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Today, as we continue our vigorous advance ushering in confidently a new golden age of strengthening the Workers' Party of Korea and an era of achieving the comprehensive rejuvenation of the state, we are greeting the 79<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the WPK, the great guide of the Juche revolution.

The more closely we look back upon the protracted and glorious road of struggle it has followed, the prouder we feel of our great Party which, together with the Korean revolution, the Korean people and this country, has recorded the longest rule in the history of socialism, and the more precious we feel is the unprecedented history of its founding and are the exploits pioneered and achieved by our forerunners in the revolution.

Greeting the significant anniversary of the Party's founding, I pay immortal glory and noble tribute to the revolutionaries of the first generation of the WPK who achieved the historic cause of giving birth to the militant General Staff of the revolution through an arduous and complicated struggle.

I also extend warm greetings to the members of the

WPK and all other people across the country, who are working with devotion to implement the struggle programme of the Party, supporting it single-heartedly with absolute trust in it and an unshakable belief in the victory of the revolution, even in the face of every manner of trials and difficulties.

It is highly significant that on this anniversary of the historic day when the cause of its building was achieved, in reaffirming the justness of the line of building up the Party in the new era and hardening our revolutionary faith and will to remain loyal to its cause, we are reflecting on how its original features appeared, how it was founded, and how its glorious and victorious history started.

Next year we will be greeting the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Party founding.

A revolutionary party with the longest ruling history—this is no simple rhetorical expression.

The epochal significance of the day when the birth of the vanguard of the Korean revolution was declared to the world is particularly significant not simply because, thanks to this day, our Party could set the longest record in the history of ruling socialist parties.

It is all the more so because preserving the purity of

all the priceless assets and traditions created in the pioneering period of the revolution is a key issue decisive of its future development as the revolution advances, and because today we are fully realizing its importance.

The sacred ruling history of the WPK that spans nearly 80 years and the great exploits it has performed in these decades for the country, the people, the times and the revolution originated in the characteristic and profound ideals and spirit it adopted at the time of its founding and their steadfast inheritance.

In the long period since the day of its grand origin to this day, it has led the socialist cause to victory, firmly maintaining its unique revolutionary character and original features. It has done so without the slightest deviation or discolouring and while enjoying the absolute support and trust of the masses of the people. This is a result of it remaining faithful to its original ideals and spirit and steadily carrying them forward from one generation to the next.

The most decisive factor in the existence and development of a political party is the ideals and spirit on which it was founded and how they have been inherited in their pure form.

As an issue related to a party's historical origin and character and the lineage that ensures its existence from one generation to the next, this has an important bearing on its building and activities.

The original ideals and spirit of the WPK, which are unique in the history of political parties of the working class, contain a precious, iron truth. Uncovered in the course of pioneering a new road of building a revolutionary party, its everlasting veracity has been verified on the arduous road of consolidating the Party's organizational and ideological foundations to this end.

These great spiritual assets have served as a dynamic force that has enabled the WPK to follow a road resplendent with victory while preserving its character and bloodline and steadily improving its ruling and guiding abilities as a revolutionary party of a Juche type, which, in its struggle to build a communist society where the people's ideals are fully realized, is guided solely by its leader's revolutionary ideology.

Having established, even before its birth, spiritual foundations solid enough to guarantee its eternal viability, the WPK has been able to adorn the entire course of its arduous and complicated struggle with

victories and successes.

But for the spiritual assets bequeathed by the generation who pioneered the cause of its founding, the Party would not have been able to found itself as a mass-based party of the working people in such a short period of time immediately after liberation, in defiance of the various political parties and groupings advocating isms and assertions of all hues; nor would it have been able to achieve the cause of founding the army and state and then achieve a miracle by repulsing the armed invasion by the allied imperialist forces and thus demonstrating the honour and glory of the new-born Korea.

When the other ruling socialist parties were being swept into the vortex of revisionism and dogmatism, resulting in the political upheaval of a capitalist revival in a number of countries, our Party marched forward unflinchingly under the banner of its socialist and communist programme. Its profile continues to shine as the symbol of a revolutionary party.

