self-defending line by considering the embodiment of the chuche idea in all areas of state activity as a fundamental issue to decide the destiny of the country and nation.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has taught: By thoroughly implementing the independent, self-reliant, and self-defending revolutionary line, the government of the republic has turned our country into a powerful socialist country which is politically independent, economically self-reliant, and able to defend itself. (Kim Il-song "Collected Works." Vol 33, p 407)
Our republic's 40 years have been the course of the struggle to achieve independence in all areas of state activity under the revolutionary banner of the chuche idea and the course of glory in which a shining victory has been won by implementing the independent, self-reliant, and self-defending line through the embodiment of the chuche idea in all fields.

As a result of successfully implementing the independent, self-reliant, and self-defending revolutionary line in all areas of state building and state activity, the republic's political independence has been consolidated, the country's economic self-reliance and military might have been drastically strengthened, and our country has become able to be proud in the world as a socialist power which is independent, self-reliant, and able to defend itself. This is an immortal achievement won by our republic under the wise leadership of the great leader.

Our republic is a self-reliant and independent socialist country which is politically independent.

In maintaining political independence, it is important to independently work out and implement the line and policy according to one's own decision with one's own guiding ideology.

Our republic takes the great chuche idea as a guiding principle for its activities and works out its line and policy according to the requirement of the chuche idea. At the same time, in implementing its line and policy as well, it depends not on others but on our own effort based on the revolutionary principle of self-reliance.

Since the first day of its founding, the republic has firmly maintained the principle of independence in deciding its home and foreign policies and lines.

In deciding the basic post-war economic construction line, the republic put forth and thoroughly implemented its own unique lines to preferentially develop heavy industry and to develop light industry and agriculture simultaneously by depending not on the existing theory or formula or on the experiences of other countries but on the correct calculation of the inevitable demand of our country's economic development and its realistic potential. As a result, the difficult tasks were accomplished simultaneously in an excellent manner in rehabilitating the country's economy, which was miserably devastated in the course of the war; in establishing the foundation of the self-reliant national economy; and in rapidly improving the people's backward standard of living.

Based on the reality of our country and the demand of our revolution, our republic also uniquely settled the question of socialist reform of production relations, one of the most important tasks in basic socialist construction, and, in particular, the question of agricultural cooperation. In seeking socialist reform of the rural economy, the government of the republic brilliantly achieved reform in the type of economy prior to seeking the technological reform based on the scientific analysis of the conditions to realize the agricultural cooperation and of the superiority of the joint economy over the small-size rural economy and on the chuche-oriented revolutionary power of our people.

Countering the imperialists' post-war aggressive war provocation maneuvers, the republic put forward the completely new and unique line of seeking simultaneous economic construction and nourishment of defense capabilities and, by implementing it thoroughly, strengthened the foundation of the country's self-reliant economy and firmly built up its powerful defense capabilities.

The republic has won great successes by independently defining and solving the problems of theory and practice in the socialist and communist construction according to the situation of our country. While adhering to the line of the three revolutions—ideological, technological, and cultural—the regime of the republic is carrying out the work of reforming people, harnessing nature, and transforming society, all in our own style. At the same time, economic management is conducted according to the Taean work system and rural problems are solved according to the socialist rural theses.

Today, our republic has become a socialist power with a self-reliant socialist economy, a brilliant culture, and powerful defense capabilities. This is entirely the result of independently establishing the lines and policies according to the situation of our country and the demand of our revolution by the government of our republic under the wise leadership of the great leader, and firmly adhering to the revolutionary principle of self-reliance in implementing those lines and policies.

Our republic is firmly maintaining independence in the struggle to achieve the reunification of the country as well. The republic recognizes as nation-selling treachery and attempt to depend on foreign force for the reunification of the country. It invariably holds that the question of the reunification of our fatherland be settled by the efforts of our people without the aggressive forces of the U.S. imperialists in South Korea and without the interference of outside force.

The independence of the state is clearly displayed through foreign relations. The republic is exercising the right of complete equality and sovereignty in foreign relations. Based on the principle of complete equality, independence, mutual respect, non-interference in internal affairs, and reciprocity, the government of the republic maintains diplomatic, political, economic, and cultural relations with all countries that are friendly to our country. At the same time, based on the principle of proletarian internationalism, it maintains unity with the socialist countries and with all countries and peoples of the world that oppose imperialism and is actively supporting and encouraging their national liberation struggle and revolutionary struggle. The government of the republic is carrying out the anti-imperialism
struggle also based on its own judgment and according to the situation of our country, thus maintaining a firm class stand and revolutionary principle in implementing its foreign policy.

All these clearly show that our Republic is a prestigious and independent socialist country, which firmly maintains and exercises independence in politics.

Our Republic is a rich and powerful socialist industrial state with a strong self-reliant national economy.

What is important in guaranteeing the economic self-reliance is to build a self-reliant national economy. Only when we are independent from others, when we serve our people, and when we build a self-reliant national economy by depending on our own resources and people, can economic self-reliance be possible and the political, economic, and military might of the country be strengthened through the establishment of a strong material and technological foundation of socialism. At the same time, the right of complete independence and equality can be exercised in the political and economic fields.

The government of the Republic, by thoroughly implementing the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song's line of self-reliant national economy, has firmly guaranteed the economic self-reliance of the country and built a powerful socialist industrial state that can protect and defend the prestige and authority of our nation.

In building a self-reliant national economy, it is important to develop the economy comprehensively and generally. Only when the economy is thus developed, can the heavy and light industrial goods and agricultural products needed for the nourishment of the might of the country and the improvement of the people's standard of living be independently provided. At the same time, production can be stabilized and a high economic growth can be guaranteed by establishing a reasonable balance between the economic domains.

By invariably maintaining the basic economic construction line of our party, our Republic has established the self-reliant national economy most successfully and most rapidly. The self-reliant national economy established by the Republic is a comprehensively developed general economic system in which all economic domains are systematically linked with one another.

Above all, the economic structures have been further perfected through comprehensive development. Our heavy industry has become a perfect one, which basically has everything it should have. Thus, it is displaying a powerful might.

In particular, a great turn has been effected in the machine industry, which is the mainstay of the heavy industry. In our country, where it was difficult to produce even simple farm implements in the past, today, heavy tractors, heavy vehicles, large ships, heavy-duty transformers, heavy-duty oxygen separators, and all other high-technology machinery and facilities are properly produced and supplied. At the same time, the metallurgical plant facilities, cement plant facilities, chemical plant facilities, light industrial plant facilities, and all other modern plant facilities are comprehensively constructed. One of the clearest examples is that, today, with our own technology, resources, and facilities, our country is vigorously accelerating the great construction march for the building of the Sunchon Vinalon Complex, which is a general chemical industrial base, for the construction of the Sariwon Potash Fertilizer Complex, which is a light metal production base, and for the construction of other huge plants.

Along with the machine industry, the power, mining, metallurgical, chemical, building-material, and other major industries have been excellently established. As a result, the heavy industrial foundation of our country is properly meeting the growing demands of the people's economy for various industrial products, as well as for raw materials, fuel, and power.

Through the establishment of a self-reliant national economy, our country has established a strong independent light industrial base. Our country has established numerous local industrial plants, along with central light industrial plants, and their material and technological foundations have been strengthened beyond comparison. The textile, food-processing, daily necessities industries and all other light industrial domains have been established and are developing based on our own material bases. As a result, we are independently meeting the working people's demands for various textiles, daily necessities, foodstuffs, and consumer goods.

Thanks to the vigorous struggle to build a self-reliant national economy, our socialist rural economy has been turned into a modern rural economy that can smoothly meet the domestic demand of agricultural products. In particular, the rural technological revolution has been vigorously carried out along the path elucidated in the socialist rural theses. As a result, an extensively developed irrigation system has been established, and farmers work using the strength of farm machinery and chemicals. Thus, the demands of the chuche-oriented farm method have been thoroughly met and farmers have enjoyed a bumper harvest every year.

Our country has developed the economy with its own national cadres of technology. The government of the Republic has thoroughly implemented the party's policy of making members of the society intellectuals by concentrating great efforts on the cultural revolution. As a result, the government of the Republic has trained and fostered a large army of over 1,300,000 technicians and specialists. Thus, all sectors of our national economy have been outstandingly managed and operated by these technicians and specialists.
Our country's economy is constantly and rapidly developing thanks to the self-reliant national economy, which has been firmly deepened. All sectors of the national economy alike are rapidly developing. In particular, however, industrial production is epochally developing.

During the period of industrialization from 1957 to 1970, the industrial production of our country increased at a high speed of 19.1 percent on the average every year. As a result, the difficult and complicated task of socialist industrialization was brilliantly fulfilled in the short period of only 14 years. The 6-year plan was also completed in only 4 years and 8 months in terms of the volume of industrial production, and the total volume of industrial production during the Second 7-Year Plan period increased 2.2 times.

In the period of the Third 7-Year Plan, the new long-term plan, the government of the Republic is developing the socialist, self-reliant national economic construction on a new high level by vigorously accelerating the chucheization, modernization, and scientification of the national economy, while firmly grasping the line of building a self-reliant national economy.

The mighty socialist, self-reliant national economy that has been built in our country today has not only extraordinarily strengthened the economic might of the Republic, but is also actively contributing to further strengthening the political independence and self-defending the national defense capability of the country and to promoting the people's living.

With a firm, self-reliant national economy, our Republic has maintained relations of economic cooperation with foreign countries on the basis of complete equality and independence and is constantly expanding and developing these relations. Thus, our Republic has more outstandingly contributed to the international revolutionary cause.

The mighty socialist, self-reliant national economic system has extraordinarily enhanced the international dignity and prestige of our Republic. As a result of having built the self-reliant national economy, our people have been able to achieve the great leap toward progress and civilization, extricating themselves from the situation in the past in which they had to undergo all sorts of insults and contemptuous treatment because they had a backward and undeveloped economy. Thus, our Republic has emerged with dignity in the international arena and its international prestige as a member of the ranks of advanced countries of the world is being enhanced with each passing day.

The legitimate position of our Republic as an independent and sovereign country is being more firmly consolidated thanks to the firm foundation of its powerful national economy.

Our Republic is a powerful independent and sovereign socialist country with an all-people's and country-wide defending system.

An important problem that arises in implementing the self-defending principle in national defense is establishing an all-people's and country-wide defending system. Modern warfare is three-dimensional, highly-organized, and scientific. Therefore, in case of an emergency, the entire army, all the people, and the whole country should rise up as one and establish a powerful all-people's and country-wide defending system that can smash the enemies in one blow. By so doing, they can cope with any maneuvers of aggression by the enemies in conformity with the characteristics of modern warfare and achieve victory.

Our Republic has firmly established an all people's and country-wide defending system that can reliably defend the security of the country by brilliantly realizing the self-defending ideology inculcated by the great leader.

By thoroughly implementing our party's self-defending military line, our Republic has successfully made cadres out of members of the People's Army and modernized the People's Army. As a result, our People's Army has grown to become a cadre army of one-a-match-for-100, which has been further tempered politically and ideologically, and an invincible revolutionary army with strong offensive and defensive capabilities. In particular, as a result of the vigorous struggle to implement the party's policy of modernizing the entire army after the chuche idea, the policy of revolutionizing the entire army, the political and ideological superiority of the revolutionary armed forces has been greatly enhanced. And this has become the source of the invincible strength of our People's Army.

The Republic, by thoroughly implementing the party's military line, has brilliantly completed the task of arming all the people and turning the whole country into a fortress.

In our country, all the working people, including workers and farmers, have made all preparations not only to support the frontline through a labor struggle, holding hammer and sickle in one hand and a rifle in the other, in case of an emergency, but also to directly defend the fatherland, holding weapons in their hands, and to smash any aggressors, together with the People's Army.

