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Comrades,

Let us consider why, in the lead-up to the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea, we have gathered in front of this building.

Our visit here today is highly significant, since this is the historic building that hosted the great event of the founding of our Party.

As the birthplace of our Party, it still retains its old appearance despite the passage of time, telling of the great history of Party founding. Standing in front of it, I find it quite moving to reflect on the emotions of that day 80 years ago.

This small, simple building is where the ever-victorious history of the WPK, which has transformed the destiny of our country and our people, started; and this humble place housed the supreme General Staff of the Korean revolution, which led them to initiate a grand start towards building a powerful socialist country. Thinking of this, I cannot suppress my surging emotion.

This sincere, warm feeling can only be felt by the later generation who, cherishing the value of the ennobling soul embodied in the birth of the

revolutionary Party and the first pages of its great history, have left a truly proud imprint for the present and future of our country through a worthwhile struggle to carry forward its original will.

Reflecting the unanimous feelings of all our Party members and other people, I would like to avail myself of this significant opportunity to pay the most ennobling tribute to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners who paved an original path for building a revolutionary party during the bloody struggle for liberating the country, who accomplished the historic cause of founding our revolutionary Party, and who laid a solid cornerstone for its lasting existence and victorious development.

I also express deep appreciation for the contribution made by the members of the Party central leadership present here, other leading cadres of our Party and state, and all Party organizations and officials in performing the weighty yet honourable missions and duties entrusted to them by the Party and the revolution. And on the Party's 80th anniversary I extend heartfelt greetings and warm encouragement to all Party members who have powerfully propelled the advance of our revolutionary cause by displaying pure

Party consciousness and playing a vanguard role, as befitting members of the WPK.

My thanks go to the officials and other staff of this Party Founding Museum and other officials and working people in the revolutionary relics administration sector, who are working with utmost devotion to pass on the glorious history of our Party to posterity.

Comrades,

Not anyone can proudly open the first pages of the sacred history of the founding of their party and recollect the indelible, historic traces of the exploration of a great ideology, of strenuous exertion and of a heroic struggle written on those pages.

It is a special honour, given only to revolutionaries who, based on their inheritance, can review the secret behind the glorious and victorious 80-year course they have travelled from one century into the next.

Our Party is proud that, through an indomitable struggle over the past arduous 80 years, it laid the foundations of socialism on this land in the face of manifold challenges and trials, that it is striving hard to build a powerful country which no one would dare to provoke, and that it has defended the glory of socialism which must never be buried in history. Such

pride defies any description.

What is it that made our Party so strong and what gave it the fame of achieving one victory after another without ever being frustrated? This thought leads us to gaze solemnly at this low-storey building and reflect on the annals of the past great decades.

At this special and auspicious moment when we are greeting the 80th anniversary of the Party at a watershed of fresh development and prosperity, looking back on the decades of Party founding and inheritance will serve as an occasion for renewing the understanding and awareness of the revolutionary obligations and duties of our generation, which must reach without fail the finish line of the socialist cause that was launched and advanced by their forerunners.

Comrades,

The 80-year history of our Party is so great not only because it was founded in an original way, but also because it etched on its banner the socialist ideals of achieving the independence of the masses, and has invariably held fast to them.

The socialism the generation opted for in the days of taking the first step towards building our Party in the liberated country was Korean-style socialism that conformed to our actual conditions, and the approach

to building it was, from A to Z, self-sustenance and self-determination, in other words, believing in the people and relying on their strength.

Having embodied the socialist ideology in its guiding ideology on the first day of its founding, our Party has always remained faithful to its ideals and paved an original path for advancing socialist construction in the tempest of such an arduous and complicated history.

The Juche-oriented socialist ideology and theory, which have displayed their scientific accuracy and vitality in the whole historic course of the socialist revolution and construction in our country, demonstrated their unique power to fuse socialism and the people into one and oriented the history of our Party's administration towards the one of advancing and emerging victorious together with the people.

The secret to our Party achieving the longest ruling history in the socialist movement lies in the immortal vitality of the people-centred socialist ideology and its comprehensive and perfect succession.

Our Party's guiding ideology is socialist ideology that has been enriched, developed and perfected through an 80-year struggle and by the transformations and victories our people and the

officers and soldiers of our army have achieved at the cost of their blood.

The acme and true weight of the 80-year history of our Party lie in having proved that the path we are following together with the people is the road to the victory of socialism.