In the case of several working-class parties, the chronicles of their building, though they were born as a revolutionary vanguard championing the demands and interests of the working people, record how they

gave up their original fighting programmes and the revolutionary spirit of their founder generation, and became degenerate in the face of countless challenges and counter-revolutionary offensives, ultimately meeting their end.

For a party to pursue reformism in its building on the pretext of changes in the times inevitably leads to a deviation from its original ideals and the degradation of its ideology and spirit, which will in turn weaken its ruling effectiveness.

Transformation and innovation is a law-governed demand in party building and an essential precondition for a party's political leadership over the revolution and construction.

Yet, a revolutionary party should never permit any transformation or reform of the ideals and spirit it adopted at the time of its founding.

This is because the original ideals and spirit comprehensively represent not only the party's guiding ideology, fighting programme and positive experience of its founding, but also the principles and ethos it must adhere to throughout the course of its building.

The true value of a party's original ideals and spirit



lies not simply in that they served as a powerful engine driving the cause it adopted at its inception, but also in that they offer a sure guarantee, through its inexhaustible viability, of its enhanced leadership ability and brighter future, even after its founding.

Mindful of the noble sense of responsibility and mission it assumed for the destiny of the country and the people, our Party has consistently adhered to and carried forward its original ideals and spirit, even in the face of manifold, unprecedented and complicated trials. This has enabled it to record a long ruling history as one of steadfast development and laudable guidance, and of devoted service to the people.

No other party in the world has existed for as long or is better-prepared than ours in terms of the years it has been ruling, or of its leadership authority, ideology, theory, work methods and discipline.

The absolute dignity and greatness that are unique to our Party precisely reflect the ennobling and great qualities of its original ideals and spirit; its inexhaustible viability is derived from that of its original ideals and spirit.

Our Republic has made great leaps forward in the face of unprecedented difficulties and developed into

a matchless power which no other forces dare defy. Our people, when they witness its sacred and dignified image, realize anew the value of its great ideals and spirit.

When the banner a party raised at its inception is great and when its succession is great, the party's past, present and future will all be adorned with victory and glory—this is a truth etched in the near-80-year history of the WPK.

This iron truth has been verified by history and will remain valid for all eternity.

We should maintain the purity of the original ideals and spirit of our Party that have determined its revolutionary character and mode of existence, and apply them to the letter in building it and in its activities. This is the way to ensure its eternal development as a dignified and powerful party throughout the ages.

Those, who should stand in the vanguard of our Party as it wins victory after victory on the strength of its great original ideals and spirit, are the officials who are most faithful to it.

Throughout the change of generations as the revolution has advanced, our officials, the backbone of

our Party, should remain communist revolutionaries who are fully equipped with its original ideals and spirit. If they do so, we can implement the five-point line of Party building in the new era and thus improve the profile and militant efficiency of our Party in every way possible.

Proceeding from this, our Party, at the historic watershed of its development, raised the slogan *Let Us Open a Great Golden Age of Party Building in the New Era by Carrying Forward Its Original Ideals and Spirit!* It also set it as the primary revolutionary task for cadres to carry forward at a higher level the ideals, faith, spirit and temperament cherished by the first-generation revolutionaries who accomplished the cause of Party founding.

Juche-type communist revolutionaries should adopt the original ideals and spirit of the Party as the essence of their ideological and mental attributes.

Loyalty to the leader, devotion to the revolutionary cause, the spirit of serving the people, a high level of class consciousness, socialist patriotism and ennobling moral traits—these constitute the major ideological and spiritual qualities of a communist revolutionary of a Juche type, the perfect incarnation of which were the

anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters.

Despite having no government to support them, these fighters pioneered the revolution with their bare hands and waged it while eating and sleeping in the blizzard-swept wilderness. In doing so, they trusted the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and nobody else, and their 20-year-long, immortal chronicle of resistance and the sacred history of Party founding were written with their beautiful ideals of socialism and communism, their steadfast faith in the revolution, and their indomitable fighting spirit.

Having performed imperishable exploits in founding the Party and carrying out the sacred cause of building the country and its armed forces, the revolutionary forerunners remained honest and resolute all their lives and worked with devotion for the prosperity of the country and the wellbeing of their fellow people.

