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With deep respect for the great Comrade Kim Jong Il and firm confidence in the victory of the revolution, our service personnel and people are greeting the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the start of his leadership of the Songun revolution.

The Day of Songun, when General Kim Jong Il started his leadership of the Songun revolution, is, together with the day of the founding of the KPA (Korean People's Army), a historic day when an important milestone was established in the history of building up our revolutionary armed forces and the history of our country. Thanks to this significant day, a historic turn could be brought about in developing our revolutionary armed forces and implementing the cause of the Juche revolution, and the history and traditions of our sacred and victorious Songun revolution which had been pioneered and developed by force of arms could be carried forward.

Songun is a proud tradition of the Korean revolution which was pioneered by Comrade Kim Il Sung and led by him and Comrade Kim Jong Il, and also a banner of victory and glory.

The great Generalissimos blazed the trail of the Songun revolution, thus creating a new history of Songun and ushering in the era of Songun.

Having clarified in his early days the truth of the revolutionary struggle that one can emerge victorious against an armed enemy only when one fights him with arms in hand and having advanced the idea and line of attaching importance to arms, to military affairs, the great Comrade Kim Il Sung identified building up the armed forces as a fundamental aspect of the revolution, directed primary efforts to organizing and developing the armed ranks and achieved the historic cause of national liberation with the Korean People's Revolutionary Army as the main force. In reliance on the armed force of the

revolution, he wisely led two revolutionary wars, two stages of social revolution and socialist construction, and thus built on this land our style of socialism that is centred on the masses of the people, and demonstrated the dignity and honour of the country.

Comrade Kim Jong Il, who was faithful to Comrade Kim Il Sung's ideas and cause, led our revolution along the glorious road of victory, braving the severe historical trials and adversities by dint of his unique leadership of the Songun revolution.

His visit to Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105<sup>th</sup> Tank Division of the KPA on August 25, 1960 was a historic event that proclaimed his succession to the cause of the Songun revolution and the start of his Songun-based leadership.

Songun was the General's revolutionary idea, his practice in the revolution, his political ideal and his political mode.

During the long period of more than half a century from the day when he started his leadership of the Songun revolution, the great General visited one KPA unit after another, strengthening the army into an invincible revolutionary army, and led the revolution and construction to victory by force of Songun.

Regarding the strengthening of the KPA as the most important task in the Songun revolution, he raised the KPA as the buttress, the main force, of our revolution, and achieved the historic victory in the grim anti-imperialist, anti-US showdown in defence of the country's security and socialism by training the KPA into the army of the leader that is boundlessly faithful to the cause of the WPK (Workers' Party of Korea), into an invincible revolutionary army. He defined the spirit of defending the leader to the death, the spirit of implementing his instructions whatever the cost and the heroic self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the service personnel as the revolutionary spirit symbolic and representative of the Songun era, as the revolutionary soldier spirit, and led all the service personnel and people to live and struggle in that spirit, thus ensuring that a

great transformation was brought about in all sectors of the revolution and construction.

In order to consolidate the successes of his Songun-based leadership and introduce Songun politics in a comprehensive way, he saw to it that the First Session of the Tenth Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea adopted a Socialist Constitution embodying the idea and principles of the Songun revolution. He established a new state administration structure the backbone of which is the National Defence Commission, and led all state affairs on the principle of giving precedence to military affairs.

The history of his leadership of the Songun revolution is an unprecedented history of complete anti-imperialist independence, a history of infinite patriotic devotion; it is also a history of ennobling trust and affection, filled with absolute trust in and paternal affection for the service personnel and people.

Thanks to the General's leadership of the Songun revolution, our revolution could win victory after victory, surmounting every manner of historical vicissitude; thanks to the General's super-intense forced march of patriotic devotion, our service personnel and people could work historic, never-before-seen miracles.

Songun was, indeed, our General's immutable revolutionary creed, which he cherished and applied throughout his life, and a great revolutionary undertaking during which he adorned the history of the country with brilliant victories and imperishable achievements.

In the course of his Songun-based leadership, the General formulated and developed the idea of the Songun revolution, thus creating a guiding principle and ever-victorious banner for our people and the revolutionary peoples of the world to adhere to in accomplishing the cause of independence.

The basic idea of the Songun revolution is to give importance

and precedence to military affairs in implementing the masses' cause of independence, the socialist cause, and pushing ahead with the overall revolution and construction with the revolutionary army as the core force.

From the starting point of the Juche-based revolutionary principle that the victory of the revolutionary cause is decided by force of arms, the idea gives scientific and practical answers to the key questions arising in winning victory in the revolution.

It clarifies the revolutionary theory on building up the arms of the revolution, the revolutionary army, strengthening the driving force of the revolution with the revolutionary army as the core and, by relying on it, advancing the revolution and construction victoriously.