Comrades,

Another key factor that has enabled our Party to lead the socialist cause along the most correct road, while recording legendary victories and miraculous events for the past 80 years, is that it has given decisive precedence to building an original ruling party that makes selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people by regarding them as the source of its life in conducting the revolution and construction.

The history of our revolution and socialist construction provides clear answers to the questions of how a party, the people and socialism can be bound together by a shared destiny, how the party can gain dignity and fame as an ever-victorious guide, and how the ordinary people can become a great people with a strong character and temperament.

Only when it is steadily strengthened and developed politically, organizationally and ideologically and cultivates a people-oriented

leadership trait and style of work can a party fighting for the people form one organism with them and mobilize and give the fullest play to their inexhaustible resourcefulness and strength, and thus lead the socialist cause to ultimate victory.

The main feature of our Party building is that, while forming the most solid body that is ideologically pure and an integral whole in organization and action and is conducting its activities among the masses of the people by putting forward the people-centred revolutionary ideology as its guiding ideology and ideals, it has been strengthened and developed into a political General Staff that is fused with the people.

As it has oriented everything to decisively ensuring uniformity of ideology and leadership and fully embodied the people-oriented leadership trait in its work and activity, our Party has been able to develop into the most powerful and prestigious political force in the history of revolutionary party building and achieve the historic cause of training the people as an independent driving force of socialism.

Our Party formulated the people-first principle as its political ideal and mode, ensured that making selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people was established as its immutable trait and, in particular,

brought discipline-building and work-style-building to the fore as its ruling history got longer, socialist construction intensified and the generations changed, thereby making it possible to overcome laxity of discipline, abuse of power, bureaucracy and the accumulation of wealth by illicit means, which might be revealed within the Party.

Also, historically, our Party was strengthened into a more militant leading political organization through a struggle to establish the Juche orientation in ideology in the postwar days and various rounds of the self-purification process, including the anti-factionalist struggle. Each time, the people came to infinitely trust and support it and brought about periods of upsurge that were unprecedented in the history of socialist construction, being rallied firmly behind it.

It is an outstanding feat written by our Party in the human history of political parties that it created the fresh appearance of a genuine party that all the people love and defend like their own lives by throwing in their lot with it.

The five-point line of Party building in the new era constitutes a permanent charter for its building. It enables our Party to boost its fighting efficiency and leadership ability in every way while enjoying high

prestige as the guide for the people and the political General Staff in implementing the socialist cause.

In the course of transforming adversity and ordeals into victory and miracles, the purest and most powerful lineage of ideology and revolutionary traditions unique to the WPK were formed. These can never be swayed, revised or tainted.

The 80-year history of the WPK in leading the state and people to socialism has left an iron truth of victory that will last for eternity and a precious spiritual wealth.

It is that the Party, socialism and the people are a community of shared destiny, and a party that always relies on the people and serves them and regards their trust and expectations as its lifeblood wins victory after victory, forever enjoying their absolute support.

Along with this great truth, the road of victory and glory that the present generation is following and the coming generations will continue to follow is being illuminated by the courageous leadership and mode of struggle of the WPK, which has placed the prestige of our state and people at the apex of the world and is ushering in an era of unprecedented transformation for comprehensively developing socialism.

Comrades,

Since the formation of its eighth-term Central Committee, our Party has followed a new trajectory for achieving the comprehensive development of socialism.

In view of our ideals and objectives, we should innovate at a much faster pace than at present; we should adopt a bolder approach and make redoubled, devoted efforts to bring about, within a decade, a transformation in all realms, all sectors and all regions.

The extraordinary political awareness and strenuous exertion of all our people, who have achieved unity on the strength of patriotism and given their all for this endeavour, constitute the greatest of our capabilities, the most definite of our advantages, and the highest of our potentials.

The speed and quality of our state's comprehensive development are determined by how much its citizens, by linking their destiny to their country's and taking on the responsibility for the present and future of their state, display patriotism and loyalty in making efforts to produce the best possible results in their work.

Ours is a state of all the people, one being built by them all; as in the past, it will remain so in the future, too.

Also in the future, as we find solutions to all the

theoretical and practical problems relating to Party and state affairs, our supreme principle and cardinal standard should be to prepare all our people as a powerful, dynamic force opening up the era.

The primary task facing us in leading all the people along the road of victory for the cause of achieving the comprehensive development of socialism is to intensify, at a new high, the efforts to implement the five-point line of Party building in the new era, with a view to improving our Party's features, organizational abilities and fighting efficiency.