Many years have passed, but the noble soul cherished by those first-generation revolutionaries has served as an inexhaustible source of sustenance for bringing up the people of the later generations as true fighters and communists.

To embody and apply the Party's original ideals

and spirit to the letter poses itself today as the most pressing, vital task facing our officials as leading personnel of the revolution.

Our Party is making sustained efforts to build up the country's defence capability so as to cope with the allied imperialist forces' moves for aggression and war. At the same time, it is conducting gigantic projects for the comprehensive development of socialism.

The tasks facing us are challenging, and we are short of qualified officials who are equal to them.

The first-generation revolutionaries who created the Party's original ideals and spirit have passed away, and the faithful, veteran officials of the second generation who were trained under their direct concern and influence are passing away one after another. In order to ensure that the officials of the new generation fill their forerunners' positions and roles with credit, we should make constant efforts to transform cadres along revolutionary lines and should adopt radical measures to improve their training.

This is the very reason why the Party Central Committee puts the main emphasis on improving personnel administration, underlining the need for our

cadres to live and work like the forerunners who blazed a trail for the cause of Party founding. In recent years, while giving top priority to the work of the Central Cadres Training School of the Workers' Party of Korea, it has invested a huge sum in developing it into a political school without parallel in the world, the best "pedigree farm" for training Party cadres.

The ruling history of our Party spans nearly eight decades, and its policy of making officials revolutionary and working-class dates back well over half a century. Never before have we brought the Party's original ideals and spirit to the fore as the banner for transforming cadres along revolutionary lines.

Only when we equip our cadres with the far-reaching ideals, steadfast revolutionary faith and indomitable spirit that have been etched in the great history of Party founding, can we successfully attain the goal of transforming our Party's cadres along revolutionary lines and bring about a great turn in building up the Party.

The Party's original ideals should be the purpose of life and work of our cadres, and part of their creed, and the Party's original spirit and ethos should dominate their thinking and actions. Only then will the

ranks of our Party's cadres become steel-strong, formed of genuine communist revolutionaries, and can we add inexhaustible dynamism to our cause of building up the Party so it can make a steady advance along the road of victory.

All our officials should work hard to temper themselves in the flames of transforming cadres along revolutionary lines, fully conscious of the urgent practical requirements and the important mission they have assumed for the times—that of writing a new, great chapter in the history of the WPK by carrying forward its original ideals and spirit.

That officials possess the Party's original ideals and spirit as mental attributes means that they cherish, as their essential temperament and principle of life, the first-generation revolutionaries' boundless loyalty to the Party and the revolution and their spirit of devoted service to the people, and that they always think and act accordingly.

Loyalty to the Party, the revolution and the people, as displayed by that generation, is the three-point essential temperament to be possessed by our officials as the leading personnel of the revolution and the hard core of our Party.

Officials should have a high degree of loyalty to the Party and fulfil their responsibilities and duties as its core members in supporting its ideology and leadership.

They should take the lead, first and foremost, in defending our Party's dignity and authority in every possible way.

Our Party's dignity represents our state's prestige. It is a source of the greatest pride and honour for our people.

The forerunners of the preceding generations, despite the difficulty and complexity of their struggle, never compromised in safeguarding the Party's dignity and authority and defending the revolution. We must never allow their ennobling spirit and merited contributions to remain merely as memories of the past.

In the present struggle, too, our officials should regard it as the starting point and fundamental principle of their thinking and activities to defend the prestige of the Party to the hilt.

They should make it their habit to strive at all times to identify any shortcomings in ensuring the absolute authority of the Party in every process and on every



occasion in their work and life, and take steps to prevent even the most minor defects.

They should consider all affairs carefully and organize and carry them out scrupulously while giving top priority to ensuring the authority of the Party rather than attempting to achieve instant success.

They demonstrate their loyalty to the Party most intensively in implementing its lines, policies and decisions to the letter.

The environment and conditions in the early days after the Party was founded were worse than those of today, and the cadres' academic attainments and career were insignificant. However, their viewpoint on and attitude to the Party's lines and policies and their political awareness and sensibility were at a remarkably high level—a level our officials should attain today.