There are impregnable defense facilities everywhere in our country and, as a result, the whole country has been turned into an impregnable fortress.

By firmly establishing an all-people's and country-wide defending system, with the People's Army as its core, through the thorough implementation of the defensive military line, the main point of which is to make members of the entire army cadres, to modernize the entire army, to arm all the people, and to turn the whole country into a fortress, our Republic has come to possess the strong and powerful defensive capability that cannot only defend the
country and the people from any form of invasion by the imperialists, but that can also reliably guarantee the fulfillment of the revolutionary cause of chuche.

The all-people's and country-wide defending system established in our country today has been firmly guaranteed by our independent and self-reliant defense industry, and its might is being strengthened with each passing day.

In our country today, a firm self-reliant national defense industry base has been founded. As a result, our country has produced various types of modern weapons and combat equipment needed in defending itself with our own strength. Thanks to our powerful self-reliant national defense industry, the armed strength of the People's Army is being constantly modernized, and all military facilities and fortified military positions have been firmly equipped with modern technology.

The all-people's and country-wide defending system established in our country today has become invincible through the political and ideological unity of all the people who have been firmly rallied around the party and the leader.

Officers and men of the People's Army and all the people have firmly armed themselves with the immortal chuche idea and their hearts are full of their burning loyalty to willingly devote their lives to the single road of the revolution and along the road designated by the party and the leader. The political and ideological cohesion of the people who have been firmly united as one mind around the great leader and the dear Comrade Kim Jong-il is not only the source of the military might of our Republic, but is also the foundation of its solidness.

Thus, our Republic is an independent, self-reliant, and self-defending, powerful socialist country, which has firmly adhered to independence in politics and which has resorted to the firm self-reliant national economy and the powerful and mighty all-people's and country-wide defending system. This is not only a brilliant result of the line of independence, self-reliance, and self-defense which has embodied the chuche idea in all fields, but is also a noble revolutionary gain that has been achieved by our people through their arduous and blood-shedding struggle under the wise leadership of the party and the leader and the banner of the Republic.

Indeed, our Republic is not only the banner of independence and sovereignty of our people, but is also a powerful weapon that firmly guarantees the implementation of the revolutionary cause of chuche. In the future, too, all of our people should infinitely trust our people's government, the government of the Republic, should thoroughly implement all policies of the Republic, and, thus, should struggle for the grandeur and development of the Republic, devoting their all.

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Our Most Superior System of State and Society Which Comprehensively Provides an Independent and Creative Life for the People
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The Republic Is Our People's Banner of Struggle To Win the Final Victory of the Chuche Cause
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[Text] The chuche revolutionary cause explored in the forests of Mt Paktu has vigorously advanced toward its final victory over the past 40 years under the banner of the republic.

The chuche cause, which began with the cause of imbuing the revolutionary ranks with the chuche idea, was deepened and developed further in the wake of the founding of the Republic and has now reached a new stage of imbuing society with the chuche idea.

In the course of the chuche cause advancing victoriously under the banner of the Republic, our country, which had once disappeared from the global map, has come to emit its shining rays across the world as a powerful socialist state of independence, self-reliance, and self-defense and our people who were trampled underfoot and mistreated have become a happy and dignified people who enjoy their independent and creative life to the fullest extent after emerging as the dignified masters of a sovereign state. It is because they live in the republic, our people's banner of struggle, that our people have had their past and present which brought their rewarding and happy life to full flower and are now assured a future full of hope which will attain the final victory of the chuche cause.

All functionaries, party members, and working people should cherish deep in their hearts the great pride and self-confidence of living and carrying out the revolution in the bosom of the DPRK and advance the chuche revolutionary cause more vigorously under its banner.

The DPRK is a genuinely revolutionary government of our people which is engaged in a struggle to attain the final victory of the chuche cause.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has taught: Our republic's government is a genuine people's government and a chuche-oriented government that defends the freedom and rights of the popular masses and struggles for the consummation of the chuche revolutionary cause. (Kim Il-song: "Selected Works," Vol 9, p 470)
The revolutionary cause of the working class to attain independence for the popular masses is to advance vigorously and to have the cause consummated through the sovereignty of the state.

The sovereignty of the state is the political right to rule and a basic factor that defines people's positions and roles. It is the sovereignty of the state that determines people's sociopolitical independence and political integrity as well as the material and economic conditions for the realization of independence. Only when they become the true masters of the state and society with the sovereignty of the state firmly in their hands, can the working masses, including the working class, resolve all problems arising in the revolutionary struggle to attain their own independence by independent and creative means and make the revolutionary cause advance victoriously.

The republic's government, founded and led by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the pioneer and leader of the chuche cause, is our people's banner of struggle which makes the chuche cause advance victoriously by putting forth the working masses as the masters of the state and society and by raising their position and role.

The DPRK is a chuche-oriented revolutionary government that struggles after assuming the ultimate realization of the chuche cause as its mission.

The chuche cause is a revolutionary cause that has been explored and developed under the banner of the chuche idea as well as a sacred cause designed to attain independence for the popular masses.

To completely attain independence for the working masses means to free them from the yoke of nature and society, to make them the true masters of nature and society, and make them fully enjoy their independent and creative life. To fully realize independence for the working masses, it is imperative to remake nature, society, and men according to the demands of the chuche idea.

Man is the master of nature and society and plays a decisive role in remolding nature and developing society. Therefore, making men genuine communist revolutionaries who possess high and lofty independence, creativity, and awareness constitutes the main aspect in achieving the chuche cause.

Nature and society are the indispensable environment and condition for man's independent and creative life. Men cannot live nor can they develop apart from nature and society. Therefore, only by remolding nature and all fields of society in conformity with the demands of the chuche idea along with man's reformation can man be provided with a genuine independent and creative life. In a nutshell, the chuche cause can achieve its final victory through the course of remolding nature and society in conformity with the demands of the chuche idea by making men genuine communist revolutionaries and by enhancing their position and role.

The Republic's adopting as its mission the achievement of the final victory of the chuche cause and the complete realization of the popular masses' independence is a requirement proceeding from its class essence and revolutionary character.

The goal and mission of state activity are, in nature, defined by what class holds state sovereignty and by what ideology is considered as the state's guiding ideology. Sovereignty of the state is the political ruling right. Therefore, sovereignty of the state represents the interests of the ruling class and adopts as its mission the realization of the ideology reflecting the will and demands of the ruling class.

The state of the exploiting class is a political tool designed to realize the ideology reflecting the reactionary will and demands of the exploiting class that has grasped state power. Therefore, the state of the exploiting class adopts the realization of the interests and demands of the exploiting class as its mission.

The state of the working class is a state in which the working popular masses, including the working class, grasp state power. It is also a weapon to realize the revolutionary ideology reflecting the will and demands of the working popular masses, including the working class. Therefore, the state of the working class adopts the realization of independence of the working popular masses, the masters of the state of the working class, as its basic mission.

In our republic, the working popular masses, including workers, farmers, and working intellectuals, have become the masters of the state and society. Therefore, our republic is a most people-oriented, and chuche-oriented government and struggles to embody the immortal chuche idea which most correctly reflects the independent demands and interests of the working popular masses, including workers, farmers, and working intellectuals.

The chuche cause, which is the mission of our republic, can be advanced and consummated victoriously only through the struggle to embody the chuche idea.

The chuche idea is a thorough revolutionary ideology which defines the basic purpose of the revolution as safeguarding and realizing independence, the life of social being, and which demands that the revolution continue until independence is completely realized. Thanks to the chuche idea, the man-centered revolutionary ideology, the road of making men the complete masters of the world and their destinies by thoroughly remolding nature and by reforming society and human beings and the road of achieving the eternal happiness
and prosperity of mankind have been clearly illuminated. The chuche idea, which by adopting the realization of man's independence as the basic purpose of the revolution has most scientifically elucidated the way for realizing this, is the only guiding ideology of the revolution and construction of our times.

The republic has successfully performed its mission of victoriously advancing the chuche cause by waging its activity, using the great and immortal chuche idea as an ideological, theoretical, and methodological basis.

Based on the chuche idea the republic establishes and implements all of its lines and policies, defines the basic principles that should be adhered to in its state activity, establishes the basic ways and method of state activity, and advances the revolution.

The state’s lines and policies are the strategy and tactics to embody the guiding ideology.

The republic establishes its lines and policies embodying the chuche idea in consideration of the independent demands and interests of man and the popular masses, and implements them mobilizing the inexhaustible creative strength of the popular masses, thereby victoriously advancing the chuche cause. Pursuant to the fundamental strategy and line of socialist and communist construction, the republic defines the strategic and tactical tasks to be implemented at each time and stage, the reunification policy, and foreign policy always based on the chuche idea, and thoroughly embodies the methodological principles elucidated by the chuche idea in implementing these policies.

The republic victoriously advances the chuche cause not only by establishing and implementing all lines and policies based on the chuche idea but by defining and maintaining the fundamental principles to be abided by in the activities of the state.

The fundamental principles to be maintained in the activities of the state should be precisely defined and implemented to ensure the independence and consistency in the activities of the state of the working class and to enable the state to advance the revolutionary cause independently and with their own spirit.

The republic puts forward and implements the chuche cause in ideology, independence in politics, self-reliance in economy, and self-defense in national defense as the fundamental principles to be maintained in state activities so that it can successfully carry out the honorable mission for the completion of the chuche cause without partiality or deviation. The method and means that are employed by the state of the working class in carrying out its activities is one of the key areas in advancing the revolutionary cause and fulfilling its mission. Even if it has established a scientific line and policy and the precise principles of activities, if the state of the working class fails to carry out its activities based on correct methods and means, it cannot carry out its mission successfully.

Because the republic embodies the chuche idea and defines democracy as the fundamental method of the activities of the state, it enables the working popular masses to maintain their position as masters and carry out their role as masters, and enables the functionaries of the power organs to go among the masses with the revolutionary outlook on the masses, mobilizing them so that they can accelerate the revolution and construction.

Thus, because the republic is a chuche-oriented regime that vigorously wages the struggle to embody the chuche idea with the fundamental mission of realizing the ultimate victory of the chuche cause, it has become the banner of our people’s struggle for the completion of the chuche cause.

The DPRK is a mighty political weapon for the ultimate victory of the chuche cause.

The working popular masses should have a mighty political weapon to enhance their position and role and vigorously advance the revolutionary cause.

Politics is the social function that uniformly organizes and directs the activities of people in the interest of both class and society, and this is realized by a certain form of political organization. In a society where people have common interests and where unity and cooperation form the basis of social relations, the political organization represents the common interests of society and becomes a weapon for the struggle to realize them. Therefore, the working popular masses must vigorously advance the revolutionary cause under the banner of their true political organization which they must have so as to completely realize chajusong.

Our republic is the most comprehensive political organization that represents the interests of the popular masses, including the working class, peasants, and working intellectuals, and it is a powerful political weapon to realize the chajusong of the working popular masses.

The republic vigorously advances the chuche cause by enhancing the position and role of the popular masses and accelerating the remaking of man, society, and nature.

The remaking of nature, society, and man is an important component of the struggle for the chajusong of the popular masses. The chajusong of people is realized when they completely free themselves from their social subjugation, the bonds of nature, and the bonds of the old ideology and culture. To fulfill the chuche cause and realize the chajusong of the popular masses, nature, society, and man should be remade.
The republic guarantees genuine independent rights for the popular masses and fosters their creative abilities. Thus, the republic makes the popular masses mighty social beings.

Fostering man to become a mighty social being is a basic prerequisite of social development and a most preferential requirement for the realization of the chuche cause. Only when we accelerate human reform and, thus, foster man to become the powerful main force of the revolution rallied firmly around the party and the leader and with genuine independent rights and creative ability can the revolutionary cause be successfully advanced.

