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Let Us Build a Splendid Pyongyang General Hospital to Mark the 75th Founding Anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea

Speech at the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Pyongyang General Hospital

March 17, Juche 109 (2020)

Comrades.

Recently, the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Central Committee, and an enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee, of the Workers' Party of Korea were held. The two meetings analysed the situation facing our revolution and presented forms and tasks for the struggle ahead, as well as the means of conducting it.

This is an auspicious year for us, when we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of our glorious Party. Already, the entire Party and the whole society, equipped with the ideas and spirit of the recent plenary meeting, are waging a massive struggle to implement the line of independent development and the relevant policies. They are doing so in the face of the harshest-ever circumstances, both internal and external.

In ensuring that we usher in without fail a historic and

dynamic phase in the course of developing socialism of our own style this year, we are facing a number of challenging and colossal tasks. Of the fighting tasks, one is particularly important and worthwhile.

It is to build a modern general hospital. This is something our Party has long planned and aspired to do. We have gathered here today to launch this important and worthwhile project.

To be frank, at the recent plenary meeting of its Central Committee, our Party conducted a comprehensive, scientific and open-hearted analysis and assessment of the present state of public health and medical services in the country. Acknowledging, to its misery and remorse, that there is no ideal, modern medical service establishment even in the capital city, it discussed building, for the good of the people's health, a modern general hospital first in Pyongyang, and decided on doing so during this 75th anniversary year of its founding.

Accordingly, the Party Central Committee postponed several construction projects planned for this year. It identified the construction of the Pyongyang General Hospital as a major project to be completed by the 75th anniversary of the Party's founding, one which should be given priority over other construction projects this year, the first year of the all-out frontal offensive to achieve a breakthrough. Subsequently, over the past more than two months, it has made full preparations and examined the plan in detail, from selecting the site and drawing up the

design, to forming construction forces and supplying the raw materials, with a view to finishing the project in the shortest time possible.

Having specified the direction of building a modern hospital with an eye to the distant future, and having had officials from various sectors visit some of the most advanced hospitals in the world, the Party provided high-level, priority guidance to designing.

As you can see from the artist's impression of the planned Pyongyang General Hospital, the scale of the project is large. But time is short.

Since this project is a top priority and of the utmost concern to the Party, I decided to entrust it to my most reliable construction units—the Guards Hero Brigade and the Eighth Construction Bureau. I have also paid this unplanned visit, to offer you militant encouragement at the groundbreaking.

It is important that you fully understand the significance of this project, which has been a long-standing aspiration of the Party.

Our Party regards the people-first principle as its inherent nature and sacred political creed. So, protecting and improving the health of the people is a most pressing and honourable revolutionary undertaking, which it should shoulder and fulfil without fail, whatever the situation.

It is a source of the greatest happiness and encouragement for our Party that our people, the younger generations in particular, should be leading a healthy and cultured life by benefitting from the most advanced medical services provided under the socialist public health system.

In recent years, modern ophthalmic, dental and other specialist hospitals, as well as a children's hospital, have been built in Pyongyang. However, we cannot be satisfied with these achievements, as they are merely like grains of sand on a mountain when compared to the lofty ideals and ambitions of our Party.

Now, with the mindset that we are starting everything from scratch, we should take the first step in building our public health service into one that is people-oriented and advanced.

If they had heard that a large, modern general hospital for our people was going to be built here, in such an ideal location in Pyongyang, Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il would have been delighted. The news will also bring pleasure to all our people, men and women, young and old.

The general hospital, when it is built, will be another priceless asset for better protecting the precious health and safety of our people. As a central base from which the country's public health sector can achieve a significant leap forward, it will serve as a springboard for consolidating and developing the socialist public health system.

I am fully confident that a wonderful general hospital will be built that will serve as an encouragement to the entire population as they join the all-out frontal offensive to achieve a breakthrough. It will be built, thanks to the unshakable will demonstrated by the Workers' Party of Korea in recognizing that strengthening the public health sector is a political task for defending and adding lustre to the image of socialism of our style and a crucial undertaking to which the state must direct primary efforts, whatever the conditions and circumstances, and thanks also to the ardent patriotic devotion of you, who have always responded loyally to the call of the Party.

Comrades,

The Party's basic aim is to ensure that, in building the Pyongyang General Hospital, the spirit of making selfless, devoted efforts for the people permeates the ongoing all-out frontal offensive to achieve a breakthrough. It also expects the spirit of carrying out the Party's instructions to the end and the construction speed created in the course of building the hospital to be rapidly propagated to all sectors of socialist construction.