Officials should learn from the spiritual world of the first-generation revolutionaries, and become staunch fighters who act irreproachably in implementing the Party's policies, even in the face of manifold trials and difficulties.

At present, some officials are ignorant of the essence of our Party's policies, and are working

subjectively, merely to satisfy their own preferences. Claiming that they are implementing the Party's policies, they are deviating from Party principle by vulgarizing these policies and even distorting the way they are executed. These are serious mistakes.

In everything they do, officials should have a clear understanding of the Party's intention and, on this basis, consistently maintain the methodology of planning their work and finding solutions to problems; they should direct the greatest efforts to carrying out the Party's decisions perfectly, without the slightest compromise or deviation.

They should fully display their Party spirit in the struggle for strengthening the politico-ideological unity of the Party and the single-hearted unity of the revolutionary ranks.

We should never rest on our laurels or relax, on the excuse that the unity and cohesion of the Party and the revolutionary ranks have been firmly maintained, nor should we forget even for a moment that the enemy within and without are resorting to more desperate schemes, waiting for a chance to undermine our single-hearted unity.

With an awareness that they are standing at the

forefront of defending the unity and cohesion of the Party, officials should firmly preserve the politico-ideological purity of the revolutionary ranks by launching a principled, merciless struggle against those whose ideology and class consciousness have been undermined.

They should think and act thoroughly in line with the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee, launch an immediate struggle against any negative tendencies and elements, however trifling, such as idolizing individuals, regarding oneself as exceptional and working in a self-centred manner, and stamp them out resolutely.

As I have said previously, our officials should coordinate public sentiments as carefully as running with an electric bulb on a glass tray. This means that it is a very difficult task to manage the public sentiments and maintain unity, and great efforts and due care and attention should be directed to this task.

Officials should fully orientate and subordinate all their work to strengthening the single-hearted unity between the Party and the masses. They should deal with any problems that arise in accordance with Party and class principles after correctly distinguishing

whether they are favourable or not to cementing this single-hearted unity.

Our officials should work devotedly in a thorough revolutionary spirit.

Our Party established the unique strategy of developing all sectors of socialist construction, all regions of the country and all fields of the national economy in a balanced, simultaneous way. It made the challenging strategic decision to shoulder the task for a mid-term and long-term rural rejuvenation and regional development while carrying out the gigantic struggle tasks of the five-year plan put forward at its Eighth Congress.

It is a clear expression of our Party's revolutionary stand to live up at all costs to the responsibilities entrusted to it by the times and the revolution as well as to the people's trust and expectations. This requires all our officials to make unyielding and devoted efforts with a renewed revolutionary conviction and fighting spirit.

As has been shown by the many loyal people who have stoutly supported the Party's cause from the early days of its founding up to the present, a fighter who overcomes hardships by means of conviction and

optimism and devotes his all to the sacred cause of the country and the people can be called a genuine revolutionary.

A person who lacks conviction and optimism can neither feel the worth of waging the revolution nor overcome hardship, and will easily waver in the face of trials and difficulties.

With a clear insight into the present reality that convincingly demonstrates the absolute superiority of the socialism of our own style and promises a bright future for the overall rejuvenation of our state, officials should brave the challenges and trials of every manner in the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude and carry out the decisions of the Party Congress and the plenary and Political Bureau meetings of the Party Central Committee.

For them to retain a strong sense of responsibility and display infinite devotion in implementing their official duties is particularly pressing.

Loyalty to the revolution demands both a keen sense of responsibility for one's revolutionary duty, and unyielding exertion.

The present era, in which we are waging a campaign for gigantic creation the like of which is

unprecedented in the history of our socialist construction, requires hands-on officials who achieve remarkable results with a high sense of responsibility, a bold drive, a stubborn fighting spirit and a determined executive ability.

However, our officials have yet to rid themselves of such irresponsible and insincere tendencies as formalism, expediency and self-protectionism. This has proved to be a hindrance to our advance and development.

With the firm view and stand that they are assuming full responsibility for their work before the Party and the state, they should always rack their brains to find ways to achieve greater success and more substantial results, and should work with devotion to achieve them.

If it is for the sake of the revolution, they should not argue about the limits of their responsibility nor approach it with a self-centred attitude, but instead shoulder of their own accord any task, however challenging it may be—this is the attitude of a genuine revolutionary, the attitude of a master.

