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Eighty years have passed since the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung formed the Down-with-Imperialism Union.

In his early years on the road of revolutionary struggle, the great leader shouldered the responsibility for the destiny of the country and nation. The nationalist and early communist movements that had come before had been beset by hegemonic infighting, factional strife, the worship of big powers and dogmatism. This led him to the keen realization that this was not the way to liberate the country and regain its independence. So, he dedicated himself to searching for a completely new path, a fresh course of struggle. This endeavour eventually resulted in the Down-with-Imperialism Union, which he formed on October 17, 1926 with other hot-blooded young men of the new generation, who shared his ideology and aim. Today is a significant occasion, when we are marking the 80th anniversary of the DIU. The formation of this union was a historic event that declared a fresh start to the Korean revolution. It was also an epochal turning point in shaping the destiny of our people. It put the Korean revolution on the

trajectory of independent development, based on clear objectives and strategy, and enabled our people, as the motive force of history, to carve out their destiny on their own responsibility and by their own efforts.

Down-with-Imperialism Union—the name alone gives us a clear idea of our leader’s greatness. By declaring, as a teenager, an all-out war against world imperialism, he proved himself to be the greatest of the great.

The DIU is the roots of our Party, the origin of Songun, a paradigm of unity and a banner of victory for our revolution. By building on the traditions of the DIU, our Party has developed into a revolutionary party of a Juche type—seasoned, sophisticated and ever-victorious—and our army into an invincible force. Our Party, army and people have now achieved rock-solid, single-hearted unity around the leader and are propelling our revolution along the road of victory without suffering a single failure or setback.

In greeting the DIU’s significant 80th anniversary, I am renewing my resolve to accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche, which the leader pioneered and advanced along the road of victory. Our revolution, which started with the formation of the DIU, has travelled a long road and has a still longer

road ahead of it. In following this road, we may encounter a mountain of ordeals and face do-or-die battles. No matter how harsh the ordeals and difficulties may be, we should, without fail, carry forward the traditions of the DIU and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche that was pioneered by the leader. These traditions are the lifeblood of our revolution and its enduring cornerstone.

Our Party has grown from the stout roots of the DIU, and we should, above all else, build it up and enhance its leadership role.

The Workers' Party of Korea is the General Staff of our revolution; it organizes and guides our people in all their victories. It is only by strengthening it and enhancing its leadership role to meet the demands of the developing times and revolution that our Party can fully discharge its mission and tasks.

A fundamental guarantee for strengthening the Party and enhancing its leadership role is to establish a system of unified leadership firmly within it. The Party's unified leadership system is the one based on the leader and his ideology. By firmly establishing this system, we can ensure that the leader's ideology holds undivided sway throughout the Party and establish revolutionary discipline and order whereby

the entire Party moves as one under his leadership. We must never tolerate any heterogeneous ideas and factional actions that run counter to the leader's ideology. Rather, we should solidify in every way possible the unity and cohesion of the Party based on the leader's ideology.

Cadres form the hard core and backbone of the Party. The strengthening and development of the Party, as well as its leadership role, hinge on the quality of cadre ranks. If we carry out effective personnel administration, the selection of cadres in particular, we can make sure that these ranks are made up of those who are faithful to the Party and competent and have a good work style. In addition, if we strictly observe Party principles in increasing its membership, we can ensure the purity of the Party's ranks and improve the quality of its membership.

The broad sections of the population are the mass foundation of our Party. A party devoid of a mass base cannot survive; only when it strikes deep root among the masses of the people and enjoys their support and trust can it become strong and fully realize its leadership over the revolution and construction. The Party's mass foundation should be steadily solidified, and to this end it is necessary to work effectively with

the masses as required by the developing reality and rally a wide spectrum of the population firmly around the Party. The main stress in working with the masses should, above all else, be focused on current records; no matter how chequered a person's socio-political background may be, we should not call it into question if their current records are good enough.

A party is an organic whole of its various organizations, and its leadership is realized through them. Its might is an indication of their fighting effectiveness, and its leadership ability is a reflection of their guiding ability. We should build up the Party's organizations and enhance their functions and role in every possible way. We should form Party organizations properly, build up Party leadership bodies at all levels and ensure that the higher Party organizations strengthen their control and guidance over the lower ones.

We should continue, under the uplifted banner of Songun, to direct a major effort to increasing the country's defence capabilities.

The defence capabilities of a country and nation are synonymous with its sovereignty and its right to existence, and on these hinge its destiny and dignity. A nation whose defence capabilities are not sufficiently

strong will have no voice, will tend to truckle to others, and ultimately will become subordinate to them and suffer the fate of enslavement. Thanks to our strong defence capabilities, we can stand up to the world's sole superpower, which is what the US imperialists claim to be, and can exalt the dignity of our country and nation. Our recent successful nuclear test has demonstrated the reality of our country's possession of nuclear weapon and elevated it to the status of a nuclear weapons state. Songun Korea today has incomparable might. However difficult our domestic situation may be, we should spare nothing to strengthen its defence capabilities, its war deterrent.