It is the Party's lofty intention to develop a socialist public health service that is fully people-oriented and advanced, and that assumes complete responsibility for protecting the lives of all the people and promoting their health. True to this intention, we should turn out as one in the effort to ensure that the project is completed without fail by the Party's 75th founding anniversary.

The Party values the people most, and this is a worthwhile undertaking for realizing the Party's plan to create another asset for them. So, all the civilian and military officials and builders seconded to this project should strive to create a miracle the like of which has never been seen before.

Little more than 200 days are left until the Party's founding anniversary.

Needless to say, it will not be easy to complete this gigantic project in such a short space of time.

The conditions for building the hospital are not very favourable, so we may experience many trials and difficulties in completing it. But we cannot leave the construction undone, nor can we sit idly until the conditions are good enough.

Our people's high aspirations and demands place an obligation on our Party to make our country more prosperous, bring our people greater happiness, and provide them with better care and living conditions.

Come what may, we must complete the construction of a splendid hospital at the earliest possible date, and make it ready for the people.

Whether construction is finished by the set date or not depends entirely on our efforts.

The conditions are poor and many difficulties lie ahead. However, we are sure to overcome any difficulties we may encounter in the course of construction if we work actively by enlisting all our efforts, based on the understanding that no one else will bring us happiness and create a future for us, and that we must achieve happiness by means of our own efforts and forge our future with our own hands.

You should raise the fierce flames of the speed campaign, demonstrating the same indomitable mental strength as you displayed in the vanguard under the Party's leadership, when ushering in the great golden age of construction; and you should launch a loyal offensive, a fierce 24-7 struggle and a resolute lightning campaign so that you add brilliance to the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Party with the completion of this proud, monumental edifice.

Our Party demands that all major edifices should be absolutely perfect in terms of both their functionality and their quality. This ensures that they meet the requirements of the present era and the people's needs, and that they can effectively serve the people's life not only for the present but also in the distant future.

When we refer to a *major edifice* we mean a building that, because it has lasting value, can in no way be considered expendable.

Even though the design is good and the materials used in its construction are the best, the quality of a major edifice cannot be guaranteed if the building work is not executed properly.

Lowering the quality of building work on the plea of finishing the project as quickly as possible, or slowing the speed on the plea of improving the quality, runs counter to the thinking and demands of the Party, and is totally alien to the speed campaign we are calling for.

As you know better than I do, if we have to repeat the

work owing to errors in the construction process, large amounts of labour, materials and funds will be wasted and the speed of construction impeded. The result will be that the project cannot be finished on schedule. Worse still, if this major edifice has to be repaired immediately after its inauguration, the people will be severely inconvenienced; and any failure to guarantee its lifespan may incur the grave consequence of undermining confidence in our buildings.

Let me emphasize once again: It is the heaviest and noblest duty of all the builders to guarantee construction quality.

The quality of a building should be ensured not through control by the supervisory organs, but by the pure loyalty and conscience shown for the Party and the people by the commanding officers, Party members, soldiers and working people who are responsible for every process of the building work.

The work the builders are doing is an undertaking for the good of the country, the people and themselves. It is increasing the number of precious national assets to be handed down through the generations. With this in mind, they should all give full play to their collective wisdom and skills by acting responsibly and guiding and helping one another to improve the quality of this major edifice.

They should root out any bad habits and poor attitudes, such as working in a slipshod manner, that are contrary to the scientific and technological requirements and building practices. They should strictly observe building standards and practices during each construction process and be unsparing with their pure conscience, regardless of whether they are appreciated or not. In this way, they can ensure that the project achieves the highest possible quality.

It is vital that the builders step up the economy drive on every square inch of the construction site and create a climate of making maximum economies in the use of building materials, including cement, steel and timber; it is also essential that they maintain an attitude and stand befitting masters, display a high sense of responsibility, and demonstrate their devotion in every construction process.

The construction supervisory organs should, true to their mission and duty, enhance their role and sense of responsibility and ensure that the whole process of building this hospital becomes a model, and an example, in meeting the requirements of the design and execution of building work.

The construction speed can be accelerated if precedence is given to supplying the building materials and equipment.

The Cabinet, the State Planning Commission, the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry, the Ministry of Construction and Building-materials Industry, the Ministry of Forestry and other ministries, as well as central organs, and factories and enterprises, should organize and guide production in minute detail and stoke up the flames of the drive for increased production. By doing so, they can ensure that the materials and equipment needed in

construction are supplied as early as possible.

To this end, it is vital for the workers of Sangwon and Sunchon to produce enough quality cement, and for the metallurgical industry to turn out large quantities of iron and steel.