Its most important requirement is that the army should be developed into the army of the Party and the leader, into an invincible revolutionary army capable of defeating any enemy however formidable, by attaching importance to military affairs and directing primary efforts to building up the army.

If the masses are to carve out their destiny and accomplish the cause of socialism amid a sharp confrontation with the imperialists and the constant threat of war, they must, before anything else, firmly hold up and strengthen the arms of the revolution. It is a serious lesson taught by the history of the world socialist movement that when the arms of the revolution are weak or waver, they can defend neither the destiny of the masses nor socialism.

That one must consolidate the driving force of the revolution with the revolutionary army as the main force and propel the revolutionary struggle and construction work by relying on its leading role is a new revolutionary theory elucidated by the Songun idea.

The revolution is a do-or-die struggle to decide who prevails

over whom between the revolutionary forces and the counterrevolutionary forces, so the destiny of the revolution depends on how the driving force of the revolution is strengthened and how its role is enhanced.

Among the social groups that form the revolutionary forces in a socialist society, the masters of which are the masses, the group that is the strongest in the revolutionary sense, organization, discipline and fighting capability is the revolutionary army under the guidance of the leader. The revolutionary army, thanks to its revolutionary idea, great spiritual strength and revolutionary temperament, is capable of leading the society as a whole and propelling the revolutionary struggle and construction work. If the revolutionary army stands in the vanguard and all the people struggle with its revolutionary spirit and temperament by forming an integrated whole with the service personnel, their power is incomparably great.

The idea of the Songun revolution has opened up a new road, a road to victory, for successfully advancing the masses' cause of independence, the socialist cause, by consolidating the driving force of the revolution and enhancing its role.

The General's idea of the Songun revolution throws new light on the political theory that Songun politics is the most powerful politics and the basic mode of socialist politics.

Ideas and ideals are translated into practice by politics, which in turn decides the destiny of the masses and the rise and fall of the country and nation.

The great General elucidated for the first time in history that socialist politics for fully realizing the independent demands and interests of the masses should be Songun politics which give importance and precedence to military affairs, and formulated Songun politics as the basic mode of socialist politics.

As he said, Songun politics is a mode of socialist politics

that presents military affairs as the most important of all state affairs, and defends the country, revolution and socialism and accelerates overall socialist construction with the KPA as the core, as the main force. It is a mode of independent politics that fully embodies the fundamentals and principles of the Songun idea.

Formulating Songun politics as the basic mode of socialist politics has brought about a fundamental change in the history of mankind's politics and the history of socialist politics and created a priceless sword with which to achieve the ideals and principles of socialism successfully.

The General's Songun idea is a revolutionary idea and theory embodying a comprehensive anti-imperialist, independent stand and the spirit of ennobling love for the country, nation and people, and which is based on an iron faith and willpower.

*Songun*, a new term in our era, was coined to reflect the unshakeable faith, willpower and great fortitude of Comrade Kim Jong Il who, taking full responsibility for the destiny and future of the country and people amid the long-drawn-out, sharp confrontation with an imperialist power, solved all problems in our own way and in conformity with the demands and interests of our people and nation. Thanks to the idea of the Songun revolution, a great idea of Comrade Kim Jong Il, we have been able to defend the dignity of the country, the independence of the people and the gains of socialism with credit and open the way for the prosperity of the country and the rosy future of the nation by our own strength, that is, by force of arms.

As an idea enriched and developed in the course of the practical struggle to apply the Juche idea, the Songun idea is a scientific revolutionary theory which makes it possible to satisfy the requirements of the Juche idea in an ideal and comprehensive manner.

The formulation and development of the idea and theory of the Songun revolution by the great Comrade Kim Jong Il further enriched the ideological and theoretical treasure-house of our revolution and significantly increased the appeal and vitality of the Juche idea.

The Juche idea is the roots of the Songun idea and the latter is the brilliant embodiment of the former.

Thanks to the Songun idea, the Juche idea could be splendidly applied to the revolutionary practice and shine more brightly as a great guiding ideology which guarantees the victorious advance and accomplishment of the masses' cause of independence.

The General, through his outstanding leadership of the Songun revolution, performed undying exploits for the country and revolution, for the times and history.

He honourably safeguarded the Juche-oriented socialism which Comrade Kim Il Sung had established, and guaranteed the solid continuity of the revolutionary cause of Juche, the revolutionary cause of Songun, by dint of his leadership of the Songun revolution.