Independent rights are the first life of man who is a social being. Men can occupy the position of masters of society and take on a mighty existence that can play the role of master of society only when they possess independent rights.

The republic fosters the popular masses to become the genuine masters of the state and society, guarantees genuine freedom and rights for the popular masses, and realizes the popular masses' independent demands at a higher level by strengthening its function and role as the revolution and construction are deepened. Thus, the republic fosters the popular masses to become mighty social beings.

In order to foster, the popular masses to become mighty social beings, it is imperative to arm them with the independent revolutionary ideology and to rally them around the party and the leader as a social and political organism. The chuche cause can be led to its final victory on the strength of the popular masses' united and creative strength.

The work of arming the popular masses with the revolutionary ideology and knowledge of science and uniting and rallying them as one is carried out by the government of the republic which is a most comprehensive political organization. The republic, which covers the broad popular masses under it, enhances its educational and indoctrinational function and role and, thus, educates and indoctrinates the popular masses. Thereby, the republic rallies the popular masses around the party and the leader and, consequently, fosters them to become the mighty main force of the revolution with great creative ability. The revolution and construction develop through the course of fostering the popular masses to become mighty beings and, thus, enhancing their position and role. Therefore, only when we advance under the banner of the republic can we victoriously consummate the chuche cause.

The republic victoriously advances the chuche cause by vigorously accelerating the work of remolding nature and by displaying its function as an economic organizer. The work of remolding nature is a struggle to promote the people's material and cultural life by accelerating economic construction. The people's material and cultural life and their ideological and spiritual life form two major fields in their social life, and the popular masses' independence should be achieved both in their ideological and spiritual life and material and cultural life. The chuche cause—the goal of which is to realize the independence of the popular masses—can be victoriously advanced only when both the ideological and spiritual life and the material and cultural life of the popular masses are firmly guaranteed.

The republic is the genuine government of the people which carries out economic construction, assuming the duty of guaranteeing the people's material and cultural life. Through its function as an economic organizer, the republic mobilizes and utilizes all resources in the country in a planned manner; grasps and guides production, distribution, accumulation, and consumption; and constantly ensures planned and balanced development of production and its invariable and sustained expansion and growth. Thus, the republic strengthens the country's economic might, further promotes the people's living by accelerating the work of remolding nature, frees the working people from their arduous and difficult tasks, and, thereby, provides the conditions so that the people can enjoy a happy life materially and culturally.

The republic successfully carries out the work of accelerating social reform by enhancing its function and role.

The work of reforming society is a task to more reasonably improve and rectify social relations. Only when we accelerate the work of reforming society can the people not only achieve genuine equality in their political life, economic life, and cultural life, but also achieve their complete independence.

The republic enhances the status and role of the people in society by strengthening its functions and constantly improves social relations in conformity with the demands of the chuche idea. The republic, which implements the party's line of the three revolutions, continuously consolidates and develops the socialist system by vigorously accelerating the three revolutions—ideological, technological, and cultural—and actively spurs the work of social reform by turning cooperative ownership into all-people ownership and by powerfully waging the struggle to gain the complete victory of socialism.

The chuche revolutionary cause advances and achieves victory in a fierce class struggle. Because the chuche cause is aimed at realizing the class demands of the working class, it always entails a fierce confrontation with the class enemy and reactionary ideas throughout the entire period from the time when it is pioneered to the moment it attains ultimate victory. Unless the proletarian dictatorial function of the state—the weapon of
the class struggle—is strengthened under these conditions, the independent and creative life of the popular masses cannot be protected nor can the revolutionary cause be victoriously advanced.

The republic is a mighty weapon of the class struggle which our people firmly holds in their hands, and is a reliable defender of their independent and creative life. With this function, our republic smashes all maneuvers of the class enemy at home and abroad, protects the independent and creative life of the popular masses, and leads the chuche revolutionary cause to victory.

As a matter of fact, our republic is a powerful weapon of the revolution and construction which accelerates the work of remodeling man, nature, and society by adopting the consummation of the chuche cause as its fundamental mission and embodying the chuche idea, thus realizing the independent cause of the popular masses. For this, our republic becomes the banner of our people's struggle for the ultimate victory of the chuche revolutionary cause.

Over the past period, our republic has been constantly consolidated and developed under the leadership of the party and the leader and has victoriously advanced the chuche revolutionary cause.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has taught: “Since the first day of its founding, the people's government has thoroughly defended the freedom and rights of the popular working masses and has led our people's revolutionary struggle and construction work to shining victory.” (Kim Il-song: “Selected Works,” Vol. 32, p 528)

On the basis of his scientific analysis of the status and role of state power in carrying out the revolutionary cause throughout the entire period from the time when he embarked upon the road of the revolution to the present, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has correctly solved the problem concerning the people's power and has energetically led the struggle to powerfully advance the revolutionary cause.

During the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has laid the precious historical basis of the people's government. On the basis of this brilliant tradition, he founded the people's government, the most superior revolutionary regime, after the liberation, and established the republic. Thanks to this, our people have become the august masters of an independent and sovereign state, who firmly hold the power of the state in their hands for the first time in history, and they own a powerful political weapon to vigorously advance the chuche revolutionary cause.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song personally founded the Republic and has dynamically advanced the chuche cause by enhancing its function and role.

The first priority task facing the people's government after the liberation was to establish a new social system. Establishing a new social system facing the reality of our country, a backward colonial semifudal society, was a very difficult and complicated struggle in which we had to blaze an original trail.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song successfully discharged the anti-imperialist and antifeudal revolutionary task of democracy and established the people's democratic system in the northern half. On this basis, he led the people's government without delay in carrying out the socialist revolution. Also, he had the people's government solve many difficult and consolidated problems in the socialist revolution in an original manner from the chuche-based standpoint. As a result, the republic perfected the work of reforming production relations into socialist ones in the rural and urban areas in a short period of time after the war and established the most superior socialist system, in which exploitation and oppression have been eradicated forever, in the northern half of the republic.

Thanks to the establishment of the socialist system, the exploitation of man by man has been eradicated forever and the social and political independence of the popular masses has been put into practice in our country. This is a great revolutionary gain which the government of the republic has achieved on the road of realizing the chuche cause.

Stating that a basic revolutionary task facing the republic after the establishment of the socialist system is to carry out the three revolutions, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has dynamically led the government of the republic in the struggle to implement them.

Penetrating the people's ideological consciousness in carrying out the three revolutions, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song put forward the wise policy of giving priority to the ideological revolution and vigorously pushing ahead with the technological and cultural revolutions at the same time and had the people's government firmly hold and consistently implement the policy. To enable the people's power organs to vigorously arouse the revolutionary zeal and creative activeness of the popular masses, socialist workers, into carrying out the three revolutions, he had the power organs more thoroughly implement the revolutionary mass line, constantly improve the working style and method of functionaries, establish the system of the state organs in an orderly way, and thoroughly establish a revolutionary system and order in the state organs.

Today, our party is constantly enhancing the function and role of the people's government in accordance with the demands of the developing reality in which the entire society is imbued with the chuche idea, and wisely leading it to more vigorously advance the revolution and construction.
Under the wise leadership of the party and the leader, our republic has been further strengthened into a revolutionary power with invincible might and has effected a great advance in the struggle for victorious progress in the revolution and construction by powerfully accelerating the three revolutions—ideological, technological, and cultural.

All workers are firmly equipped with the great chuche idea, the unitary idea of our party, and more solidly combined around the party and the leader as a single sociopolitical entity. Also, the chuche-orientation, modernization, and science-orientation of the national economy have been pushed ahead. As a result, great success has been registered in socialist economic construction. In addition, a great revolutionary change has occurred in all fields of cultural construction as a result of the thorough implementation of our party's lines of the construction of national culture. Today, the chuche cause is approaching an epochal boundary for the complete victory of socialism under the revolutionary banner of the republic.

Perceiving the proud traits of the republic which infinitely thrives and prospers under the party and the leader, our people envisage a hopeful future, in which the chuche revolutionary cause will be ultimately consummated and the independence of the people will be completely realized, and more vigorously wage the struggle to realize the chuche revolutionary cause.

Over the past 40 years since it declared its founding to the world, our republic has overcome piled-up difficulties and has victoriously advanced the chuche cause under the wise leadership of the party and the leader. However, the chuche cause has yet to be consummated ultimately, and the Republic is faced with the heavy but honorable task of achieving the complete victory of socialism, reunifying the fatherland, and imbuing the entire society with the chuche idea.

The most important task assigned to the republic to victoriously advance the chuche cause is to thoroughly implement our party's lines of the three revolutions, upholding the banner of the three revolutions—ideological, technological, and cultural.

The three revolutions—ideological, technological, and cultural—are high-stage revolutions aimed at completely realizing the independence of the popular masses by consummating socialist and communist construction. Only when the three revolutions are thoroughly carried out by constantly enhancing the function and role of the government of the republic can the chuche cause, the cause of the popular masses' independence, be completed ultimately.

As taught by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the banner of the people's government and the banner of the three revolutions are precisely that of independence and that of socialism and communism.

The people's power organs should firmly adhere to the party's lines of the three revolutions and direct their activities at the struggle to discharge the three revolutions—ideological, technological, and cultural.

In keeping with the elevated zeal of workers who have turned out to carry out the three revolutions, the people's power organs should give priority to political work, working with people, and conducting economic organizational work, and to the work of guaranteeing materials and technology in a planned manner. Thus, they should educate and nurture all social members to be chuche-type communist revolutionaries, smoothly solve problems in production by powerfully waging the movement for technical innovation, further improve the technological and cultural level of workers, and thoroughly establish tidiness in production and life.

Implementing the class line and the mass line is an important issue raising in the victorious advance of the chuche cause by the power organs.

The people's government is, in essence, a revolutionary regime of the working class. To maintain its working class-oriented nature and fulfill its mission, the people's regime should thoroughly implement the class line in its activities.

The functionaries of the state organs should see to it that state and social life is led in conformity with the aspirations and demands of the working class and that the sound living ethos of the working class prevails in the entire society.

The chuche cause—the socialist and communist cause—is realized by the creative role of a wide range of popular masses. This being the case, the state power should thoroughly implement the revolutionary mass lines in its activities.

A fundamental requirement of the mass line is to defend the interests of the people and faithfully serve the people. The functionaries of the people's power organs should work as the people's faithful servants always serving the people, pay deep attention to the life of the people, and make active efforts to guarantee the people conditions for a happier life.

Also, the people's power organs should thoroughly establish a revolutionary system and order in all fields of state and social life and prudently manage the national economy.

Establishing a revolutionary system and order in all fields of state and social life is an intrinsic demand of the socialist society, an organized society. Only when a revolutionary system and order are established in all domains of social life and all people behave themselves in a disciplined and orderly way can the organizational common activities of people be smoothly guaranteed, the socialist system be consolidated and developed, and the revolutionary cause be advanced powerfully.
To establish a revolutionary system and order in society, socialist law-abiding life should be strengthened and at the same time, the administrative discipline of the state should be thoroughly established.

By further strengthening socialist law-abiding life, the people’s power organs should thoroughly establish a revolutionary law-abiding ethos throughout the whole society and have all workers faithfully observe the state laws. Along with this, all people’s power organs should more thoroughly establish an orderly work system, in which in a unified way they control and guide the overall state and social life, and set up strict discipline in which all fields and units unconditionally accept and thoroughly implement the decisions and directives of the party and state.

To successfully discharge difficult and complicated revolutionary tasks assigned to it and powerfully advance the chuche revolutionary cause, the people’s government should more solidly establish the party’s unitary ideological system, establish iron-willed discipline in which all activities are carried out in compliance with the intentions of the party and the leader, and have the functionaries of the power organs give full play to the revolutionary spirit, the party-minded spirit, the working class-minded spirit, and the people-minded spirit.