The relevant organs and enterprises should produce and deliver the fuel oil, timber, glass and other supplies needed for the construction project without delay. They should also step up the work of greening the area, according to a well-worked-out plan.

The relevant units, including the Ministry of Public Health, should train the officials, doctors and nurses who will work at the Pyongyang General Hospital. They should also take practical steps for putting medical services on an intelligent and IT footing, and work responsibly to prepare the medicines, supplies and various items of equipment required for operating the hospital.

The political section of the construction coordination commission should give full vent to the climate of heightened effort and competition. To this end, and in order vigorously to propel the successful completion of the building work, it should cover the construction site with militant Party slogans and red flags, and launch an uninterrupted, accurately-targetted and focused ideological offensive.

All the commanding officials should be fully aware that they are entirely responsible before the Party for the completion of this important building work. They should organize and command the construction work in a three-dimensional way; and they should always be at the forefront of the charge, giving powerful encouragement to the builders to perform heroic feats by means of their self-sacrificing efforts and revolutionary trait of setting personal examples.

Comrades,

The Pyongyang General Hospital, which, despite the manifold difficulties and hardships, will rise high in the centre of the capital, will be a structure that not only demonstrates the true spirit of our country as it advances vigorously towards a better future by frustrating with good humour the cruel sanctions and blockade imposed by hostile forces, but also highlights the constancy of our revolution.

Let us all strive hard, by truly devoting our sweat and blood, for this honourable and worthwhile construction project and for the sake of our valuable people, and build on this very spot a wonderful hospital for the people that will be the envy of the world.

Let Us Make Our Capital City Even More Splendid by Building 50 000 Flats

Speech at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for a Project to Build 10 000 Flats in Pyongyang March 23, Juche 110 (2021)

All the builders and service personnel who have turned out in this worthy project for improving our capital city,

Today we have the honour to be creating another significant landmark in the history of Pyongyang's development.

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Second Plenary Meeting of the Party's Eighth Central Committee held earlier this year took the decision to construct 50 000 flats in our capital city during the five-year plan period by building 10 000 every year, while pushing ahead with housing development across the country.

The most worthwhile and glorious revolutionary undertaking of all the momentous and gigantic fighting tasks decided by the Party Congress is being fully launched today.

Building 50 000 modern flats in Pyongyang, the capital of our great country, is something our Party has long intended, prepared for and aspired to, in order to provide its citizens with more cultured and stable living conditions.

The Party and the government, having made themselves aware of the number of families that were in need of new houses, conducted in-depth research to determine the measures for solving the problem. They regarded this project as their most important task.

Having willingly acknowledged that this colossal project would be an honourable revolutionary task that it must implement without fail, however challenging the conditions and environment, the Party Central Committee reaffirmed that its architectural development plan and construction policy would be based on the principle of applying the people-first principle more thoroughly.

It redefined the orientation and priority of the work, ensuring that a significant part of the state construction budget was allocated for building houses. Then, with the plans and preparations already made, it introduced the policy of building 50 000 flats at its Eighth Congress.

This large-scale house-building programme introduced by our Party and state is not designed for the pursuit of financial profit; it is an ennobling undertaking to turn the state's assets and the fruits of their creative labour into benefits for the working masses.

If, starting today, we build 50 000 flats by 2025 when we will mark the 80th founding anniversary of the Party–10 000 flats every year—we will have built almost 70 000 flats, including the more than 16 000 that are currently under construction. Thus we will have solved, once and for

all, the problem of housing for the citizens of the capital.

Carrying out such an audacious and expansive house-building programme in the capital is very important also in demonstrating the unquenchable fighting spirit of our state and people as they continue their bold advance in the face of manifold difficulties.

As you must all be aware, a great deal of thought went into deciding on this project.

To be honest, that a project on such a massive scale could be launched in today's circumstances, when the challenges and difficulties are harsher than ever before, is almost unimaginable.

The construction of 10 000 flats this year will be carried out in circumstances that are entirely different from when we started building Ryomyong Street five years ago; moreover, the amount of work we must complete in a limited time is many times greater than it was back then.

Yet our Party decided that the project must go ahead unconditionally, since it will have a direct impact on the life of the citizens of the capital, and since it is an important political undertaking in the first year of implementing the decisions of the Party Congress.

We have the proud dignity and courage that we are undertaking such a gigantic and magnificent project in the most trying times; we also have the self-confidence, experience and assets for completing it without fail.

By completing the iconic multi-storey, high-rise apartment buildings in the Songsin and Songhwa area, as

depicted in the artist's impression, by the end of this year, we will, once again, display to the full the power of our state and the creative strength of our people.