Officials should do away with the indifferent and self-centred practice of staying aloof from any

problems that are beyond the bounds of their responsibility, and adopt a proper stance and attitude of considering and approaching every problem in the interests of the Party and the state.

Our officials should become faithful servants of the people for whom loyalty to them is an inherent quality.

The essence of our Party's original ideals and spirit is the people-first principle.

In the first days of our Party founding, the Korean communists inscribed on its sacred red flag their lofty ideals for building a new country whose masters are the people, as well as their faith and will with which they would sacrifice themselves without hesitation for the sake of their fellow people.

The nearly eight decades of our Party's struggle to defend the red flag symbolizing its original ideals and spirit represent the history of preserving its nature and original features as a genuine party of the people. And following this course, our Party has administered great people-first politics that are unprecedented in the political history of ruling socialist parties.

The people-first principle is not an abstract slogan, but the political creed unique to our Party, which

permeates all its lines and policies and the viability of which our people have experienced through their everyday life.

Despite the manifold difficulties facing the state, our Party initiated and is unfailingly carrying out gigantic projects of lasting significance to translate the people's ideals and dreams into reality. It is also ensuring that the more difficulties the people experience, the deeper the whole Party goes among the masses, sharing weal and woe with them. Such traits can never be displayed or imitated by other ruling socialist parties.

The people-first principle—this represents our Party's original features and its absolute ruling effectiveness.

Our officials' loyalty to the people should find expression in wholeheartedly supporting the Party Central Committee's people-first politics and faithfully serving them.

They should, above all, acquire a proper view of and attitude towards the people.

It is self-evident that an official with an improper view of the people can neither respect nor serve them.

Our Party has been able to perform great and



undying exploits because, since the initial days of its founding, it has regarded it as its inherent mission to believe in the people as in heaven and serve them, and has made strenuous efforts to this end. Thereby, it has won their absolute support and trust, despite the passage of time and changes of the generations.

If a party is alienated or divorced from the people, it is futile to talk about or think of its lines and policies, struggle and achievements. Likewise, if officials are separated from the people, it is pointless to speak about their worth.

Officials should never deviate from the view that the people do not exist for the sake of cadres, but the latter exist for the sake of the former, and from the stand and attitude of regarding the people as sacred beings and respecting them as their mentors at all times and in all circumstances.

At its historic Eighth Congress, our Party put special emphasis on holding higher the ideal of “The people are god,” along with those of single-hearted unity and self-reliance, and declared them to the whole world. Officials should cherish the true meaning of this ideal, be infinitely courteous and sincere before the people, and remain faithful to their

duty as true servants of the people.

Recently, we have brought the residents of flood-hit areas to the capital city and taken warm and sincere care of them while providing their children with education. We have also decided to add the construction of advanced public health facilities, facilities for science, education and cultural activities, and grain management facilities to the regional development policy. These revolutionary measures testify to our Party's belief that the people are its god.

Our officials, in everything they do, should consider whether it will infringe on the demands and interests of the people and whether it will cause any inconvenience to them. They should approach and deal with problems from their standpoint and from the viewpoint of providing convenience to them and promoting their wellbeing.

They should cherish the boundless trust of the people, who call the Workers' Party mother, as the expression of their greatest confidence and expectation, and should regard it as their duty to discover and take charge of new things for them and make positive efforts to find solutions to the urgent problems they are facing.

It is of particular importance, in acquiring the traits as befitting an official of the Party, to be prudent in words and deeds.

As always, officials' moral traits are a serious political issue that is directly related to the prestige of the Party.

I stress once again: if officials make the slightest mistake in words or deeds before the people, they will lower the prestige of the Party and estrange the masses from it.

Our revolutionary forerunners, who laid the firm foundations of the Party and secured its prestige in the early days after its founding, performed feats in their work that have been praised by all. However, there was no gap between them and their fellow people, and they built up the foundations for establishing a sound climate in the Party by dint of their unique people-oriented spirit and work style.

Officials should always be courteous and wear a bright expression whenever they approach the masses, be they ten or one, and should give sincere advice to those who have made a mistake, and lead them forward.