The People's Army makes up the major component of our defence capabilities. It is an armed force formed of soldiers prepared to fight the enemy face to face with arms. Strengthening the army politically, ideologically, militarily and technologically is precisely the way for us to safeguard socialism and guarantee our people a happy life. We should establish the unified command system of the Supreme Commander within the People's Army so as to make it the army of the Party and of the Supreme Commander, which moves as one on his orders. The People's Army, true to the Party's training-first policy, should

intensify combat and political training so as to prepare all the service personnel as a-match-for-a-hundred combatants of the Songun era who will defy death and defeat any enemy, however formidable, at a stroke.

Army-people unity is the source of the People's Army's invincibility. Because the army helps the people and the people aid the army, together they can achieve unity of ideology and fighting spirit, and in times of emergency, can commit themselves with a single mind and purpose to the sacred cause of annihilating the enemy.

We should continue to direct primary attention to developing our defence industry. The defence industry constitutes the material basis of military power. Our defence industry has attained a very high level under the leadership of the Party. We should not rest on our laurels, but make sustained efforts to develop it. Then we can produce larger quantities of new and powerful weapons and combat equipment that are suited to the requirements of modern warfare to steadily improve the weaponry of the People's Army.

Our Party consistently pursues the line of prioritizing military affairs. We should create a climate of prioritizing military affairs nationwide so that the entire Party, the whole country and all the people work

hard to master military affairs and are fully prepared to cope with any emergency, and the whole country is turned into an impregnable fortress.

We should consolidate the single-hearted unity of the Party, army and people by carrying forward the tradition of unity created by the DIU.

Single-hearted unity is the most powerful weapon and the great foundation of our revolution. A revolution is pioneered, advances and is being carried to victory on the strength of unity. No weapon is more powerful than unity in a revolutionary struggle and nobody on this planet can overpower a united force. United, one becomes strong, but divided, one grows weak. By consolidating the single-hearted unity of the Party, army and people, we can carry our revolution to victory on the strength of unity.

The headquarters of the revolution is the centre of unity and leadership. Unity without a centre is not genuine unity. The vanguard fighters of the DIU held up the great leader as their centre of unity and, rallied firmly around him, blazed the trail for the Korean revolution. Just as those vanguard fighters did, so the entire Party, the whole army and all the people should imbue themselves with the staunch spirit of defending the leader to the death, safeguarding the headquarters

of the revolution in any adversity, and achieve rock-solid unity behind it in ideology, purpose and moral obligation. They should travel the road of revolution, come rain or shine, sharing the same ideology, purpose and destiny with the leader, and trusting and following him and nobody else as his true comrades and comrades-in-arms.

Our Party's politics are benevolent, based on love and trust. People who are loved and trusted follow one another and band together, whereas those who are doubted and marginalized fall by the wayside and split up. We should apply the Party's benevolent politics to the letter and embrace all those who entrust their destiny to the Party and follow it, and rally them around it without questioning their past.

We must be ever-vigilant against the enemy's attempts to undermine our single-hearted unity. Having failed in their attempts to suffocate us by force, the enemy is clinging to a despicable psychological smear campaign and spreading corrupt capitalist ideology and culture with an aim to undermine us from within. We should keep a sharp eye on the enemy's manoeuvrings and boost ideological education and struggle in order to prevent any element of capitalist ideology and culture,

however insignificant, from infiltrating us.

Under the leadership of the Party, we should step up the building of a powerful socialist country on the strength of Songun and single-hearted unity. Building a powerful socialist country was the great leader's wish, and it is the fighting goal set by our Party. We should ensure that all our service personnel and other people, mindful of the great national pride and self-respect they feel for living and conducting the revolution in the Songun era, turn out with one accord in the efforts to build a powerful country.

A key task currently facing us in building a powerful socialist country is to concentrate on economic construction with a view to revitalizing the country's economy as soon as possible and developing it as required by the new century.

The economy is the material basis of social life. By concentrating on economic construction to boost the economy, we can consolidate our country's status as an ideological and military power and improve the people's living standards, thus demonstrating the advantages of socialism. We can now say that our country has definitely attained the status of a powerful country politically, ideologically and militarily, but this is not the case in economic terms. It is only by

also achieving economic prosperity that we can proudly call ours a powerful socialist country. We should step up economic construction at all costs so as to develop our country into an economic giant.