In the course of this, a further major advance will be achieved by our Juche-oriented architecture, and greater momentum will be gained in ensuring that construction serves the aim of creating a new life of our own style by our own efforts and with our own hands.

We will introduce the latest architectural techniques and construction methods, such as green architecture and dry-building, in an aggressive and innovative manner. We will also further expand and strengthen the foundations of the industrial bases producing building equipment and materials, and will work to make our construction units and builders stronger and more highly-skilled.

This grand construction project will be of monumental significance in the history of the capital's development.

The project of building 50 000 flats, which we are launching today, is a historic undertaking for creating modern, large-scale residential streets and expanding the urban areas of Pyongyang, the capital city, to the east, west and north.

Building 10 000 flats and distinctive public buildings every year in the Songsin, Songhwa, Sopho, Kumchon and September 9 Street areas will transform our national capital in a more magnificent fashion, and make these streets monuments to the most arduous yet glorious third decade of the 21^{st} century.

The citizens and their offspring who will live in the new streets we are building will, for many generations to come, remember as heroes the builders of our era who overcame such terrible trials to build these huge, world-class architectural groups.

The large-scale construction project we are launching today is a truly great undertaking for writing a glorious chapter in our history.

Comrades.

Construction combines the intelligence of an era with the strength of the nation concerned, and represents a major stride towards a civilized lifestyle and development.

Today, as we advance to achieve development and prosperity, upholding the principle of our-state-first, this project will constitute a major area of thrust, symbolic of the era in which a fresh upsurge and transformation are being recorded in socialist construction.

Through this project we will make a further improvement to the appearance of our capital city and usher in an era of a fresh dynamic advance, in the course of which socialist construction will be confidently developed, step by step.

In the planning of this massive project, the Party Central Committee paid primary attention to forming the major forces that would play the main, most powerful role.

First and foremost, in the decision-making process, it put its trust in our revolutionary armed forces, which are boundlessly faithful to the Party and the people. The People's Army, while performing its mission and responsibility of staunchly defending the country and people, has always played a major role in making life better for the people.

It has performed heroic feats in numerous grand construction projects and in the rehabilitation of areas ravaged by natural disasters. Only when it undertakes major projects can victory be guaranteed in our overall construction work.

No one knows our People's Army as well as I do.

I am convinced that the officers and men of the People's Army will, by giving full play to their militant traits in the creative struggle for carrying out the construction work, prove themselves fully worthy of the expectations of the Party and the people.

This grand construction project also involves several major civilian construction units. These include the Capital City Construction Commission, High-Speed Youth Shock Brigade, Revolutionary Site Construction Bureau and External Construction Bureau. They have all performed outstanding exploits in other major construction projects, including that of Ryomyong Street.

Success or failure in this grand construction project is dependent on the leading officials, service personnel and civilian builders who are directly responsible for it.

The policy on construction of our Party and state, and the guidance they give to it, are ultimately translated into reality by the leading officials with their creative enthusiasm and endeavours, and by our builders, in whose ardent patriotic spirit and skill our Party believes, above all else.

The task facing the design sector is paramount.

Construction is a highly creative undertaking, and buildings are becoming aesthetically appealing, artistic, multi-functional and intelligent. This adds to the importance of the design.

What our Party asks of the design sector is that every single dot and line placed on a blueprint should reflect the ideology, essence and vibrant spirit of our times and embody the noble ideals and standards of a civilization that can proudly take the global lead.

Based on the street formation and design plans that have already been decided and issued, the designers should ensure that all the designs for the buildings are perfected so that they fully embody the Party's concept of architectural aesthetics, and should submit them to the construction sector as soon as possible.

All the construction units responsible for building operations should start work immediately and execute their daily, weekly and monthly plans without fail, in accordance with the schedule of completing the buildings' frameworks within the first half of this year.

Every construction detachment and unit should focus its main energies on improving the quality of construction, and consistently hold fast to the principle of ensuring quality throughout the construction process. If every official and builder maintains at all times the stance and attitude that their loyalty, patriotism and conscience will be proved by the Party, the state, the people, posterity and history, all the structures will become outstanding creations of our times both in name and in reality.

The construction supervision sector should, by enhancing its role, ensure that the construction policy of the Party and state is executed, the people's demands and interests are met in full, and the safety of what they build is guaranteed.

The materials and equipment needed for the construction of 10 000 flats must be supplied on a priority and timely basis.

The factories and enterprises that have been assigned to the production of cement, steel and various other building materials and equipment should fulfil their production quotas properly and on time by giving full play to the revolutionary enthusiasm and creativity of the working class. By doing so, they can ensure the success of the housing construction in the capital.