All functionaries of the power organs should more powerfully wage the struggle to expedite the ultimate victory of the chuche revolutionary cause by responsibly discharging their honorable revolutionary tasks with a high sense of loyalty to the party, the leader, the fatherland, and the people.

The Republic Is the Korean People’s True Fatherland Which Struggles To Completely Realize National Sovereignty

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[Text] Today when we greet the 40th anniversary of the founding of our glorious fatherland, the DPRK, our people’s yearning to reunify the divided fatherland and establish national sovereignty throughout the entire country is stronger than ever before.

The history of the Republic, which has traversed for 40 years under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and our party, has been the history of the sacred struggle of defending the dignity and honor of the nation from the aggression of foreign forces and the glorious history of strengthening and developing the Republic into an independent, self-reliant, and self-defending socialist power. It has also been the history of the sacred struggle to reunify the divided fatherland and to completely realize national sovereignty throughout the entire country.

Our Republic, enjoying the wise leadership of the great leader and the WPK, has been waging a vigorous struggle, overcoming many difficulties and trials, with firm faith to reunify the divided fatherland during our generation by all means.

1. To reunify the divided fatherland and realize national sovereignty throughout the entire country is the greatest and long-cherished national desire of all the Korean people and the most urgent task for the Government of the Republic.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has taught: To realize the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland is the most urgent national task for the Government of the Republic. (Kim Il-song “Selected Works,” Vol 9, p 489)

The issue of the reunification of the fatherland is, essentially, the issue of ending the domination and interference of foreign forces, completely realizing our national sovereignty, removing distrust and confrontation between the North and the South, and achieving national unity.

The issue of the reunification of our country has not been solved because of the occupation of the U.S. imperialists, and the North and the South have had to follow roads in conflict with each other.

Whereas in the northern half of the republic the most advanced socialist system has been established enabling the people to lead independent and creative lives, South Korea has not been able to find a way out of the colonial rule of the U.S. imperialists, being turned into a human hell in which the people’s national sovereignty is ruthlessly trampled upon and obliterated.

Hence, the government of our republic has an urgent task to expel the U.S. imperialists from South Korea, the other half of the fatherland, and realize the cause of reunifying the fatherland by realizing national sovereignty throughout the entire country.

Reunifying the fatherland is the most urgent task for the government of the republic because establishing national sovereignty on the basis of the entire country is the issue of vital interest determining the destiny of the nation.

National sovereignty is the right of each nation state to decide and process all problems arising for the nation—political, economic, military, and cultural—independently without outside interference, that is, the right of independent sovereignty.

National sovereignty is the specific expression of chaju-song, the life of the country and the nation, and the fundamental problem determining the destiny of each nation. Only when a nation is able to exercise sovereignty fully, can it realize complete independence and the people can become the true masters capable of
pioneering the national destiny on their own, and can national happiness and prosperity be achieved. Only a nation which has sovereignty can exercise equality in relations with other countries and behave proudly in the international arena as an independent state.

However, South Korea, an inseparable part of our country, is being occupied by the U.S. imperialists, and national sovereignty is being ruthlessly trampled underfoot there.

Our nation, which lived as a single nation within the same territory, has been artificially divided by the U.S. imperialists for as long as 40 years and its sovereignty has been infringed upon. This is a national disgrace which can no longer be tolerated. Only by putting an end to the present state of national division and by establishing national sovereignty can our nation give play to national dignity and honor as a single reunified state.

Another reason why national reunification is the most pressing task facing the Government of the Republic is that it is a task which will make it possible to free the South Korean people from the status of colonial slaves and realize their independence.

The question of establishing national sovereignty across the country is completely inconceivable in separation from the question of defending the independence of the popular working masses in South Korea.

Independence is vital to man, a social being. When man is deprived of independence in society, he loses dignity and value as a human being. Under the colonial subjugation of the U.S. imperialists, the South Korean people have been deprived of independence for as long as 40 years and have suffered from all types of misfortune and pain. No Korean can just watch with folded arms the unfortunate reality in which the South Korean people, who have the same ancestors, have their dignity as human beings ruthlessly trampled underfoot, suffering all types of national contempt and maltreatment.

It is also because national reunification is an acute task for achieving unified development and prosperity for the country by pooling the strength of the entire nation that national reunification has become the most pressing task assigned to the government of the republic.

National division for a long period of time is a fundamental factor that lays an obstacle to the unified development and prosperity of the country. Just because of division, the resources of the country and the resourcefulness and talent of the nation have not been pooled and utilized in a unified way; the gap between the North and the South in the political, economic, cultural, and other fields is widening; and even things we hold in common as a single nation, which have been attained through a long history, are disappearing. Only when the reunification of the country is achieved at the earliest possible date by establishing national sovereignty throughout the country can the unified development of the nation be attained by pooling and utilizing national resourcefulness and talent and abundant natural resources and can things we hold in common as a single nation be maintained.

Therefore, reunifying the fatherland is the loftiest duty of all Korean people at present and the supreme national task assigned to the government of the republic. It is a duty whose performance can no longer be put off.

2. Our Republic is the genuine fatherland of the Korean people who struggle to reunify the fatherland and to completely realize national sovereignty across the country.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has taught: “The DPRK is our true fatherland which enjoys absolute support and love among all Korean people.” (Kim Il-song “Selected Works,” Vol 22, p 410)

The reason why the Republic is the true fatherland of the Korean people who are struggling to completely realize national sovereignty is that it is a clearcut independent state with national sovereignty as its life.

The republic has adopted the immortal chuche idea, which most thoroughly defends national sovereignty, as its guiding idea.

The sovereignty and dignity of a state is, first of all, decided by a guiding idea on which it is based. When a state adopts a scientific and revolutionary idea as its guiding idea, it is able to correctly map out and implement all lines and policies and firmly adhere to principle, consistency, and sovereignty in all sectors of its activities.

The chuche idea, which asserts that one is the master of one's own fate and that the strength to pioneer one's own fate also lies within oneself, is a revolutionary idea that objects to all types of enslavement, domination, and social inequality and thoroughly defends the independence of the working people and national sovereignty. Proceeding from the principle that every nation is independent and it has the strength to hold its own fate in its hand and pioneer it, the chuche idea clearly elucidates that the problem concerning a nation is the question of removing all types of enslavement and inequality and of achieving national sovereignty, independence, and prosperity. Also, the chuche idea thoroughly rejects toadyism and national nihilism and illuminates the way for every nation to pioneer its fate on its own. Because the republic has adopted this chuche idea as its unitary guiding idea, it is a most thorough independent and sovereign state that is struggling to completely realize national sovereignty.

The government of the republic is also a most independent regime which takes its historical root in the people's revolutionary government, an independent national regime which was born in the bloody struggle of the anti-Japanese revolution.
The type of government that is founded is an issue of significance as a matter of principle in building a state. It is one of the fundamental issues in defending national sovereignty. Only when a genuinely independent regime defending national interests is established can national sovereignty be thoroughly safeguarded and the eternal prosperity of the fatherland be achieved.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle organized and led by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was a sacred struggle to accomplish national liberation and independence by putting an end to the shameful history of slaves without a country and to establish a genuinely independent regime which would give play to national dignity and honor. The great leader early on set forth his original idea about a new type of people's government and laid down the chuche-oriented lines of the construction of a regime—the lines of founding an independent people's government which bases itself on worker-peasant alliance led by the working class and which relies on the united front of a wide range of the popular masses. By embodying the lines, he established a new type of people's revolutionary regime in guerrilla bases near the Tuman River and wisely guided its activities, thus laying the historical basis of an independent government. Because the government of the republic was established on this historical root, it has shed luster on the world as a clearcut independent government.

The republic is also an independent state which was born amid a fierce anti-imperialist and anti-interventionist fight to defend national sovereignty and which has been strengthened and developed in a nationwide struggle to safeguard national sovereignty.

Imperialism and domination and interference by outside forces are the main targets of the struggle of all nations to build independent and sovereign states.

The republic, a revolutionary gain, was founded as an independent state in the arduous and fierce anti-imperialist and anti-outside forces struggle and has been strengthened and developed under the wise leadership of the great leader and our party. The republic was born amid the struggle to smash the vicious maneuvers of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys to oppose our people's struggle for establishing a democratic independent and self-reliant state and to divide the country and the nation forever by cooking up a separate government in South Korea. Also, the republic has been continuously strengthened and developed in the vehement 3-year war against the U.S. imperialists' armed invasion to obliterate the republic in the cradle, in the struggle to overcome the grim ordeals of the postwar rehabilitation work, and in the rewarding struggle of the socialist revolution and construction.

Indeed, the republic is a clearcut independent state which emerged on the historical roots of the anti-Japanese revolution with the chuche idea as its guiding idea and which was born and has been constantly strengthened and developed in the anti-imperialist and anti-outside forces struggle.

It is also because the republic has put forward the most fair and aboveboard policy of reunification and has vigorously led the entire nation to realize it, that the republic is the genuine fatherland of the Korean people who struggle to completely realize national sovereignty.

The policy of reunification laid down by the republic is the leading guideline in the struggle to reunify the country and completely realize national sovereignty.

What is most important in the policy of reunification, which the republic consistently adheres to, are the three principles of national reunification. The three principles of national reunification—indeed, peaceful reunification, and great national unity—which became the basis of the 4 July North-South joint statement, are a reunification program which illuminates a bright vista for national reunification.

The three principles of national reunification—indeed, peaceful reunification, and great national unity—which both the North and South agreed on and solemnly declared at home and abroad—are common national principles of reunification which should be consistently adhered to and maintained until the cause of reunification is put into practice.

The republic set forth a way for reunifying the fatherland by founding a democratic confederal republic of Koryo [DCRK]—the most reasonable method for embodying the three principles of national reunification—and has steadily struggled to put it into practice.

It will never be easy to correctly solve the question of our country's reunification—a problem complicated by the involvement of the interests of the surrounding countries and the confrontational relations within the nation. Furthermore, realities in which different ideas, ideologies, and political systems have existed for a long time in the North and the South have put a great obstacle in the road of national reunification. However, since reunification is the task of national history, a task which must be discharged without fail, and the long-cherished desire of the entire nation, a method for reunification acceptable to both the North and the South should be explored. From this point of view, the proposal for founding the DCRK is the most reasonable, realistic, and aboveboard way that offers a shortcut leading to reunification.

The proposal for founding the DCRK calls on the North and the South to build our country into an independent, democratic, neutral, and nonaligned state by establishing a reunified national government, in which both sides take part on an equal footing, on the basis of mutually recognizing and tolerating the ideas and systems existing in the other side as they are. The proposal comprehensively elucidates all matters concerning the founding of a reunified state, such as the composition, function, and role of the DCRK, the name of the reunified state, its external status, and the policies of the confederal state.
The DCRK would be a reunified state, which conforms to the opinions and interests of our nation and the demands of the concrete realities of our country, and would be a clearcut independent reunified state that exercises national sovereignty in its composition, function, role, and external relations.

From liberation up to the present time, mutually different systems have existed in the North and the South and mutually different ideas have dominated them. To achieve national unity and realize national reunification under this condition, the ideas and systems of neither side should not be absolute. If the North or the South tries to make its own ideas and systems absolute or to enforce them on the other side, this would inevitably result in causing confrontation and clashes and to the contrary, in deepening division.

As long as the entire nation unanimously raises national reunification as its supreme task, differences in ideas and systems cannot become a condition making it impossible to achieve reunification. Those with different ideas can live together in the same country, and mutually different social systems can exist in a unified state.

The sole way for reunification, which our nation should take as its common strategy in reunifying the country—not through war but in a peaceful way—is to found the DCRK. The republic has indicated the most correct way and direction for national reunification by putting forward the three principles of national reunification—indepedence, peaceful reunification, and grand national unity—and the proposal to found the DCRK, and has vigorously led the struggle to realize these principles and the proposal.

