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Dear residents of North Phyongan, Jagang and Ryanggang provinces,

Respected residents of several other regions,

How are you?

First of all, I would like to express my thanks to you for trusting in and following the measures adopted by the Party and government.

It must have cost you a great deal of trouble to come all the way here.

It is my pleasure to be offering you a hearty welcome to Pyongyang.

And you, students, my dear children,

I welcome you here.

It is a great relief to me that decent hostels can be made available to the elderly, nursing mothers, honoured disabled ex-soldiers and children who have been experiencing hardship in the flood-hit areas along the border and in the northern inland region of the country.

The April 25 Hostel and the base for military parade training are fully ready to receive you with all sincerity and provide you with every convenience.

We will make further efforts to ensure that you

have comfortable living conditions.

We will also pay due attention to drawing up schedules so that you can spend a pleasant, memorable time at the tourist attractions and leisure facilities in the capital city.

The April 25 Hostel, where you will stay starting from today, has been used to accommodate the delegates to important national meetings. And the base for military parade training is specially furnished to provide the conditions and environment the participating service personnel need.

Several national events are already scheduled for the latter half of this year. But we have decided to set aside these facilities for the exclusive use of the people from the flood-hit areas.

I hope you will feel at home here, and enjoy yourselves without any worries.

Some of you may be physically unable to move freely, and others may experience inconvenience that is beyond their physical endurance. We will do our best to ensure that you spend a happy time, doing what you want to do. In doing so, our overriding criterion will be meticulous attention to your health and comfort.

This is an impressive and happy day.

Our Party and government are especially proud of such days.

You are justifiably entitled to such a grand welcome and genuine hospitality. Our Party and government are obliged to take full responsibility for the life and health of all the people within the territory of our Republic.

This is a mandatory obligation and the top priority for our Party and our state.

All of you present here, as precious members of our society, have remained faithful to our Party all your life, working with devotion for the prosperity and development of our state. Even when you were left homeless in the aftermath of an unexpected disaster, you treasured your trust in our Party more than your personal property or houses that had been lost, and your confidence in it remains fundamentally unchanged.

In view of the important role you are playing in actively supporting our Party and state, and considering your position as future buttresses of the country, you justly deserve the best possible hospitality and services.

I believe that this time, while staying in Pyongyang, you will spend a pleasant and memorable

time, thanks to the utmost sincerity of the citizens of Pyongyang and their tender care.

The citizens of Pyongyang have shown heartfelt sincerity and tender solicitude towards the affected people by joining our Party and government in the initiative to eliminate their suffering as quickly as possible. I have been moved by the citizens' noble spirit.

At this moment, large numbers of Party members and young people from the capital city are working hard to restore the flood-hit areas, and a steady stream of relief supplies from Pyongyang is making its way there.

It is heartbreaking that some parts of the country have been damaged and the people there have experienced such mental anguish owing to the unexpected natural disaster. But in the face of the pain and trials, our grand socialist family has rallied more closely and united more firmly with ennobling sentiments.

And our confidence that today's disaster will become a watershed for transforming regions has become more unwavering, based on this unity of the whole society.

We will transform the regions.

This is our ideal, and we are capable of turning it into reality.

The natural disaster was a stumbling block on our advance. But in such trials we have found another driving force for defending our ideal and bringing it into full bloom.

By dint of this force, we will renovate your home villages, workplaces and schools, which are precious parts of our country, and make them more beautiful and wonderful.

This time we are not going to confine ourselves to simply rebuilding the affected areas. Rather, we will turn them into a model and textbook for urbanizing and modernizing regions and making them more civilized.

Soon the places destroyed by the flooding and landslides will have been transformed and become richer beyond recognition.

Therefore, all of you, please have a good, happy and worry-free time here.

I hope that the officials and employees of the April 25 Hostel and the base for military parade training, as well as the others concerned, will work hard so that these disaster victims are in a better condition than before when they return to their dear

native places that will have been transformed beyond recognition.

I entrust the elderly people, mothers and children to the members of the mobile education teams in charge of the teaching and edification of the children, and to the members of the mobile medical teams who are responsible for patient treatment and elderly care. I am of the firm belief that these mobile team members will show utmost sincerity and selfless devotion.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to extend my thanks once again to you for your invariable trust in and support for our Party.

Dear citizens,

Comrades,

The trust placed in us by our people—this is our biggest and most valuable asset which bears no comparison to any material wealth.

I reaffirm that we are ready to go through thick and thin to prove ourselves worthy of the great trust shown by our people, and that we will work with devotion for the good of our great people, and faithfully serve them.

Today it is a significant holiday marking the liberation of our country.

I hope that the elderly, women and all others

from the flood-hit areas will enjoy this holiday happily and have an unforgettable and significant time while staying in the capital city of their beloved motherland.

Thank you.

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