Juche-oriented socialism is a precious gain of our revolution to which Comrade Kim Il Sung devoted his life, and it is our people's lifeblood and the cradle of their true life and happiness. The 1990s, when the reckless anti-DPRK moves of the allied forces of the US and other imperialists to check the victorious advance of our revolution and stamp out our socialism went to extremes, was a period of the severest ordeals for our revolution. When our army and people were at the crossroads of whether to remain an independent people and guardians of independence thus becoming victors or be reduced to the imperialists' colonial slaves again, Comrade Kim Jong Il determinedly held up the banner of Songun, and defended Juche-oriented socialism with honour and achieved brilliant victories. This was a historical

miracle which only our General could have brought about.

By dint of his leadership of the Songun revolution he laid a firm foundation for the prosperity of the country and the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche and provided a sure guarantee for victory.

The most important guarantee for victory in the revolution is to strengthen the Party, the General Staff of the revolution, and consolidate the driving force of the revolution by uniting the service personnel and people around it.

A fundamental principle which the great General consistently adhered to in Party building was to build our Party into the party of the leader. He defined imbuing the entire Party with Kimilsungism as the ultimate objective in building it and wisely led the effort to establish a monolithic ideological system and a monolithic leadership system firmly throughout the Party. As a result, our Party could be developed into a revolutionary party which is unfailingly faithful to the ideology and guidance of its leader and possessed of a strong sense of organization and discipline, and into an ever-victorious party with solid mass and military foundations, one that could discharge its mission and role as the guiding force in implementing the cause of the Songun revolution. The General held up single-hearted unity as the greatest foundation of the revolution and realized the single-hearted unity of the Party, army and people centred on the leader, thus significantly strengthening the driving force of the Songun revolution remarkably.

By strengthening the KPA into an invincible army and consolidating the military capabilities of the country to the maximum with the KPA as the core, he provided a sure military guarantee for the victory of the cause of the Juche revolution.

Under his energetic guidance, the KPA developed into a

vanguard detachment which regards defending the leader to the death as its lifeblood and takes the lead in implementing the orders of its Supreme Commander at all costs, and into a trailblazer in the struggle to accomplish the cause of the Songun revolution. A forceful drive was waged to make the defence industry Juche-oriented, modern and informatized, enabling us to produce the most sophisticated military equipment by relying on our own efforts and technology. Thanks to the General's outstanding leadership of the Songun revolution, the KPA could be developed into an invincible revolutionary army, our country could produce and launch satellites and become a nuclear state, fully demonstrating its dignity as the powerful Paektusan nation, and we could reliably defend the dignity of the country and the sovereignty of the nation by frustrating the imperialists' moves of aggression and their challenges at every step.

The great General laid firm material and technological foundations for building a thriving socialist country.

Under his leadership a grand plan for building a prosperous country was unfolded during the days of the Arduous March and forced march, when our revolution was undergoing grim trials, and a warm wind of creating fresh miracles and innovations swept across the country. The fierce flames of the industrial revolution in the new century flared up, ushering in the era of the knowledge economy, monumental structures symbolic of the era were built in all parts of the country and model works representative of Songun culture were created in large numbers. The wealth and edifices our service personnel and people created in the Songun era under his guidance constitute a valuable asset for the prosperity of Kim Il Sung's nation and Kim Jong Il's Korea.

The great General brought about a fresh turn in the struggle for the independent reunification of the country and firmly

defended global peace and security on the strength of his leadership of the Songun revolution. He ushered in the June 15 era of reunification by our nation itself, provided a precious asset for the reunification of the country and the common prosperity of the nation and safeguarded peace in Asia and the rest of the world by smashing the imperialists' uninterrupted schemes to unleash a war.

The great exploits Comrade Kim Jong Il performed for the country and revolution, for the times and history for more than half a century by dint of his tireless Songun-based leadership will shine for ever, along with the triumphant advance of our revolutionary cause.

We should faithfully carry forward his great idea of and achievements in the Songun revolution and add eternal brilliance to them.

The idea of the Songun revolution is a great guideline for our revolution and his Songun-based leadership exploits are a motive force for victory.

It is the unshakeable faith and unbreakable will of our Party, army and people to carry forward and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche, holding aloft the banner of Songun.

We should follow to the end the road of Songun, the road of independence and the road of socialism that the great General travelled throughout his life, translate his instructions into brilliant reality and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche, the revolutionary cause of Songun, with credit.

All officials, Party members and other working people should arm themselves firmly with the General's idea of the Songun revolution, closely study his great Songun-based leadership achievements and thoroughly apply and add lustre to them in the revolutionary struggle and construction work.

The line of giving importance to arms, to military affairs,

should be implemented to the letter in order to make the defence capabilities of the country as strong as steel.

The KPA should be prepared more firmly as an army that is strong in ideology and faith, a powerful Paektusan revolutionary army.

