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Dear participants in this Fifth National Conference of Mothers, who are here representing the seven million mothers in our socialist motherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,

I have always respected and loved our dear mothers, so I am delighted to be seeing you at this important meeting. For me, this is a truly happy and moving occasion.

First of all, I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to extend the greatest respect and offer my best regards to our mothers, who have devoted themselves heart and soul to bringing up their children and rendered a great contribution to making our nation prosperous.

Despite the constant hardships and burdens they have had to endure, our mothers' sole concern has been to support the country better and take care of their families. Standing here in front of you, I feel my heart swelling with respect and admiration for them all.

A Conference of Mothers—this meeting reminds everybody of their beloved mother and fills their heart with deep gratitude to her.

Today, warm blessings and a sense of respect are

pouring into this venue from all over the country. Attending this conference, you must be feeling a special sense of pride and dignity for having shouldered the heavy burden you chose and overcome the many painful trials.

In spite of the many heavy burdens you bear on your frail shoulders, you have followed the path you chose without seeking selfish interests or expecting any reward. There must have been times when you found yourselves collapsing from exhaustion. But each time, by gritting your teeth and getting back to your feet, you lived up to your pure conscience.

You, the mothers in our dear country who are present here, have always overcome every manner of mental anguish with a simple smile. Your ennobling spirit makes you all the more beautiful and admirable, even though your facial beauty may be fading due to the pain you have suffered.

In moments of hardship and difficulty, our thoughts turn first to our mothers, who gave birth to us, fed and clothed us, and helped us take our first steps.

This is true in my case, too. Whenever I experience difficulties in dealing with Party and state affairs, I immediately think of the country's mothers.

Every time, the thought of these strong-willed women who face up to overwhelming odds for the

sake of their children's development, inspires and encourages me. In the face of trials, their confidence in our Party has never wavered and their lifelong commitment to the country's prosperity has remained unchanged. When I think of these brave, self-sacrificing women, I renew my determination to keep going, however exhausted I may feel, and I sharpen my sense of responsibility and gain fresh strength.

The self-sacrificing devotion displayed by all the mothers for the good of this country and their spirit and strength provide nourishment not only for their own families, but also for the future of their motherland. This has propelled our great socialist family to advance dynamically by dint of its solid unity based on virtue and tenderness.

The small family groups our mothers have built up with such care out of a feeling of patriotism, constitute a cornerstone that firmly supports our country, thanks to which our great socialist family remains solidly united and our country continues to grow in strength.

This is an enduring exploit performed by the mothers in Korea for the Party, the revolution and the country.

This conference is a platform for paying boundless

tribute to and congratulating them. At it, the Party and state are crowning our patriotic and loyal mothers with the laurels of all the victories we have achieved on the onward march in the new era. It is also a political festival which demonstrates once again the justice and promising future of our cause, in which the coming generations who represent the future of our country, along with the mothers, are revered and placed at the forefront in every consideration.

I would like to avail myself of this important opportunity, on behalf of the Party Central Committee and the Government of the Republic, to offer my heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to all those present at this conference and to all the other mothers in the country, who are nurturing their families' happiness and the country's future with warm feelings, affection and silent devotion.

I also offer my heartfelt thanks and encouragement to the overseas Korean mothers who are handing down the traditions of the nation and a sense of patriotism, with their thoughts turned to the capital city of their motherland where this large gathering of mothers is being held.

Dear mothers,

As society develops and becomes more cultured, the position and role of women grow more important

and mothers' contribution to strengthening the nation's power and propelling the revolution becomes greater.

We are now facing a host of social tasks, which we need our mothers' help to tackle.

These tasks include bringing up our children so that they steadfastly carry forward our revolution, eradicating the mounting non-socialist practices, promoting family harmony and social unity, establishing a sound cultured and moral lifestyle, ensuring that communist virtues and the traits of helping and leading one another forward prevail throughout society, reversing the declining birth rate, and taking good care of their children and educating them properly. In dealing with all these everyday family affairs, we need to join hands with the mothers in the country.

In view of the mothers' position and role in their families and society as a whole, and of the problems currently facing our state and revolution, the Party Central Committee considers this conference to be no less important than a Party Congress or a plenary meeting of the Party Central Committee.

This conference will highlight the positive examples our mothers have set over the past ten or so years since the Fourth National Conference of

Mothers. It will then hold discussions on the tasks and ways for them to fulfil the roles and responsibilities they have assumed before society and their families.

Present at this conference are almost 10 000 women. They include some who have produced many children, some who adopted orphans and took maternal care of them before sending them to major posts of national defence and socialist construction, some whose children have performed distinguished exploits or developed special talents, and some who have made a major contribution to promoting the good of society and the collective while working faithfully at the same job for several decades, along with officials of the central and regional committees of the women's union.

With a firm conviction that this conference will mark an epochal turning point in ensuring that all the mothers in the country, fully aware of their current mission and revolutionary duty, devote their wisdom, strength and enthusiasm to the patriotic cause for the victory of our style of socialism, I declare the Fifth National Conference of Mothers open.



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