The railway and other transport sectors should launch a vigorous campaign for stepping up transport to ensure the prompt delivery of the materials needed at the construction sites in the capital and at the bases where the steel and other building materials are being produced.

We should give precedence to political work and the ideological offensive in all our undertakings. Doing so will

encourage the soldiers of the People's Army and the other builders to give full play to their loyalty, patriotism and creative wisdom. It will also ensure that all the construction sites are seething with high spirits, from a project's beginning to its end.

Ultimately, it will ensure that we not only enlist the masses in the worthwhile construction struggle, but also turn the capital city's massive construction sites into fierce revolutionary battlefields and excellent schools where a new spirit of the times is generated and courageous activists and stalwart socialist working people are trained.

Taking good care of the health and living conditions of the soldiers and other builders engaged in the construction should also be treated as a matter of utmost importance.

In keeping with the requirements of the national emergency epidemic prevention system, throughout the construction sites epidemic prevention stations and facilities should be built and a climate of observing the epidemic prevention regulations voluntarily and thoroughly should be established. Preventing accidents and disasters and ensuring that the builders engage in their work without inconvenience should be the focus of our utmost concern.

Supply services for the soldiers and other builders should not be left solely to the units concerned. Rather, the state supply system should be scrupulously observed to ensure that each builder is given his exact entitlement.

Comrades.

Today we are breaking the ground for this project, and

in several months' time a brand-new street for the people, a splendid architectural group we can all be proud of, will be built here.

Nothing is more worthwhile, honourable, or happier, for us than to dedicate our sweat and passion, without hesitation, to building an ideal street that will be a warm cradle for our people, who are the best and greatest in the world.

For the future of our more beautiful and magnificent capital,

For our parents, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters who will create and enjoy here a new, more cultured life to their heart's content, and

For the brilliant implementation of the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress,

Let us all fight with vigour!

Let Us Add Further Glory to the Golden Age of Capital City Construction by Transforming the Hwasong Area

Speech at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for a Project to Build 10 000 Flats in the Hwasong Area February 12, Juche 111 (2022)

Comrades.

Today, filled with fresh vigour and self-confidence, we are holding an important groundbreaking ceremony for a new street for the people in our capital city, a street symbolic of the era of further transformation.

First of all, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government, I would like to extend warm congratulations and greetings to the builders of the capital city and the service personnel who, at this grand groundbreaking ceremony for a project to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area true to the decisions adopted at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party, are marking the start of our grandiose endeavour in 2022.

This project is one of the major tasks facing the construction sector this year. It is the second such project for attaining the long-term goal of housing construction in Pyongyang which our Party had been desirous of achieving

for a considerable time before launching it last year. It is also the first stage in building a new, modern urban district in this area.

The long-term plan for developing the capital city approved by our Party and the government envisages the creation in this area near the sacred place of the sun and adjoining September 9 Street of splendid streets and a new administrative district with tens of thousands of flats, as well as public buildings and welfare service facilities. It will be completed within three years or so.

If the goal of building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, which includes this gigantic project, is attained with success, our Party will have fulfilled the most important promise it made to the people, and the housing problem for the capital's residents will have been fully solved.

This is why the Party and the government are pushing ahead so forcefully with the construction of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang every year, even though the conditions and circumstances at present are more challenging than ever before.

Comrades,

That we have been able to launch this important and gigantic project in the Hwasong area as planned in the second year of implementing the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress is entirely thanks to the efforts of the builders and service personnel who have committed themselves to Pyongyang's development.

Last year the project to build 10 000 flats in the Songsin

and Songhwa area was carried out, despite the tough conditions where the country's economic situation was harsh and difficulties were piling up.

Our builders pressed ahead bravely with the construction as planned, overcoming all the trials with an indomitable will and through a strenuous effort. In less than a year they built at Pyongyang's eastern gateway a splendid street lined with high-rise and super-high-rise apartment blocks.

As a result, we can now visualize, in the run-up to the Day of the Sun, numerous delighted residents of the capital moving into new homes on the new street.

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee expressed its great appreciation for this achievement.

Because this effort had resulted in such a major success, the Party Central Committee could confidently decide on and organize the construction of 10 000 flats at the next stage. So, today we are holding the groundbreaking ceremony to proclaim the official start of housing construction in the Hwasong area.

Our Party has never doubted that the tremendous enthusiasm for labour and the aggressive spirit of progress witnessed last year will be displayed in this year's project, or that more inspiring and more significant successes will be achieved.

Our builders are proud artists and dignified trail-blazers possessed of miraculous powers. As such, they are writing a new chapter of prosperity and development in the era of the Workers' Party.