Since the division of the country, the republic has repeatedly set forth countless reasonable proposals for reunification and has made all sincere efforts to realize them. Over the past few years alone, the republic has repeatedly put forward the proposal for tripartite talks; the proposal for North-South parliamentary talks; the proposal for talks between those in military authority in the North and the South; the proposal for North-South high-level political and military talks; the proposal for turning the Korean peninsula into a nuclear-free, peace zone; the proposal for phased reduction of armed forces; the proposal for a North-South joint conference; a wide-ranging negotiation proposal for holding bilateral or multilateral contacts and talks between representatives of each party, grouping, and walk of life in the North and the South; and the proposal for a North-South joint parliamentary meeting, and it has steadily made efforts to realize them.

This clearly shows that the DPRK has set forth the most reasonable and fair policy of reunification and has powerfully aroused the entire nation to the struggle to realize it. The DPRK, the genuine fatherland of the Korean people who struggle to completely realize national sovereignty, is boundlessly encouraging the South Korean people and overseas compatriots in the struggle to realize the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

Under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and our party, the republic has registered shining achievements in socialist construction and has powerfully demonstrated its might to the world.

Over the past 40 years, the political, economic, and military might of the Republic has been matchlessly increased and strengthened. The people in the northern half of the republic are firmly armed with the immortal chuche idea and solidly united around the great leader and our party in a single-hearted manner. The chuche idea has been thoroughly embodied in all fields of the revolution and construction and as a result, the Republic has been changed into a strong and dignified socialist power with complete political independence, a solid socialist self-reliant national economy, mighty defense capabilities, and a brilliant national culture.

The might of the republic, which has been incessantly developed and strengthened with each passing day, is giving great hope and faith to the South Korean people and overseas compatriots and powerfully arousing them to the struggle to realize the cause of national reunification.

The spirit of reunification has rapidly grown greater among the South Korean people who have been encouraged by the ever-increasing might of the republic and its just policy of reunification. In defiance of an unprecedentedly harsh military and fascist suppression, they fully support the three principles of national reunification—indepedence, peaceful reunification, and grand national unity—and demand the country's reunification according to the principles, maintaining that the "masses should be the main force of reunification." Their voices resound louder demanding that the "state policy of anticommunism" be changed into "that of reunification," that the "National Security Law" be abolished, and that "a nationwide debate over reunification be vitalized." Having deeply recognized through their practical experience for a long period of time that the root cause of all of their sufferings and misfortune lies in the U.S. imperialists' occupation of South Korea and their policy of colonial enslavement and that the ringleader barring the reunification of the country is no one but the U.S. imperialists, the South Korean people are vigorously waging the anti-U.S. struggle for independence, the antifascist struggle for democratization, and the struggle for national reunification at a high level.

The South Korean youths, students, and people are valiantly conducting the anti-U.S. struggle, holding up such slogans as "Let us banish the U.S. imperialists and reunify the fatherland" and "Let us expel the Yankees who have divided our homeland." Also, they are turning
out in a sacred struggle for national reunification, shouting such slogans as "Why are we not allowed to visit each other in our land? Let us go to the North. Come to the South. Let us meet at Panmunjom," and "Let us expedite reunification by realizing North-South student talks." This graphically shows that the South Korean people's anti-U.S. struggle for independence and struggle for national reunification are being fiercely waged at an unprecedentedly high level.

Indeed, our republic has become the genuine fatherland of the Korean people, who struggle to completely realize national sovereignty across the country, by resolutely defending national sovereignty, by indicating the correct way and direction of the movement for national reunification, and by powerfully leading the struggle of the entire nation to realize reunification.

3. Today, the government of the republic is charged with the immediate task of providing a favorable precondition for the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland to completely realize national sovereignty across the country.

Creating favorable circumstances and conditions for the country's independent and peaceful reunification is the important work of laying a landmark leading to reunification.

A problem that should be primarily solved in providing a favorable precondition for national reunification is to remove the state of military confrontation between the North and the South, ease tension, and guarantee a durable peace on the Korean peninsula.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has taught: "A primary problem in realizing the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland today is to ease tension prevailing on the Korean peninsula, guarantee a durable peace, and provide a favorable condition for national reunification." (Kim Il-song: "Selected Works," Vol 9, p 490)

The state of North-South military confrontation is a factor that increases the danger of war in this land and that makes people of the same nation misunderstand and distrust each other. Peace in the homeland and its peaceful reunification are inconceivable under the present condition in which the tremendous armed forces of the two sides stand in confrontation with each other. The North and the South should remove the state of military confrontation and the danger of war at any cost and adopt a declaration of nonaggression through which they firmly commit themselves not to invade the other side. Only then can an atmosphere of trust and unity and circumstances in favor of peaceful reunification be created in the North and the South.

To provide a favorable precondition for national reunification, the North and the South should assume the attitude and stand of reconciling and uniting with each other.

As shown by historical experience, no success can be made in dialogue for reunification nor can the problem of reunification be solved forever under conditions in which the North and the South distrust, confront, slander, and defame each other. Only when they assume the basic attitude and stand not for division but for reunification can they communicate with each other and can that communication bear good fruit.

Removing North-South tension and promoting national reconciliation and unity are the minimum principled demand for dialogue, negotiation, and reunification.

This notwithstanding, the U.S. and South Korean persons in authority have repeatedly turned away from the peaceful initiatives and negotiation proposals of the republic and have brought the situation on the Korean peninsula to the brink of war, invariably seeking only the policy of "two Koreas."

Recently in particular, the United States and the South Korean authorities have frantically kicked up anti-republic commotion under the pretext of the "security of the Olympics." They have declared a de facto "state of emergency," have driven the whole of South Korea into fascist suppression, and have taken the most outrageous measures in succession.

Meanwhile, the South Korean authorities are clinging to maneuvers of appeasement and deception with a view to checking the South Korean people's aspirations for reunification through a trap of "dialogue and reunification," to blocking the massive movement for reunification, and to smoothly holding the Olympics by announcing the so-called "special declaration on North-South relations and the policy of reunification and diplomacy."

The so-called "special declaration" of the South Korean authorities is, as a matter of fact, neither a way for reunification nor a proposal for peace. It is nothing but a way for division to concoct "two Koreas." The "special declaration," which ignores such a fundamental matter of principle in solving the problem of reunification as the three principles of national reunification and even such pressing problems of removing the state of tension and the danger of war—the problems whose settlement should be given top priority in solving the question of reunification—is an out-and-out antinational proposal for permanent division that is consistent with the "theory of phases" for "two Koreas" and the "theory of cross-contact."

The "special declaration" shows once again that as long as South Korea remains a colony of the United States, the South Korean authorities cannot put forward any lucid policy of reunification, but cling to the policy of "two Koreas."

The problem of providing a precondition for reunification by embodying the three principles of national reunification—the problem of easing tension in the country
and promoting national reconciliation and unity—should be solved first to improve North-South relations and open the short cut leading to national reunification at this point.

To this end, the proposal of the republic for holding a North-South joint conference, in which those in authority, representatives of each party and social grouping, and figures of all walks of life in the North and the South participate, should be realized at an early date.

Originally, the movement for the country's reunification is neither a movement of either the North or the South nor that of a certain class and faction. Rather, it is a movement in which the entire nation should participate to realize the national cause of reunification, transcending differences in systems, ideologies, religions, political views, parties, and factions. In this context, the proposal for a North-South joint conference is the most just overture acceptable to everyone.

Such acute immediate problems as the problem of continuing large-scale military exercises—including the “Team Spirit” joint military exercise—the problem of arranging multinational talks for disarmament, the problem of cohosting the Olympics, and the problem of stopping mutual slander should be discussed and solved at a North-South joint conference.

In view of the nature of problems which the North and the South should try to solve immediately, the pressing nature of the problems raised, and the reasonable nature of the means to resolve them, the proposal for a North-South joint conference is the most active patriotic initiative that can be accepted by everyone who loves the country and the nation and desires peace and reunification. The important mission and duty of putting an end to the tragic history of national division and opening a new chapter in the history of a reunified fatherland are assigned to the authorities of the North and South, the representatives of every party and social grouping, and figures of all walks of life. When the South Korean authorities, the representatives of every party and social grouping, and figures of all walks of life actively turn out to arrange a North-South joint conference, North-South relations, which have reached a grave stage, will be improved and a bright vista for realizing the cause of reunification will open.

If the South Korean authorities cannot accept the proposal for a North-South joint conference right now, bilateral or multilateral contact and talks between representatives of each party, social grouping, and walk of life should be held even before a North-South joint conference is convened.

The republic highly appraises the demands of each party and social grouping and people of all walks of life for participating in debate over reunification and always keeps the door open to them without any discrimination. Also, it will meet representatives of any South Korean party, organization, faction, class, and stratum and exchange opinions with them, if this is helpful for reunification. It welcomes visits to Pyongyang by youths and students and even ordinary workers.

The republic's wide-ranging negotiation policy of holding bilateral or multilateral contacts and talks between representatives of each party, grouping, and walk of life in the North and the South is a nation-saving measure that indicates the best method for opening a breakthrough for dialogue and negotiation and for providing a new opportunity for peace and peaceful reunification. Each party and grouping and people from all walks of life in South Korea, who are concerning about the future of the country and the nation and desire reunification, should respond to the republic's new negotiation policy proceeding from a single-hearted aspiration for national salvation.

In light of the urgent nature of the settlement of the problem—detente and peace on the Korean peninsula—on 20 July the republic, in the name of the Standing Committee of the DPRK SPA, put forward again a new proposal for holding a joint North-South parliamentary meeting to discuss the question of nonaggression between the North and the South. Through the letter, the Standing Committee sent the South Korean “National Assembly” a (draft) of a “North-South joint declaration of nonaggression,” which will be the basis for discussion to successfully push ahead with the discussion of the problem of nonaggression, and concretely proposed the operational method of holding a joint parliamentary meeting alternately in Pyongyang and Seoul, the method of discussing problems, and the method of decision making.

If all problems rising in the path toward detente and peace, including the problem of nonaggression, are solved as a result of the convocation of a joint North-South parliamentary meeting, an epochal phase will open in improving North-South relations and promoting peace in the country and its peaceful reunification. The holding of a joint North-South parliamentary meeting will not only open a way for each party and grouping and people of all walks of life to hold multilateral contact and talks, but provide an opportunity to resume the suspended Red Cross talks and economic talks. If lawmakers of the North and the South hold joint meetings, alternately visiting each other, an exchange between politicians will thereby be realized, visits between figures of all walks of life will be naturally made, and a way for North-South cooperation and exchange will open.

If they genuinely love the country and are concerned over the future of the nation, the South Korean “Lawmakers” should unreservedly come to the site of a North-South joint parliamentary meeting promising detente, peace, and reunification.

By realizing the proposal for a North-South joint conference, the wide-ranging negotiation proposal, and the proposal for a joint North-South parliamentary meeting, which reflect the demands of the strained situation on
The withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces from South Korea is a precondition to realize the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

The U.S. imperialists are ringleaders who persistently oppose our national reunification, occupying South Korea with the force of arms and intensifying maneuvers of aggression and war.

With the U.S. imperialist aggression forces—the source of aggression and war—left intact in the country, national sovereignty cannot be established across the country nor can a favorable conditions for national reunification be provided.

The historical experience of the past period shows that unless an end is put to the U.S. imperialists' intervention in South Korea and their behind-the-scenes manipulation, no success can be expected even though dialogue and contact are realized nor can the acute problems, which should be urgently solved for reunification, be smoothly settled.

Only under the condition in which the U.S. imperialists withdraw from South Korea can the problem of the country's reunification be solved in conformity with the interests and demands of our people. The U.S. imperialists have no right to interfere in solving the internal problems of our nation.