They should be infinitely humble in front of the

masses and mix with them unceremoniously. Every word and deed should overflow with the ennobling moral traits and warm human feelings of respecting and caring for them.

We should continue to step up the struggle to root out abuses of power, bureaucracy and the accumulation of wealth by illicit means.

Such negative practices, which fundamentally run counter to our Party's original ideals and spirit, are the main targets of our struggle.

Officials should refrain from harbouring such attitudes of expecting special treatment while regarding themselves as exceptional beings and seeking only their own interests by abusing their power, but make it a habit to lead the same life with other people.

Times have changed a lot since the Party's founding, but its mode of existence and activities—sharing weal and woe with the people and standing in the vanguard of their struggle—remains unchanged.

If the slightest manifestation is revealed among the officials of the abuse of power, bureaucracy and the accumulation of wealth by illicit means, it will

harm the Party and leave a blot on their political integrity. Bearing this in mind, they should control and temper themselves, working and living modestly, simply and frugally.

In addition, they should not spare comradely advice and help for other officials working with them. This will ensure that not the slightest practice of the abuse of power, bureaucracy and corruption is revealed among them. They should also make continuous efforts to awaken and educate their family members and relatives lest they are guilty of some unsound practices.

In order to become communist revolutionaries who are possessed of the Party's original ideals and spirit as mental attributes, our officials should intensify their studies.

Studying is the primary process by which they acquire and steadily improve their Party, revolutionary and people-oriented spirit; it is also an important means of the revolutionary transformation of cadres.

Fully aware that studying hard is an essential part of their training in the Party spirit and their revolutionary self-improvement, officials should study voluntarily, diligently and substantially.

They should pay primary attention to studies aimed at arming themselves with the Party's lines and policies.

Our Party's revolutionary ideology is an ever-victorious banner leading the cause of Juche. It provides absolutely correct guidelines for ushering in a golden age of building up the Party and achieving national prosperity in the new era.

Officials should regard it as a vital task to arm themselves with the Party's ideology and policies, keeping in mind that, without understanding them fully, they can neither be faithful to the important responsibilities and duties entrusted to them by the Party nor breathe the same air as, and keep step with, the advance of the times.

They should equip themselves firmly with our Party's revolutionary ideology by conducting an in-depth study of its documents in a chronological order and in a systematic and comprehensive manner, thereby making it an element of their firm faith.

In particular, they should intensify their study of the Party's current policies, such as the new policy on regional development, until they have fully grasped their gist, and then identify what they need to do for

implementing them, and take practical steps to this end.

In arming themselves with our Party's ideology and theories, they should place particular emphasis on effectively studying its line of building up the Party in the new era.

Mindful of the Party Central Committee's intention to usher in a new golden age of building up the Party by carrying forward its original ideals and spirit, they should, having studied hard to grasp the essence, originality, viability and great vitality of the five-point line of building up the Party, make it an element of their faith and find ways of applying it in practice.

They should also conduct an in-depth study of how our Party was founded and has been developed.

The new golden age of building up the Party should start with their studying of how our Party was founded and has been developed, and learning from the ennobling spirit of our forerunners who made an undying contribution to pioneering and advancing the cause of building a Juche-oriented party—this is our Party's requirement.

All officials should effectively study the history of our Party in various forms and by various methods, to the point that they can gain knowledge that is as good

as first-hand experience of how the first-generation revolutionaries, against all the odds, pioneered the great cause of Party building and carried it through with credit, and of how hard the second- and third-generation revolutionaries have worked in carrying forward their predecessors' soul and spirit.

They should also be well aware of how dearly they paid for the creation of our Party's history and tradition of unity and cohesion, which is unprecedented in the history of building revolutionary parties, ruling socialist parties in particular, and of how the fighters of the preceding generations defended the Party Central Committee and the revolution in times of grave trials.

In order to become communist revolutionaries who embody the Party's original ideals and spirit, officials should cultivate and train themselves in a revolutionary manner through a Party life.

Party life is a school for revolutionary education and a furnace for revolutionary training where officials can acquire and consolidate their loyalty to the Party, the revolution and the people.