The Party's people-oriented policies are becoming the reality wherever the workers of the country's major construction units and the service personnel of the People's Army are dispatched. As a result, homes where countless people will live for generations to come are appearing and monumental creations symbolic of the civilization of the era are springing up year after year.

A fierce struggle for grand construction is under way, and in the course of it vacillation and lack of ability are being overcome, courage and wisdom displayed, backwardness and stagnation eliminated, progress and innovations achieved, and the power of our state and people to shape the future increased.

In short, the vigour of our advance and development is being demonstrated in practice, and every obstacle, in other words, the challenges both objective and subjective, is being removed and smashed to pieces. This represents a crushing blow to the forces that are hostile to us.

Herein lies the transformation, the revolution and the victory we aspire to.

And the masters occupying the vanguard of this revolution are you, the builders.

Our builders are the pioneers and dependable vanguard fighters of our era, who conceive of tomorrow while living today and are bringing forward the dawn of a beautiful future. I am convinced that, thanks to our Party's sound policy on construction and to the builders' creative labour, our construction sector will change and develop to become more advanced and progressive while sustaining its socialist character, which is the original feature of our people-first architecture, of consistently serving the aim of promoting the people's wellbeing.

In building apartments in the Hwasong area this year as part of the grand construction project, we should push ahead with it in a more dynamic and detail-oriented way by making the most of the experience and lessons we learned from the construction of 10 000 flats in the Songsin and Songhwa area.

The grand construction project is a gigantic creative effort to bring new entities into existence by concentrating the country's human, material and technical resources on it. Therefore, whether it is a total success or not depends on how it is planned and commanded.

The project headquarters should conduct a detailed assessment of the existing construction workforce, the building materials production capacity and the transport capabilities, as well as seasonal factors. Based on this, it should draw up a well-thought-out plan for each process of the design and building work, and push ahead with it forcefully.

In construction we should try to give definite precedence to building materials supply. We should also aim to ensure both the quality and speed of construction by enhancing the role of the building units and supervisory bodies.

In this, it is important to eradicate the short-sighted view of stressing only the immediate building tasks in planning and commanding construction projects. To this end, we should steadily execute scientific proposals and plans aimed at developing the construction sector on a long-term basis.

The grand construction project, including the development of Pyongyang, is a matter of national importance and hardly something that can be completed in a year or two. It is a long-term undertaking to be continued at an increasingly higher level even when all our people are living in good houses and even after the whole country has undergone a facelift.

Therefore, there should be no delay or slowdown in anything related to the construction sector, whether in consolidating its material and technical foundations in terms of both quality and quantity, in producing various kinds of building materials domestically, in raising the proportion of work done by machines, or in widely introducing advanced building methods and architectural technology.

All these issues should, throughout the whole course of construction and at every stage of the building work, be addressed, carried out and reviewed in the planning and design, the materials supply and in the observance of the quality requirements. And new initiatives, reasonable

technical proposals and audacious endeavours should be actively encouraged and put forward.

In this way, if a new street of 10 000 flats is built every year, not only will the appearance of the capital city and, beyond that, the whole country be transformed, but also our construction workforce will grow in strength and a fresh advance will be recorded in our approach to construction.

Ultimately, by promoting the successful construction of houses and the modernization of our construction sector, we will be ready to carry out more gigantic and ambitious construction projects in the future.

Our Party regards the great enthusiasm, sense of responsibility and sincere efforts of every official and builder for construction as the key and decisive factor that is vital to its success.

This is why our socialist construction sites are brought to life by inspiring slogans, fluttering red flags, and resounding marches.

Novel and inspirational political work encourages everyone to cherish ennobling ideals and beautiful hopes, to take a sense of honour and pride from their enthusiasm and endeavours becoming a source of great strength for their collective, and to learn from the positive examples and merits of others. This work is a source of dynamism unique to socialism, which trains ordinary working people into innovators and performers of feats and which works miracles, whatever the circumstances.

You should conduct vigorous frontline political work so that all the builders feel a sense of mission and pleasure in creating with their own hands the ever-growing happiness and development of our times, and so that they take great pride in bringing forward the dawn of a more cultured future through their efforts.

You should stir up a hot wind of collective emulation for overtaking and learning from one another and give fuller play to your patriotic enthusiasm. By doing so, you can build, here in the Hwasong area and before the eyes of the world, a flourishing socialist living space which is permeated with a great generation's indomitable perseverance and untiring spirit of creation, and which is filled with people's happy laughter.

Comrades,

Today our grand construction front covers not only this construction site of 10 000 flats in the capital city, but also the whole country.