The U.S. imperialists should no longer block our people's aspirations for national reunification, but withdraw from South Korea without delay, this is in keeping with the tenor of the times toward detente and peace and is a way for them to act without losing face.

As in the past, the government of the republic will also make all possible efforts for the withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces from South Korea.

Our people's struggle to reunify the fatherland and realize national sovereignty throughout the country still faces a grave obstacle.

When our nation, the main force of national reunification, unanimously struggles in a devoted manner with a firm will for reunification, there will be no barrier that it cannot break through. As long as the entire nation is united as one and pioneers the path of reunification, a vista for national reunification is bright. International support for and solidarity with our nation's cause of reunification are also growing higher with each passing day. In particular, there is the outstanding and tested leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and our party that always lead our nation's sacred cause of reunification to the single road of victory.

The republic under the wise leadership of the great leader and our party will devote every strength to building a prosperous and thriving reunified independent state in the 3,000-ri land by completely realizing national sovereignty throughout the country without fail.

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[Text] Today, our Republic is undergoing a period of creation, change, and prosperity unprecedented in the honorable history of its development.

The Government of the Republic has so far walked along a single road of victory and honor under the wise leadership of the party and the leader. Also, in this process, it has grown into an independent socialist power that is vigorously cultivating the bright future of the fatherland and the nation and has attained valuable achievements that will eternally shine in the revolutionary struggle of the international working class and oppressed peoples.

Today, our Republic is shedding lights throughout the world; is displaying its dignity and honor throughout the world; and is exercising a heavy influence upon the cause of liberating mankind. This has not been the case at any other time throughout the long, five-thousand-year national history. Our Republic is demonstrating its might as a powerful and dignified independent socialist state, and the international prestige and influence of the Republic is being remarkably strengthened.

All the party members and workers are reflecting, with great national pride and self-confidence upon the immortal achievements of the century that the Republic has attained under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and the honorable party, and they are filled with a resolve to complete the chuche revolutionary cause to the end under the banner of the Republic.

The victorious road along which our Republic has walked under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song is a proud history in which the international prestige and influence of the country has been endlessly strengthened.

The international prestige and influence of a country depends upon its political and economic power and its correct domestic and foreign policies. Apart from their political and economic power and their correct domestic
and foreign policies, a country and a nation cannot firmly guarantee their independence nor can they strengthen their international prestige and influence.

The DPRK, our fatherland, is a powerful and dignified independent socialist state that enjoys high international prestige and influence on the international stage.

If we look back, because it was backward in the past, Korea was a target that the powers toyed with at a bargaining table, our nation was reduced to the Japanese imperialists' colonial slave, and as a result, it could not but walk along the road of suffering. Korea was not on the map of the world, and all of the territory was filled with the sorrow of the people who lost their own country.

Under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, our country, which was in fact a country, has turned into a powerful socialist nation that brought about the change of the century, amazing the people of the world, in revolution and construction and that displays its high international prestige and influence in the international arena. This is truly a great change in the history of the world. Our people take exceptional pride and self-confidence in this great change and consider it as valuable as their own life.

The high international prestige and influence of our Republic is due to the absolute leadership authority of our leader.

What high international prestige and influence the Republic enjoys and how great the Republic shines as a country are linked to the leadership authority of the leader.

With outstanding ideological and theoretical activities and grand-scale practical revolutionary activities, the great leader of the working class cultivates the future road of the country and the nation and brightens national dignity and honor.

Thanks to great immortal achievements he made in the cause of the Korean revolution and the worldwide revolution, the respected leader Comrade Kim Il-song has lofty international authority. That the world's attention is focused on Korea, and that our fatherland is renowned as "the fatherland of the chuche idea" and an "exemplary socialist country," is directly linked with the greatness and absolute leadership authority of the respected leader.

The international authority and influence of our Republic lie in that it is struggling to achieve the immortal chuche idea created by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song by assuming it as a guiding policy.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song created the immortal chuche idea and opened a new chapter of the era of chuche. Thus, he provided a firm guarantee for victory in the cause of the Korean revolution and the world revolution.

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

The chuche idea is the precious fruition of the profound and diversified ideological and theoretical activities of the leader. The creation of the chuche idea is the most brilliant achievement made by the leader in the revolution. (Kim Chong-il, "On the Chuche Idea," p 1)

The leader of the working class is the intellect of ideology and theory which illuminates the path for the era and the people to advance by creating the correct guiding ideology of the revolution. The leader's greatness is the greatness of ideology and theory.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song's creation of the immortal chuche idea is an immortal merit which effected a great turning point in the ideological and spiritual life of humankind and in the course of revolutionary reform and is a historic achievement made in the cause of the world revolution.

The sagaciousness and greatness of ideology are to be defined on the basis of how tenaciously this ideology safeguards the independence of men and how scientifically this ideology illuminates the path for its realization.

The immortal chuche idea is the man-centered outlook on the world which reflects the basic demand of the era when the working popular masses, after emerging as the masters of the world and their own destinies, are pioneering the history and their destinies independently and creatively. It is a great revolutionary idea which clearly indicates the path for the working popular masses to realize their independence. The chuche idea is an officially-recognized revolutionary guiding ideology of our era which clearly indicates a genuine road for all the people to completely free themselves from various forms of class exploitation and plunder and from national and social subjugation and inequality and to enjoy an independent and creative life as the master of the nation and society.

With creation of the great chuche idea which shows a new outlook on and attitude toward the world and which clearly indicates the most correct road for the popular masses to become the genuine masters of their destinies, the progressive people of the world have been able to vigorously pioneer the road toward victory of the struggle, heartily accepting the cause of the revolution. With the creation of the chuche idea, the fighting people were able to free themselves from various outdated traits, ideas, and ways of thinking by cherishing the lofty awareness of their destinies and began to independently carry out the revolution of their country in a responsible manner.

With the creation of the great chuche idea, ideological emancipation from toadyism, doctrinism, and national nihilism which repressed the people's independence and creativity for several thousand years was realized and the
basic key to excellently resolving all problems concerning the revolution and construction according to the aspirations of the popular masses was provided.

Because of this, the immortal chuche idea has become the worldwide trend of thought in our era.

The world's progressive people today continually believe in the chuche idea, and it is an unstoppable trend of the times to demand the chuche idea and advance to the road of independence. The numerous revolutionaries and progressive people of the world highly praise the chuche idea, saying, "The chuche idea is the guiding policy that has elucidated to the popular masses of our times, who wish to live independently, the true road to become masters of the world and of their destiny," and "It is the great revolutionary theory that scientifically elucidates the road to the liberation of mankind in that it comprehensively answers all the problems arising when the popular masses completely realize chajusong, freeing themselves from all forms of subjugation and bonds."

Having the chuche idea as its firm guiding policy is the fundamental emblem of the regime of our Republic, and it is the fundamental source of its inexhaustible strength and invincible vitality.

Because our government has the immortal chuche idea as a firm guiding policy and advances under its banner, it has always been able to maintain a firm working class position and revolutionary principle-mindedness and consistency, to resolutely defend the sovereignty of the country and the nation, and to create great advances and victorious history in all fields of socialist construction. Apart from the immortal chuche idea, we cannot think of the enormous vitality of the socialist system of our country in which all working people are the true masters of their destiny and lead independent and creative lives, the proud history of struggle shining with victory and glory traversed by our Republic, or the high authority and dignity enjoyed by our fatherland.

That our Republic has high international authority and influence is also attributable to its immortal contribution to the history of the communist movement and the history of struggle for the liberation of mankind by creating a world-wide example in the revolution and construction under the wise leadership of the party and the leader.

By creating a world-wide example in the revolution and construction, our Republic has not only made immortal achievements in the history of our fatherland that will shine forever, but made valuable achievements for the world's revolutionary cause as well.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song has taught: The victory of the world's revolution is realized through the revolutionary victory of each country. When socialist construction is carried out well in each country, thereby strengthening the position of socialism, the overall might of socialism is strengthened and the victory of the world's revolution is promoted. (Kim Il-song, "Selected Works," Vol 30, p 369)

The revolution of each country is part of the world's revolution, and each working class country is a member of the international communist movement. The revolutionary struggle of each country and people advances with international support and encouragement, and the victory of the world's revolution is achieved by the joint struggle of many countries and people of the world. Each country and people of the working class enrich the experience of the international revolutionary movement through their specific revolutionary struggle and contribute to further developing this movement.

Under the wise leadership of the party and the leader, the government of our Republic has victoriously advanced the revolution and construction along the road elucidated by the chuche idea, enriching the experience of the world's revolutionary movement in its course and making immortal and valuable contributions to developing this movement.

The struggle experience and achievements of our Republic are of special significance as they have been made possible under an unprecedentedly complicated and arduous environment.

Korea is one of the regions where revolution and counterrevolution have been in sharp confrontation with each other for decades, since the end of World War II, and the Korean revolution has had to pioneer an original road as it has been the revolution of an underdeveloped colonial country in Asia, which could not find solutions in existing theory and experience. The Korean revolution has provided valuable experience and examples which give answers to the problems arising in the various developmental stages of the revolution and construction from the liberation movement of colonially subjugated countries to the construction of socialism and communism by advancing under the banner of the chuche idea.

Under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, our people smashed armed aggression of the U.S. imperialists who attacked us in order to eradicate our Republic in its cradle and won a victory marked in the history of the world. Thus, we humbled the pride of the haughty U.S. imperialists who boasted of being the "strongest" in the world and smashed the myth about their "power" into pieces. Our people opened up the inception of their decline.

Thanks to this great victory, our Republic and people were able to check and frustrate the new world war provocation maneuvers of the imperialists and greatly contributed to safeguarding the eastern outpost of socialism and peace and security of mankind. Thus, our Republic and people actively encouraged the national liberation struggle of several hundred million people
throughout the world. Prompted by the great victory won by our people in the fatherland liberation war, the new era of the upsurge in the anti-imperialist and anti-U.S. struggle of the world's people was opened and the imperialists' colonial system began to rapidly collapse.

The event, which was marked in the history of the world and inspired the people of the world by crushing the U.S. imperialists—the boss of the world's reactionaries—showed that even a small nation can smash any imperialist force of aggression if it fights in firm unity with the party and the leader, deeply trusting in its own strength.

By firmly grasping and brilliantly embodying the basic line for socialist economic construction set forth by the respected leader Comrade Kim Il-song, our Republic was able to resolve in a most excellent way the issue of expanding production and of reproduction in conformity with practical conditions in our country and was able to build a foundation for an independent national economy based on the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance. Thus, our Republic created a brilliant example in firmly laying the material and technological foundation of socialism and communism. At the same time, our Republic most brilliantly accomplished the historic cause of formulating the socialist system by excellently implementing our party's unique open socialist policy for reforming the financial structure into that of socialism before technological reform. Thus, our Republic, for the first time in history, opened a unique road for the nations that inherited a backward economy to establish the socialist system free from exploitation and oppression, and the most correct road for them to smoothly carry out the socialist revolution.

By taking the great idea and theory on socialist and communist construction put forward by the respected leader as a guidance policy, the government of our Republic vigorously carried out the work of reforming men, society, and nature under the three red banners of the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—by advancing toward the strategic goals of ideological and material fortresses, the two fortresses of communism. Thus, the government of our Republic brought about a new great turn in all domains of social life and created brilliant assets which illuminate the shortcut to victory of the revolutionary cause of the working class.