Bearing in mind that anyone who neglects a Party life and fails to temper their loyalty to the Party will



degenerate in spite of themselves and end up being a traitor and renegade of the revolution, officials should enhance their loyalty to the Party and their revolutionary temperament by taking a voluntary and sincere part in Party life.

They should participate in a Party life faithfully and with a high appreciation of the Party organization, just as rank-and-file Party members do—this is an obligation stipulated in the Party Rules and a course of their cultivating revolutionary traits.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters strove to enhance their loyalty to the Party by reviewing their Party life by themselves even in the throes of successive battles and marches. Learning from their ennobling examples, officials should respect the Party organization and take a fully responsible attitude and approach towards its decisions.

By taking a voluntary and sincere part in Party meetings, reviews of Party life and Party study sessions, they should establish a regularized climate of obeying Party discipline and working and living accordingly. They should get into the habit of making conscious efforts to place themselves under the Party organization's guidance and control.

They should train themselves ideologically and enhance their Party awareness through intensive criticism and a struggle against the outdated ideas.

Self-reflection and principled, comradely criticism are the most efficacious of political “tonics.” They help our officials work harder with a strong sense of their basic duty as Party members and revolutionaries. A struggle against the outdated ideas is a fundamental method for transforming cadres along revolutionary lines.

Officials should review their Party life conscientiously from time to time according to the Party Rules and regulations, and they should be frank with the Party organization concerning their mistakes and act boldly to correct them.

When others make a mistake, they should offer them principled criticism based on the Party’s ideology, policies and discipline. Not confining themselves to this, they should help them with all sincerity so that they can rectify the mistake.

Success or failure in preparing officials as genuine communist revolutionaries who embody the Party’s original ideals and spirit depends largely on the role of Party organizations.

Officials' self-awareness alone is not enough to enhance their loyalty to the Party, the revolution and the people.

If we connive at, and take a hands-off approach towards, any signs of unorganized, undisciplined or negative practice that is revealed among officials, we cannot maintain the Party's original ideals and spirit. Ultimately, this will fail to provide a sure guarantee for the future of the Party and the revolution.

Party organizations at all levels should be fully aware that transforming cadres along revolutionary lines is a crucial matter that has a direct bearing on the destiny of the Party and the successful accomplishment of the socialist cause, strengthen the education of and control over officials and thus establish strict discipline within the Party.

They should make exacting demands on officials so that they become fully conversant with the Party's internal regulations and order and strictly observe them in and out of work; they should also exercise tight control and guidance so that officials draw up detailed action plans, work according to them, and exert themselves in implementing their assignments to produce substantial results.

They should work effectively to educate and control officials lest they act contrary to the Party's principles and discipline in the course of directing lower-echelon units and in their daily activities. If any negative practice is revealed, they must never connive at it, and instead make an issue of it and help them rectify it.

By taking into account the requirements of the developing revolution and the preparedness of officials, they should work out a detailed methodology for transforming them along revolutionary lines and make persevering efforts to this end, correcting any deviations promptly and steadily intensifying this work.

Next year is very significant, in that our glorious Party will greet its 80<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary and its Central Committee will complete its eighth term.

From now on, we should make good preparations for celebrating this anniversary of our Party as a grand political festival that will proudly review its longest history as a ruling socialist party and mark a watershed in opening up a new, great era of building up the Party and the country.

In addition, we should successfully carry out the

policy-oriented tasks presented by the Eighth Party Congress.

All officials should embody the Party's original ideals and spirit, and should remain faithful to their responsibilities and duties as the leading personnel of the revolution in the ongoing drive to open up a golden age of strengthening the whole Party and achieving national prosperity.

Filled with greater conviction and mounting morale, we are advancing more vigorously and confidently to bring earlier the victory of socialist and communist construction by carrying forward the Party's invaluable and sacred ideals and spirit.

The intention in pioneering the cause of the Workers' Party of Korea was a truth, and its victory is a truth as well.

The great soul of our forerunners is encouraging us.

Let us all endeavour to maintain our revolutionary upsurge in the new era by making redoubled efforts to achieve proud results with a strong sense of honour and responsibility, as befits the hard core of the great Party and the leading personnel of the revolution.

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