The Party's leadership is the lifeline of the KPA, and its might is inconceivable without the Party's leadership. The sole general direction for the KPA is to advance straight forward with guns levelled precisely in the direction our Party indicates. Our armed forces must serve as an eternal cornerstone and guarantee for the Party and its cause.

The officers and men of the KPA should feel their hearts burning with a single idea, a single determination, to support the Party and the leader alone and safeguard them to the death, whatever ordeals they may face and however the situation may change. They should equip themselves firmly with the revolutionary ideas of our Party and cherish the steadfast faith that they will defend to the end the red flag of the revolution, the Juche flag of the Party, even at the cost of their lives.

They should intensify their training, as the anti-Japanese guerrillas did on Mt. Paektu, so as to prepare themselves into a-match-for-a-hundred combatants possessed of Kim Il Sung's and Kim Jong Il's military strategy and tactics, heroic combat spirit and fighting capability, establish rigid discipline in their units and assume the appearance of a perfect regular army.

Military posts and barracks should be laid out as if they were the service personnel's own homes, and satisfactory material and cultural living conditions provided so that they can lead a good service life.

While discharging their basic duty of defending the country, service personnel should achieve breakthroughs in various other sectors and major projects of socialist construction; they should

never rest content with doing things for the people but always take the lead in this regard.

Great efforts should be channelled into developing the defence industry. The defence industry should concentrate on making bigger strides in building our country into an invincible military power, and thus produce more and better-quality military hardware of our own style that is precise, light, unmanned and intelligent.

The Worker-Peasant Red Guards should enhance their combat capability through intensive combat and political training and reliably defend their respective provinces, counties and villages in times of emergency.

All the sectors of socialist construction should bring about a great leap forward and great innovations.

We should radically improve the people's standard of living by giving a spur to the efforts to build an economic giant, holding aloft our Party's line of simultaneously promoting the two fronts.

We should make innovations in the sectors of agriculture and light industry, key areas in building an economic giant, and promote housing construction, so as to ensure that the people lead an affluent and happy life.

We should focus our efforts on the priority sectors of the national economy, basic industry, to ensure that the existing self-supporting foundations pay off, and vigorously push ahead with the effort to modernize them and normalize production. We should direct strenuous efforts to the electric-power and coal-mining industries in particular, and develop all sectors of the national economy based on the twin pillars of the metallurgical and chemical industries.

By rapidly developing science and technology and educating all the people so that they are well-informed about science and technology, we can raise the national economy onto a more

modern and higher CNC level and perfect the economic structure of the country in keeping with the requirements of the era of the knowledge economy.

We should accelerate the construction of a cultured socialist nation. It is important to make all the members of society artists and people who enjoy socialist culture, and to bring about a fresh turn in all the sectors of cultural construction. By doing so, we can translate into reality the people's desire for a wholesome and cultured way of life.

In order to bring about a decisive turn in the construction of a thriving socialist country, the militant functions and role of Party organizations should be further heightened.

Party organizations are the vanguard organizations of the Songun revolution, and the Party's ideology and leadership are implemented through them. They should regard it as the main line of Party work to establish the monolithic leadership system of the Party, and ensure that all officials, Party members and other working people support the leader's ideas and leadership with loyalty and conduct every manner of work in line with the Party's ideology and intentions.

In the current general offensive, Party organizations should give fullest play to the spiritual strength of officials, Party members and other working people. The mother of miracles is the spiritual strength of the masses, and the key to ushering in a new golden age in the building of a thriving nation is to inspire them.

Party organizations should scrupulously educate officials, Party members and other working people to study the greatness of the General's idea of and achievements in the Songun revolution and exalt their brilliance. They should intensify the frontline-style political work among the masses so that all officials, Party members and other working people make it part of their lives to learn from the service personnel's spirit of defending the leader and carrying out his

instructions to the death and their fighting spirit, and make strenuous efforts to create the Masikryong speed by displaying Kim Jong Il's patriotism.

The service personnel and people should propel grand socialist construction on the strength of working together.

Working together is a powerful mode of struggle for the service personnel and people in waging an unyielding offensive with one mind and purpose. The commanding personnel of the KPA and leading civilian officials should scrupulously organize and command their working together and enlist their spiritual strength and every other means so that they perform unflinchingly and in time the revolutionary tasks assigned to their respective units.

True to the instructions and lofty will of the great Generalissimos, we should make proactive efforts to open a new phase of national reunification, prevent aggression and war and defend global peace and security.

The idea and cause of our Songun revolution are invincible.

Because the great Juche idea and the Songun revolutionary idea are illuminating the road ahead of us and we have the wise leadership of the Party, the single-hearted unity of all the service personnel and people and the invincible KPA, the victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche and the revolutionary cause of Songun is guaranteed.

As in the past, so in the future and for ever, we will achieve only victory, upholding the great banner of Songun.