Drastic measures are needed to improve the people's standard of living. Our people have been forced to tighten their belts owing to the US imperialists' moves of aggression and their isolate-and-stifle schemes against our Republic. From now on, we should prioritize economic construction so that the people enjoy the benefits. Some officials take it for granted that the people will experience difficulties under the present circumstances, claiming that it is a natural requirement of Songun. They are misguided. The intended purpose of Songun is to make our people well off. We should decisively resolve the food problem by carrying out the Party's policy of the agricultural revolution, and raise the fierce flames of a revolution in light industry to produce large quantities of consumer goods. Then we can ensure that our people live happily and have no cause to envy others.

We should, as soon as possible, shore up such vanguard sectors of the national economy as electric power, coal-mining and the metallurgical industries. When these sectors are leading from the vanguard, the

national economy overall will pick up and flourish. We should channel our efforts into developing these sectors so as to normalize their production at a high level.

In particular, the problem of electricity and coal needs to be resolved. The strain on the coal supply has caused electricity output to stagnate, and that which is still being generated is poor in quality. Undisciplined practices remain prevalent in the supply and consumption of electric power. Several factors are causing the electric power and coal-mining industries to operate inefficiently, the major one being the lack of fully committed officials in charge of them. In recent years, there has been a lack of effective control and guidance over them. Leading officials in these industries should be awakened and adopt radical measures to resolve the pressing problem of electricity faced by the country.

In addition to taking steps to increase its output, we should correct the undisciplined practices in the supply and consumption of electricity. Recently, the national combined headquarters for adopting measures to resolve the problem of electric power has been re-established to provide more effective supervision and control over the generation, supply and consumption of electric power. The members of this headquarters

should enhance their sense of responsibility and role and, in the coming months, improve the methods for correcting the undisciplined practices so as to meet the demands of the new century.

The construction sector should consistently implement the Party's policy of building structures that are perfect in their formative and aesthetic beauty. At every opportunity I have stressed the need to avoid simplicity in building styles and ensure the perfection of structures in their formative and aesthetic beauty. Recently, in order to guarantee the formative and aesthetic beauty of major renovation projects, I had domestically-produced materials used in the main in addition to a few kinds of imported materials. And for a construction project, I had domestically-produced materials used to decorate the edges and lower parts of the walls, and to add the finishing touches to the patterns and sculptures. The results were impeccable. This shows that domestically-produced materials can be used in adding the finishing touches that ensure the formative and aesthetic beauty of structures. For the sake of the formative and aesthetic beauty of structures, the construction sector should encourage the use of domestically-produced materials rather than depend on imported ones.

Structures should be designed well. Designing the doors can be said to be one of the biggest challenges facing our architects. Poorly designed doors mar the characteristic features of a structure. The construction sector should pay attention to creating door designs of various forms and styles that suit the characteristics and purposes of structures and to ensuring high quality in their production.

Buildings must not be constructed without permission. There are still some instances of organs and enterprises erecting buildings without obtaining the approval of the state. This is due to the slackening of state supervision and control over construction projects. Construction supervision organs must tighten their supervision and control so as to prevent other organs and enterprises from undertaking unauthorized construction. All organs and enterprises should be allowed to build structures after obtaining state approval, and design them well so that they can remain perfect long into the future.

Economic officials should give full play to the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude. Other countries are not willing to help us, and we have no one to turn to for assistance. This is the time when we should hold the slogan of self-reliance higher than

ever before. Only by adhering to the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude and relying on our own efforts and technology, can we find solutions to the food and all other economic problems.

Officials, by prioritizing the interests of the state, should direct close attention to managing the country's economy and valuing and protecting its resources.

After earning foreign currency, some officials are spending it for the benefit of their own units instead of transferring it to the state's coffers. Such malpractice should be rectified. In a family, the children should give their parents any money they have earned so that it can be used to the maximum benefit. A family is doomed if each member spends their individual income for their own benefit. Likewise, national organs and enterprises should transfer all their income to the state for it to use effectively for the prosperity of the country, the people's living and state administration. The random use by any organ or enterprise of the foreign currency it has earned must not be permitted. All the foreign currency earned by organs and enterprises should be transferred to the state's coffers for the sake of economic construction, defence building and state administration. Organs and enterprises may use part of their foreign currency income, but should always

obtain the state's approval first.

Natural resources are the country's priceless treasure and a valuable asset for the prosperity of the country and the wellbeing of the coming generations. The great leader never approved any plan for exporting these resources indiscriminately. On one occasion a plan was submitted to him for making wooden chopsticks and selling them abroad. He rejected it, saying that trees must be protected and making wooden chopsticks to earn foreign currency was not worth it. I have several times pointed to the necessity of prohibiting the random export of our country's resources. Even those countries with a large land area and rich resources are reluctant to sell their resources to other countries. However, our officials attempt to export the country's resources instead of protecting them. The continued export of these resources will lead to their depletion and ultimately to the deterioration of the land. Exporting the country's resources in their natural state is tantamount to treachery. Officials should not, out of an obsession with making money, consider selling the country's resources, but treasure them and strive to protect them.

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