The government of our Republic, in particular, thoroughly implemented the policy for chuche-orientation of the entire society put forward by the respected Comrade Kim Il-song, by upholding this policy. As a result, basic change was registered in ideological and spiritual traits of the people and in socialist economic and cultural construction. Through the revolutionary advance toward chuche-orientation of entire society, the ideological and political unity of the revolutionary ranks was consolidated, the main force of our revolution was further organized into an indomitable one and great creative reforms and exploits were ceaselessly registered in production and construction. The socialist system in our country is demonstrating its indomitable might and vitality to the entire world and is unprecedentedly strengthening the pulling capacity of socialism among several hundred million people of the world.

The great victory and immortal achievements made in the revolutionary struggle and construction by our Republic under the wise leadership of the respected leader Comrade Kim Il-song and dear Comrade Kim Chong-il are indeed a brilliant contribution to strengthening overall socialist forces and to expediting the cause of global revolution.

Since our Republic is firmly implementing an independent and principled foreign policy, it enjoys lofty authority and influence among many nations and peoples of the world.

Developing relations with other countries while pursuing a righteous foreign policy is of great significance in realizing international circumstances favorable to the revolution and in ensuring the authority and dignity of the nations and the people.

Our Republic is firmly maintaining the basic ideals of independence, friendship and peace in the external policy sector and is thoroughly embodying them. Thus, it strengthened the international solidarity of our revolution and actively contributed to the development of world revolution. The ideals of independence, friendship, and peace reflect the common aspirations and desire of our people and progressive people of the world to build a new independent, friendly, and peaceful world.

Firmly maintaining independence in foreign policy is a basic demand for the sound development of international relations in the era of chuche and is an essential precondition for guaranteeing national dignity and rights.

Our party and the government of the Republic independently decide all external policies based on their own judgment and faith according to the demands of our revolution and the practical situation of our country and resolve all problems that arise in the domain of international relations in conformity with our people's demand and aspirations.

Based on the ideals of independence, friendship, and peace, our party and the government of the Republic are actively developing relations with other countries based on the principle of perfect equality and mutual respect and are tenaciously defending our people's dignity and sovereignty.

It is the firm policy of our party and the government of the Republic to strengthen and develop the unity, friendship, and cooperative relations with socialist forces and the international communist movement.
The socialist forces and the international communist movement are the most powerful revolutionary forces in our era and are a decisive factor inspiring the development of the history of humankind. In particular, developing the friendship, unity, and cooperation with socialist countries—a strong fortress for world revolution—is an important guarantee for the victory of the socialist and communist cause.

Our party and the government of the Republic are making every effort to develop unity, friendship, and cooperative relations with socialist countries, our class brothers who are struggling to realize common objectives and ideals. Our party and the government of the Republic, which holds dearest unity and friendship with class brothers, regard unity as the most important element when differences in views take place between socialist countries, subjugating everything to this unity, and maintain the policy for attaining unity by seeking common factors and putting off the differences of opinion. We always inspire the promotion of unity, not the harming of it.

Our party and the government of the Republic are making an active contribution to strengthening the unity and cohesion of the international communist movement by resolving the problems raised in relations with fraternal countries based on the spirit of mutual trust and comradely cooperation. As a result, friendship and cooperative relations between our country and socialist countries are more excellently developing with each passing day at a high level.

The visits of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and dear Comrade Kim Chong-il to fraternal countries this year and in recent years are a historic event with great significance in strengthening and developing the friendship and cooperative relations between our country and fraternal socialist countries.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, cherishing a lofty desire to develop friendship, unity, and cooperative relations between our country and fraternal socialist countries to a new higher stage, provided a new milestone in developing friendship and cooperative relations with socialist countries by visiting the fraternal countries and made an immortal contribution to strengthening the unity and cohesion of the international communist movement and to defending peace in Asia and the world.

The Nonaligned Movement is a powerful anti-imperialist, independent force of our era that vigorously inspires history. Strengthening and developing this movement is an important issue related to the victorious advance of the anti-imperialist cause for independence and to the victory of the cause of world revolution.

Today, because of the imperialists' maneuvers of division and alienation, a series of complicated problems have arisen within the Nonaligned Movement. Realizing the unity and cohesion of the Nonaligned Movement by crushing the imperialists' maneuvers for subversion and destruction is an urgent task laid before this movement.

As a member country of the Nonaligned Movement, the government of our Republic is making all efforts to strengthen friendship and unity with the nonaligned countries and the Third World countries based on the basic principle of this movement and on the lofty ideal of anti-imperialism for independence and to realize South-South cooperation. Firmly grasping and actively carrying out various principled issues and methods uniquely elucidated by the great leader Comrade Il-song for expansion and development of the unity and cohesion of the Nonaligned Movement, our country has made great contributions to strengthening this movement and to achieving the common cause of the world's people for independence through anti-imperialism.

The government of our Republic has established a good-neighbor relationship even with capitalist countries which respect our nation's sovereignty and treat our nation in a friendly manner and is developing economic and cultural exchanges with these nations.

Our country is helping with all sincerity the national colonial liberation movement struggle of the oppressed people and is tenaciously supporting and encouraging the struggle of the working class and workers of the capitalist countries for democratic freedom and class liberation.

Our Republic is a peaceloving socialist state and assumes the struggle to guarantee peace and the security of humankind against the imperialists' maneuvers for aggression and war as its important mission.

Peace is the essential demand of socialism and a common desire of humankind. Although the people unanimously wish for peace, the cause of peace of humankind is being greatly threatened because of the imperialists' war maneuvers. Preventing nuclear war and safeguarding peace are a solemn task put forward by the current era.

Proceeding from the lofty sense of responsibility for the cause of peace, the government of our Republic is tenaciously struggling to check and frustrate the imperialists' maneuvers for aggression and war and to guarantee peace in Asia on the Korean peninsula and in the world.

The most important issue in preventing a nuclear war and guaranteeing peace at the present time is to prohibit nuclear tests and to totally abolish nuclear weapons by realizing nuclear arms reduction.

The government of our Republic is persistently struggling to ban testing, production, storage and use of nuclear weapons, together with the peaceloving people of the world, to reduce various nuclear weapons and to totally abolish all nuclear weapons.
The place where the danger of nuclear war is most intense is the Korean peninsula. Eliminating the danger of nuclear war and guaranteeing security on the Korean peninsula are of great importance for improving the situation in the Asian-Pacific region and easing overall international tensions.

The government of the Republic is tenaciously opposed to the U.S. imperialists' maneuvers to trigger a new war—a nuclear war—and is making every effort to turn the Korean peninsula into a nuclear-free, peace zone. The government of our Republic actively supports various peace proposals put forward by socialist countries to prevent a nuclear war and guarantee peace and security, and highly appraises the sincere efforts to realize such proposals.

Thanks to the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and our party, today the international position and influence of our Republic have been enhanced more highly than ever before and our country's fame is renowned throughout the entire world.

Upholding the wise leadership of the party and the leader, we should strengthen the nation's political and economic might in every way by vigorously advancing under the banner of chuche. Thus, we should further glorify the dignity and honor of the fatherland.

The government and people of our Republic will strengthen the unity with socialist countries, with the international communist movement, and with the people from all world nations who safeguard independence and will tenaciously struggle for world peace and the security of humankind against the imperialists' maneuvers of war. Thus, we will dedicate everything to the cause of world revolution.

It is the unwavering faith and iron-clad will of our people to accomplish the chuche revolutionary cause—the party's cause—to the end in firm unity with the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and dear Comrade Kim Chong-il. Following the party's leadership, we will vigorously advance to decisively expedite the complete victory of socialism and to brilliantly accomplish the chuche revolutionary cause.

The meeting of the heroes held on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Republic, which was attained through a long, arduous, and bloody struggle under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, and of the 35th anniversary of the victory in the fatherland liberation war, which honorably defended the freedom and independence of the fatherland, will be of weighty significance in beckoning the entire people to a heroic struggle to achieve the complete victory of socialism and hasten national reunification.

Marking such a historic moment, in which the revolution has entered an important phase, all party members and working people across the country, while renewing their resolve for struggle, are now looking back with emotion on the fact that they attained national liberation and honorably defended the dignity of the country and people through their bloody struggle against the class enemy, including imperialism, under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and our party and on the fact that they built a prosperous socialist fatherland in this land through their arduous struggle and creative labor.

Ours are a people of high dignity, who have become the creators of heroic exploits under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and our party.

The popular masses can become the creators of heroic exploits only when they are under the correct leadership of the party and leader.

Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, has noted: The party of the working class is a staff office of the revolution and the leader of the working class is the supreme leader of the revolution. How the revolutionary awareness is raised in the popular masses, how they become organized, and how they carry out their revolutionary duty and historic mission depends on whether they are under the correct leadership of the party and leader or not. [Book entitled: "On Chuche Idea," p 18]

The popular masses are the driving force behind the history and the energy that fuels social development. The history ceaselessly advances and develops thanks to the popular masses' creative struggle designed to remake nature and society. The popular masses are the underlying source of strength capable of creating great changes and miracles in the struggle to remake nature and society.

Although the popular masses are endowed with an enormous quantity of strength as the driving force behind the history and as the energy that fuels social development, it is not something that works on its own. In an exploited class society, the popular masses had no choice but to be under the exploitation and oppression of a small number of dominant forces because they had no knowledge of the social and class position they were in and were unaware of their own strength and also because they could not be
The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song created the origin of the heroic struggle of our people and at every stage of the revolutionary struggle guided our people in this heroic struggle.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song created the immortal chuche idea to clearly illuminate the leading road for Korea's revolution, awakened and systematized the patriotic people and communist youths, and organized and led them in the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, which the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song organized and developed, was the first national liberation war against colonialism to achieve the country's independence and nation's sovereign rights under the banner of the chuche idea. This was also a great revolutionary struggle which proudly demonstrated our people's indomitable revolutionary and heroic spirit to the whole world.

The anti-Japanese fighters highly manifested their indomitable revolutionary spirit and unparalleled sacrifice during the days of the rigorous revolutionary struggle to unconditionally and thoroughly fulfill, without an inch of deviation, the order and guidance of the leader to make known the immortal heroic feats in the sacred halls of the liberated fatherland. On the rigorous revolutionary roads, on which one has to fight through ten thousand li of bloody battles, the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters became the illuminating model of heroic feats and grew up to be the first generation of our country's heroes.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, who achieved the historic cause of the liberation of the fatherland, laid the outline for the construction of the new fatherland and vigorously organized and mobilized the liberated Korean people in the struggle to realize it.

At that time, the Korean people were overflowing with emotion due to the liberation but were not able to figure out what they had to do first or which way they should go. Presenting the correct line in the construction of the new fatherland to the people and guiding them in the right way became the key points for the liberated Korean people to dedicate their patriotic enthusiasm in the construction of the new fatherland.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, based on his scientific discernment of the situation of the liberated Korea, elucidated the future road of our revolution and led all of the Korean people to vigorously launch the construction of a rich and powerful new country.

The presentation of the three revolutionary tasks of building the party, building the country, and building the army occupies the most important position in the leadership of the great leader, who vigorously led the liberated Korean people to build their new country.
The respected and beloved leader's revolutionary line of building the party, the country, and the armed forces in the liberated fatherland was not only a brilliant beacon that illuminated the future road of the Korean people, but was also the banner of the struggle to build a new fatherland.

In this great program presented by the great leader, our people came to foresee the brilliant future of the fatherland and to vigorously launch into the building of a new Korea with firm faith and courage.

The massive heroism of our people and their brilliant exploits were highly displayed in the arduous 3-year fatherland liberation war against the U.S. imperialists, under the wise leadership of the great leader.

The fatherland liberation war was a fierce revolutionary war against the combined forces of the world reactionaries, including the U.S. imperialists. It was also a great war which humbled the pride of the arrogant U.S. imperialists—who plumed themselves to be the most powerful in the world—for the first time in history and which consequently opened the road of downfall of the rascals.