Numerous construction projects designed for the sake of our great state's prosperity and development and for the people's well-being are being planned or are under way at major metallurgical and chemical industry bases, at the construction sites of new power plants, at tideland reclamation sites, in the Komdok and Ryonpho areas, and in rural communities across the country.

All these construction projects constitute a powerful engine for the comprehensive development of socialist construction. Among them, the housing construction project in the Hwasong area is the main theatre, and it should take the lead.

In implementing the Party's policy on construction in a perfect and thoroughgoing way and conducting intense and energetic campaigns in high spirits, the construction units deployed in the Hwasong area should naturally become standard-bearers and models for all the other theatres of construction.

I firmly believe that all the builders and service personnel present here will feel an extraordinary sense of glory and pride in building a new street for the people, and will, through their redoubled wisdom, enthusiasm and fortitude, complete with credit and on schedule the construction project in the Hwasong area.

For the great new era of the development of our own style of socialism,

For our Pyongyang, and

For bringing earlier the happy day when our parents, brothers, sisters and children will move into new flats in the dramatically-transformed Hwasong area,

Let us all wage a dynamic struggle!

Let the People's Army Fully Demonstrate Its Militant Mettle in the Construction of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm for the People of South Hamgyong Province

Speech at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm February 18, Juche 111 (2022)

Comrades.

Today, on the road of great creation for the people, we have marked another proud and worthwhile milestone.

Several days ago we started building the 10 000 flats planned for the capital city in 2022, which is of great significance in solving the housing problem for the people of the city. And today we are holding the groundbreaking ceremony for a large-scale greenhouse farm that will contribute greatly to the livelihood of the people in the city of Hamhung and South Hamgyong Province. The Central Committee of our Party and the government of our Republic regard this as a very auspicious and honourable undertaking.

First of all, I offer a militant salute to the service personnel and other builders who have come to this project site with a determination to render a contribution to promoting the people's wellbeing by successfully carrying out this project, which is a top priority in the construction policy of our Party and state.

Comrades,

The Central Committee of our Party has always regarded it as a matter of crucial importance to solve the problem of supplying vegetables for the people of Hamhung, a major industrial and science city in the country, and of South Hamgyong Province. For several years it has been considering the construction of a modern greenhouse farm here, and has been developing a plan for it.

The Party had already decided to turn a key military base on the eastern front into a modern vegetable production base that would serve the working class and scientists in Hamhung and other people in South Hamgyong Province, who are striving so hard to play a major role in the development of the country's economy, and its science and technology. So, at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of its Eighth Central Committee, it identified the construction of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm as a key project for this year.

Having confirmed the site of the project and set the orientation of its construction, it formed a powerful project headquarters and made preparations for the construction's full-scale launch. As a result, we are holding this significant groundbreaking ceremony today.

This construction project, undertaken in accordance with the Party Central Committee's intention, is an

important initiative for building a modern farm that will contribute greatly to improving the people's living standards. It will also create another new standard in implementing the Party's policy of building greenhouse farms.

If, in the natural and climatic conditions in our country, we are to supply our people with adequate quantities of fresh vegetables all year round, we should build large numbers of greenhouses and put vegetable production on a modern, intensive and industrial footing.

This is why we built a large-scale greenhouse farm in North Hamgyong Province, where vegetable farming is not as effective as in other regions, and saw to it that valuable experience was gained through the project.

The construction of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm, which we are launching today, is a very important undertaking for promoting the large-scale construction of greenhouse farms, which began in North Hamgyong Province, extensively and at a higher level.

The Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm, which will be the largest and most modern greenhouse farm in our country, will be twice the size and have twice the production capacity of the Jungphyong Vegetable Greenhouse Farm which was inaugurated two years ago. It will also be equipped with far more advanced technology and facilities with regard to nutrition guarantees, environment management and production automation.

In addition, some 1 000 flats of new and varied styles,

along with all the necessary public facilities including schools, a hall of culture and comprehensive service establishments, will be built in a characteristic way to form a new farm district embodying the civilization of our era.

It is the Party Central Committee's intention not only to build this greenhouse farm into a large-scale vegetable farm with an annual production capacity of tens of thousands of tons, but also to make it a model farm for disseminating advanced agricultural technology, a new base for the creation of the rural civilization of our style, and a cultured socialist farm where it is good to work and live both in name and in reality. Its intention is also to push ahead with the country's overall rural development more dynamically and more confidently with this farm as the standard and beacon.

Such a modern greenhouse farm has been considered as an ideal and something for the future. If one is built here soon, in a place which is currently heavily influenced by gales from the sea, it will give greater confidence and encouragement to all the people across the country, to say nothing of the people of Hamhung and others in South Hamgyong Province.

It is a great honour for you, the officers and men of our army, to be undertaking the whole construction of such an important farm.