We should steadily step up political building with a view to improving the Party's all-round fighting efficiency and leadership abilities. By doing so, we can ensure that the patriotic enthusiasm and resourcefulness of all the people, as well as the capabilities and potentials of all sectors, are committed to achieving the comprehensive development of socialism under the unified leadership of the Party Central Committee.

To streamline the ranks of cadres and build up the Party ranks as an elite force should be a crucial, core task for us in defending the lineage of the Party. We should ensure utmost prudence and perfection in carrying out this task so that ours becomes a

steel-strong party standing on a solid organizational and ideological basis.

It is important in this respect to adopt an innovative approach towards improving the methods of Party work as required by the changing circumstances of the times and the level of the people's consciousness. By doing so we can develop Party work into something novel and proactive, which is effective in understanding the people's sentiments and leading them.

We should continually bolster and refine the Party's leadership abilities, fighting efficiency and art of leadership.

How seasoned a revolutionary party is depends not on the length of its history, but on how hard it works to improve its leadership ability and fighting efficiency, always aware of the weighty mission it has to perform in leading the socialist cause as the political General Staff.

We should systematically formulate and use to good effect all the skills and methods of leadership, the traits of Party work and the habits of Party life, which have been displayed by our Party in its eight-decade ruling history. Furthermore, we should be active in creating and applying exemplary methods

and styles of Party leadership in the new era to make our Party's ruling power absolute.

We should continue to consolidate strict order and a sound climate of discipline within the Party, while giving precedence to promptly discovering and eliminating every manner of element and act that undermines the Party's leadership prestige.

As I have emphasized on various occasions, cadres bear very heavy and important responsibilities and duties in giving strong impetus to comprehensive development during a period which can be called the second era of nation building.

Today we need the spirit, courage and self-confidence of the days when the Party and a new country were being built.

Leading officials of the Party and state should sustain the Party's original ideals and spirit as their mental attributes, have a correct understanding of the requirements of the times and the reality, and the essence and core of the Party's policies, and cherish the intrinsic nature of communists who shoulder their responsibilities while linking all issues directly to the future of the Party and the state.

Success in every work depends on how the cadres play their role.

They should regard it as a political principle and their iron rule to assume full responsibility for the work of their sectors and units.

They should lead the masses to have firm confidence from the outset through correct planning and organizational work for implementing the Party's policies, not by words. They should have the ability to organically combine Party guidance with economic and technical guidance so as to give the fullest play to the masses' strength and wisdom. They should also encourage the masses, through principled and fair reviews and appraisals, to feel for themselves the worth of and pride in their life, and redouble their efforts. Only such officials can lead the masses and make them all genuine masters of their workplaces.

A change in cadres' viewpoint on the masses, moral traits and style of work should precede a change in their way of thinking and abilities.

Our Party will step up the advance of the revolution, sweeping away all evil practices revealed among officials such as ignorance, incompetence, irresponsibility, self-protection, formalism and expediency, as well as arbitrariness, high-handedness and the abuse of power, which are rejected by the people and damage socialism.

Only excellent cadres who live with the revolution, defend the revolution and lead their work correctly to the goals set—people who are enterprising, heroic and staunch enough to brave any difficulties—can take the lead in the current era.

When we feel tired and when we need greater courage, we should take to heart the spirit and fighting will of the Party-founding generation, who held high the red flag in empty hands and cut their way through bloody battles to bring about a new world of communism, and should display high enthusiasm for the revolution.

We should not suspend our struggle, but continue to wage the revolution until we achieve the complete victory of socialism, successfully realize the ideals of our people, and attain the ultimate goal of our revolution.

We are endeavouring to achieve the loftiest cause, and are willing to sacrifice anything for the sake of it.

Let us struggle more staunchly for the great prosperity of our state with ardent revolutionary enthusiasm and courage to advance to a greater victory, finding the worth of waging the revolution in overcoming difficulties without fearing hardships.

Comrades,

It is a truly proud thing that, at this historic building where the Party was founded, we can recall the course the Party has followed from one century to the next and pledge to give steady continuity to the great course forever.

Just as we are proudly recalling here today the road we have followed, we will continue to greet the days when we will look back with pride here once again upon the arduous road ahead of us.

This historic building will shine forever as a sacred sanctuary imbued with the lineage of the WPK and its ever-victorious traditions for all ages.

Long live the Workers' Party of Korea!

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