At every stage of the fatherland liberation war, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the ever-victorious, iron-willed commander and the outstanding military strategist, presented chuche-oriented military strategy, tactics, and operations and led the war to victory. Thus, he led soldiers of the People's Army to fully display the massive heroism and the spirit of sacrifice in the days of the fierce battles of smashing the U.S. imperialists. As a result, our heroic fighters could defend with their life the party, the leader, the country, and the people; could honorably safeguard the gains of the revolution; and, thus, could perform brilliant exploits for the times and the revolution.

The victory in the fatherland liberation war constitutes the mighty demonstration of the peerless massive heroism that our people and officers and men of our People's Army displayed under the leadership of the great leader. With the victory in the fatherland liberation war, our country has come to be known to the world as heroic Korea and our people have come to be known as a heroic people.

The honor of our people as creators of the heroic struggle and brilliant exploits was constantly cherished in their hearts and demonstrated higher under the leadership of the party and the leader in the arduous and complicated struggle during the postwar socialist revolution and socialist construction.

Our people's struggle for the socialist revolution and socialist construction in the postwar period was an arduous struggle to build a rich and powerful socialist country and ensure a happy life for the people on the devastated land, where everything was destroyed because of the war. It was also an arduous struggle to pioneer the unexplored road of socialist and communist construction under the banner of the chuche idea.

By leading the arduous fatherland liberation war to great victory, thereby making our people heroes and leading our people to demonstrate the country's honor and the nation's dignity to the world, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song wisely led the grand struggle to build our country more outstandingly and more magnificently on an empty land, where everything was destroyed, and thus, led our people to become the creators of an epochal miracle and innovations. Under the wise leadership of the great leader and our party, our people successfully completed the historic task of postwar reconstruction and accelerated the socialist revolution and socialist construction. Thus, our people completely eliminated the backwardness and poverty that we had inherited and performed the exploits of building a socialist paradise on this land.

Under the wise leadership of our party, our people are growing up as the creators and the innovators of heroic exploits on the rewarding march to brilliantly realize the historic cause of modeling the whole society under the chuche idea.

Remodeling the entire society on the chuche idea is a majestic march for building and accomplishing the communist society by reforming economy, culture, ideology, morality and all other sectors according to the demands of the chuche idea.

Dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, who put forward the chuche-orientation of the entire society as a program of struggle to build communism, clearly expounded correct strategic and tactical policies and method of struggle at each phase of the developing revolution based on scientific analysis of earnest demands of the popular masses and practical possibilities. Thus, he is vigorously leading our people in the magnificent struggle to reform the nature, society, and people in conformity with the demands of the chuche idea.

Putting forward the militant slogans, "The Ideology, Technology, and Culture—All in Accordance With the Demand of Chuche!" and "Production, Study and Life—All in the Manner of the Anti-Japanese Guerrillas!" was of great significance in our party's guidance to vigorously inspire the revolutionary spirit, combat capabilities and creative activeness of the popular masses. With their revolutionary nature and vitality, these militant slogans, placed by dear Comrade Kim Chong-il before our revolution, greatly impressed the popular masses and have become the banner of struggle vigorously inspiring them to constant innovations and upsurges.

Dear Comrade Kim Chong-il initiated a new mass movement corresponding to the demands of the developing revolution and saw to it that this movement was vigorously carried out. Thus, he encouraged all party
members and workers to become the creators of miracles and exploits in the enormous struggle to reform the nature, society, and people in accordance with the demands of the chuche idea.

The movement to win the red banner of the three revolutions and the movement to learn from and follow the unheralded heroes, which were initiated and led by our party, are a mass advance movement to accomplish the chuche-orientation of the entire society by placing it in the forefront as a task of struggle.

The movement to win the red banner of the three revolutions and the movement to learn from and follow the unheralded heroes has been vigorously carried out in all domains and all units of socialist construction under the wise leadership of the party. As a result, unprecedented innovations were registered in the people-reforming work and economic and cultural construction, and our people have perfectly grown to be the creators of brilliant exploits and unheralded heroes.

In particular, dear Comrade Kim Chong-il encouraged all functionaries and party members to have peerless courage and strong fighting spirit so that they can boldly carry out the work and operation according to the practical demands in socialist construction, which is being carried out on an unprecedented scale. He made sure that the battle for speed was vigorously advanced and waged on all fronts of socialist construction by putting forward the speed battle as a formula of combat in socialist construction. Thus, amid such a majestic march, our people became courageous and came to have a strong fighting spirit. Passivity, conservativeness, stagnation, and stalemate were liquidated and numerous creators of miracles and heroes of the time have grown.

As our people upheld the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and were under the wise leadership of dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, we could vigorously demonstrate the indomitable spirit of the heroic Korean people in the revolutionary struggle and construction works and could become the creators of miracles and exploits and heroes of the time.

The pride and prestige of our people, who have become the creators of heroic exploits under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and our party, are greater than those of any other people.

The pride and prestige of our people, who have become the creators of heroic exploits and heroes of the time, are the endless pride cherished by advancing the chuche revolutionary cause to victory by overcoming unprecedentedly arduous trials of revolution, under the leadership of the party and the leader.

The exploits of struggle cannot be brilliant and proud and prestige cannot be great to those who traversed a smooth path and who have done worthless works. Only they who fought unyieldingly and won the victory by overcoming unprecedentedly arduous trials and difficulties can have boundless pride. Only the exploits dedicated to the revolution can be forever brilliant in history.

The road of the revolution traversed by our people has been a rugged one, which entailed countless sacrifices, and a difficult one along which we had to overcome obstacles and ordeals. The revolution, whose purpose is to smash obsolete things and create new things, is supposed to be difficult. However, our revolution has been unmatchedly arduous and complicated. The anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, during which we had to fight with naked fists against the one-million-strong Kanto Army of the Japanese imperialists, which was armed to the teeth; the fatherland liberation war, during which our people, only 5 years after the liberation, had to fight against the troops of the U.S. imperialists, the chieftains of the imperialists of the world, and their 15 following countries; the postwar reconstruction, which we had to carry out on the ravages of the war by tightening belts; and the socialist revolution, during which we had to achieve the social reforms along an absolutely unfamiliar path; all these paths traversed by our people have never been smooth.

Nonetheless, our people, by upholding the wise leadership of the great leader and party and by advancing along the thorny paths, have vigorously traversed the road of the revolution, which has been distant and rugged, and have successfully carried on the difficult and complicated revolutionary tasks of remaking the society, and reforming the people in a revolutionary manner. As a result, our people have achieved national liberation and class liberation, won a great victory in the historic struggle to achieve the independence of the people, and brought our revolution close to the edge of a turn for the complete victory of socialism. We can take great pride in accelerating the ideal of mankind, the bright future of communism, by overcoming the severe trials of the revolution.

What is also important in the pride and self-confidence of the creators of heroic feats is the pride for the great gains of the revolution, which our people have won through struggle under the wise leadership of the respected and beloved leader and party.

The pride and self-confidence of the people, who are engaged in revolution, are an ideological emotion harbored over the noble ideological, spiritual, and material assets earned through the struggle to pioneer destiny. The revolutionary gains and assets, which the people have won through struggle, are the important source of their pride and self-confidence.
Through the precious revolutionary gains and assets, which they have won through struggle, under the wise leadership of the great leader and dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, and which will be praised by tens of thousands of generations, our people hearteningly realize the greatness and preciousness of their pride and self-confidence as the creators of heroic feats.

Under the wise leadership of the great leader, our people have achieved the invincible unity and cohesion of the party and revolutionary ranks, and have established the most advanced socialist system on this soil. This is the greatest gain our people have won through the arduous struggle of the past.

Our people, who were wandering from place to place in utter disunion because there was no central point of unity, have formed a powerful social and political organic body in which they share one another’s destiny based on a single ideology and will. We have our party that resolutely strives toward the bright future of socialism and communism; we have the invincible unity and cohesion of the revolutionary ranks; and we have the most superior socialist system, which has been established on the soil where the people used to be in an endlessly miserable situation after they lost the nation. These are indeed a boundless source of pride for our people. Our people are vigorously displaying their magnificence as the people who have invincible strength and as the people of a powerful country, because they have united around the great leader and dear Comrade Kim Chong-il with a single mind and because they have the most superior socialist system, under which everything is viewed with the people at the center and everything serves the people.

At the same time, our people are a proud people, who have established a strong self-reliant national economy and a socialist national culture, which is brilliantly blooming and developing. Our people take great pride for the self-reliant national economy, which has been established in our own way, and for the socialist national culture, which is brilliantly blooming and developing. Building up the economy and culture in our own way and solving the problems in the revolution and construction in our own way are the source of the firm guarantee for all victories of our revolution and construction and the source of great pride for our people, who carry out the revolution under the wise leadership of the party and leader.

What is also important in the pride and self-confidence of our people, who are being nurtured as the creators of heroic feats, is the boundless pride they take in accelerating the era and revolution with the spirit of the chollima that wages the speed battle.

The great pride and self-confidence of the heroes, the creators of miracles, also lie in accelerating history and the future. This is the honor which is taken in putting into practice the basic demand of the revolution of our era, which calls for ceaseless progress and revolution, and is the pride which is taken in giving full play to the spirit of the heroic people.

Under the wise leadership of the great leader and party, our people have risen like a phoenix from the devastated soil, even though the U.S. imperialists said reconstruction would be impossible even after 100 years. At the same time, they have created the heroic epic of the chollima march by achieving the industrialization, which other people took a century or several centuries to achieve, filled the barren soil with the life-saving water by reversing the flow of the rivers, and created a new history of great changes through which the paradise of socialism, where the people’s independent and creative life flowers, has been established in the eastern corner of Asia, previously synonymous with backwardness and poverty.

The cities and villages, and the streets and buildings, which have risen like trees everywhere in our country, are the great creations of our people under the leadership of our party with the spirit of the chollima waging the speed battle. In recent years, in our country, in the furious flames of the speed battles initiated by our party, the Chollima, Munsu, and Changgwang Streets have been built, and The Tower of the Chuche Idea, the Arch of Triumph, and the Great Study Hall of the People have been built as the monumental structures of the era of the workers party. The spirit of our people, who dash forward like a gale, was also fully displayed in the construction of the Sohae Lockgate as well. The Sohae Lockgate, built by our heroic soldiers of the People’s Army and construction workers are the crystallization of the miracles and upsurges through which the great modern structures have been built on the 20-ri rough seas in only 5 years.

Today, as they build the great monumental structures of the era of the Workers Party with the speed of the eighties at the construction sites of the Kwangbok Street, Nungna-to Stadium, Sunchon Vinalon Complex, Sariwon Potash Fertilizer Complex, and Taechon Power Station, our people are taking indeed great pride and displaying self-confidence.

Indeed, the historic path, which our people have traversed under the wise leadership of our party, and the victories and successes, which they have won along the path, fill the hearts of our people with boundless pride and self-confidence.

All of our party members and working people, by unholding the great leader, and by following the wise leadership of dear Comrade Chong-il, should continue to glorify their boundless honor and pride as the heroes of the era and the creators of heroic feats.
The pride and self-confidence of our people as the creators of heroic feats can be deeply cherished and further glorified only by heroically struggling by upholding the great leader forever and by following the leadership of the party for the consummation of the chuche revolutionary cause, which was pioneered in the forest of Mt. Paektu.

Today, our party has put forth the slogan “Let Us All Live and Struggle Like Heroes!”

By advancing under this slogan, put forth by our party, all party members and working people should overcome all kinds of indolence, laxity, conservatism, and inertia. By displaying the spirit of endless sacrifice and the unyielding fighting spirit, they should continue to effect innovations and advance and, by overcoming cowardice and defeatism, should struggle like heroes with overflowing faith and optimism.

By so doing, we should more vigorously display the firm will of our party, which invariably implements the chuche revolutionary line, and the revolutionary spirit of our people, who struggle like heroes by uniting around the party.

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