You have valuable experience in building a modern greenhouse farm and, in particular, through its construction you fully demonstrated the spirit of devoted service to the country and the people and a pure conscience befitting soldiers. The Party Central Committee took this into consideration when it decided to entrust you with the construction of this greenhouse farm.

In building the splendid Jungphyong Vegetable Greenhouse Farm you gave your honest sweat and devotion, as you would to your own parents and siblings. Because you did so, the people of Chongjin and others in North Hamgyong Province are now enjoying the benefits of the farm and are happy that the vegetable problem, which was one of the biggest challenges they faced in life, has been largely resolved.

Now you should give similar pleasure to the people of Hamhung and others in South Hamgyong Province.

Mindful of the intention and expectation of the Party that has summoned you to this project, you should complete the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm creditably before the founding anniversary of the Party this year, by giving full play to the militant mettle of our revolutionary army.

If you are to finish this project in the 230 or so days prior to the Party's founding anniversary, you should launch a fierce construction campaign, based on a level of preparedness and determination that is far higher than that at which you worked at Jungphyong. You should also act boldly to introduce further innovations to the existing standards and mode of construction. In this way you can generate the Ryonpho spirit of creation and stir up the hot wind of Ryonpho, in the true meaning of both phrases.

Precedence should always be given to political work for heightening and amplifying the soldier-masses' spiritual strength, which exemplifies the absolute superiority of our army and the source of its invincible might. The organization of and command over the project should be conducted in a detailed and spirited manner, along military lines. Then the whole construction site will seethe with militant mettle and the zeal for creating new miracles.

During the construction you, officers and soldiers, should strengthen your cooperation while competing with one another. You should proactively share your positive experiences and advanced building techniques, economize on building materials to the maximum, and maintain a tidy environment in the area surrounding the construction site. If you do all this, you will ensure that another new culture of construction in our era is created by the People's Army.

Although you have come to a different theatre of operations and combat, you should always be mindful of the fact that now you are standing at the very forefront for cementing more solidly our great army-people unity, which is more powerful than any strategic weapon. And you should make every effort to ensure that the greenhouse farm, for which the people are waiting with such pleasant anticipation, is completed as soon as possible.

In building a greenhouse farm, the highest quality standard should be guaranteed without fail. This is something I have always stressed.

Just as you did when building the Jungphyong Vegetable Greenhouse Farm and completing several other major projects flawlessly, you should, this time again, make sincere efforts and apply meticulous building techniques to every process and detail of the project, with the mindset that you are erecting buildings in which your parents and siblings will live and work.

In short, you should present the people with a farm that is a ten-out-of-ten architectural structure in terms of not only its functions and architectural aesthetics, but also its quality.

South Hamgyong Province should participate actively in the project.

Although the People's Army is taking overall charge of the project, it is the province itself that will benefit from it. So, it is natural that the province should contribute to it as much as possible.

The province should provide enough aggregate for the soldier-builders to push ahead with the project without delay and should create windbreaks as appropriate to the geographical features of the coastal area. The province should offer every other possible assistance for vigorously promoting the project.

As this greenhouse farm is to be ultra-modern, it is especially important to ensure that the technical workforce is well prepared.

The South Hamgyong Provincial Party Committee and the agricultural guidance organs should form an effective farm management staff, team of technicians and body of employees, and make sure that they are technically qualified. They should also ensure that all the operational supplies, including vegetable seeds and farming equipment, are provided before the project's completion. Then, from next year they can supply the people of Hamhung with vegetables that are mass-produced here on a regular basis.

It is the Party Central Committee's demand that this project should serve as an example of construction guidance.

Well-knit work and guidance systems should be established for the project headquarters, the field guidance team and every department. Officials should adopt a far-sighted and responsible manner in their work to ensure that the project is pushed forward in strict accordance with the schedule and standards set by the Party.

Comrades,

We can see the ranks of elite units of our People's Army standing in fine and proud array, and in a few months' time we will see a sea of greenhouses standing just like them. This valuable farm for our people will be a rarity in the world, and will represent the major transformation of the Ryonpho area.

While imagining the merry laughter that will ring out in every house and looking forward to the bright future of our country whose greater prosperity will be reflected in that laughter, let us all exert ourselves to erect buildings for our people as early as possible. The Party Central Committee has ordered the courageous officers and men of the People's Army to present the people with a perfect, modern greenhouse farm as a gift. I firmly believe that you will carry out this order with credit by working with all the militant mettle of a revolutionary army, upholding with burning hearts the slogan "We serve the country and the people!"

Glory to the devoted struggle of our army that is absolutely loyal to the people!

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