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Generals, officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the heroic Korean People's Army,

Officers and soldiers of the parade units,

Labour innovators and meritorious individuals from across the country, citizens of Pyongyang and overseas compatriots,

Esteemed guests of honour who are spending this significant evening with us,

The parade of the armed forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the culmination of the celebrations for the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea, is about to begin.

First of all, I warmly welcome the guests from all walks of life and our dear friends from various countries, who have been invited to this grand event.

I extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all the people across the country, who have devoted the precious sweat of their creativity and labour, as well as their sincerity, to this October day of glory.

I also express my deep gratitude to the parties and governments of various countries and international democratic organizations for the congratulations they have extended to our Party, government and people on

the occasion of the significant holiday.

Comrades and friends,

The elite representatives of the armed forces of the Republic, which our Party has built up in the course of 80 long years, have gathered here.

The steel-strong columns of our armed forces are about to display the might developed by the WPK for the good of the people, whom it has embraced as its destiny, and for socialism, which is our people's unanimous aspiration and choice.

Today, we will confirm once again the eternity of our sovereignty and our cause, which can be defended and guaranteed only by strength and ultimate victory.

I believe it is a source of exceptional honour and pride that a party leading the revolution with just ideals should celebrate its entire history and demonstrate its bright future through a parade by such brave armed forces.

All officers and soldiers of the parade units,

I warmly congratulate you on enjoying the greatest privilege of leaving historic steps on the path of glory by maintaining the greatest pride of the WPK and the greatest honour of the DPRK.

Comrades and friends,

In witnessing the dignity of the soldiers on parade

and the warm respect emanating from their eyes on this grand occasion which our army has arranged in celebration of the founding anniversary of the Party, I am overcome by a feeling of solemnity at the thought of the officers and soldiers who, with their absolute loyalty and matchless courage, have always taken the lead on the WPK's journey.

Our Party has led the Korean revolution for the past 80 years, and has now reached the present day of glory. In reviewing its history, we feel infinite dignity and pride in having loyal armed forces that are sharing their destiny with the Party.

Our army is a priceless creation and the brilliant embodiment of our Party's ardent desire and firm will to safeguard and exalt the validity of its ideals and the dignity of its people, from one generation to the next.

Our Party regarded it as its sacred duty to assume full responsibility for the destiny and future of the country and the people; proceeding from this, the Party founded an army before the state, identified the character and mission of the army to reflect its original ideals and spirit, and built regular revolutionary armed forces with the generation that pioneered the cause of its founding as the backbone.

This was the beginning of the long history of army

building, which has progressed along with the history of our Party's leadership; it was also the beginning of the glorious history of the struggle for our cause, which has been firmly supported by strong arms.

As history has recorded, every stage of victory achieved under our Party's guidance is adorned with the sacred exploits of loyalty and patriotism performed by our army before others through self-sacrifice and great feats.

Our army's mission, under the unique circumstances of our revolution, has by no means been straightforward.

Our revolutionary armed forces have consolidated and developed their distinguished role in the course of the struggle to defend the sovereignty of our state and its right to development, and to safeguard the destiny and future of our people. They have always been pivotal in creating a righteous history in line with the Party's will, and have always served as a powerful driving force propelling the Korean revolution forward in the precise direction indicated by the Party.

Our army performed incomparable, outstanding exploits in defending the Party and the lifeline of the revolutionary cause through a bloody struggle in the grim days when our sovereignty and the destiny of the revolution mattered at every step we took.

Along with the march of history, our army's combat

capabilities have been steadily upgraded. However, the staunch spirit of defending the Party Central Committee at the cost of one's life has remained unchanged, and our army has consistently maintained its unique tradition of being at the forefront of the ground-breaking and advance in resolutely supporting the Party's cause.

Our army, which has never, from the outset of its founding, been free from the heavy responsibility of containing the worst threat of aggression, has marked the key stages of rebuilding and socialist construction with indelible great feats. This fact highlights the intrinsic nature and unique image of our army, which responds to the Party's call absolutely and unconditionally.

Our people are aware that the precious gains and monumental edifices attesting to the great history of socialist Korea and symbolizing the dignity and honour of our state are associated with the noble blood and sweat and extreme self-sacrifice of the revolutionary army, and for this they are eternally thankful, from one generation to the next.

No other part of our society can match the army in terms of its records and achievements.

We can say with pride that when, at every moment, implementing the socialist cause was a hand-to-hand fight against counter-revolutionaries and when the

transformation and creation was at its height, the People's Army was the staunch guard that defended the Party at every stage of our revolution and a powerful vanguard that supported its leadership most actively throughout the history of our Party.

What we can say with more confidence now is that our army's staunch fighting spirit in support of the Party's cause is being displayed on an ever-higher level with each passing day.

The new era of transformation can be described as a watershed in the history of our Party's struggle. It can be called a sacred age that is seeing the crystallization of the revolutionary traits, mass heroism and do-or-die fighting spirit of our army which has always responded to the Party's decisions with perfect execution, taking them as an absolute truth and supreme order.

In recent years, we cannot think of a single major theatre of campaign where the service personnel of the People's Army are not involved, from the acute confrontation with the enemy and disaster relief projects, to grand construction projects in the capital and provinces. In executing them, the service personnel have never failed to live up to the expectations of the Party and the people.

Whenever we witness the miraculous achievements

of the officers and soldiers of our army, I feel a strong surge of emotion. What words could possibly describe the painstaking efforts and endeavours they have devoted to such feats of creation and struggle?

For me and for our Party, the army is a genuine source of strength.

With its indomitable spirit and invincible might, the army has consistently redoubled our Party's strength in overcoming difficulties and bringing earlier a bright future.

Our Party is eternally grateful to and proud of the army for the immutable feats it has performed through the unstinting devotion of their precious blood and sweat. Inspired by its self-sacrificing spirit and heroic struggle, our Party is leading the people confidently along the road to the comprehensive development of socialism.

Through the heroic fighting spirit they have displayed, and the victories they have achieved, in the overseas battlefields, for the cause of international justice and genuine peace, our revolutionary armed forces have demonstrated the ideological and spiritual perfection of our army, which has grown powerful, true to the Party's intention and will.

The WPK will always remain powerful and its future forever bright, thanks to the dependable officers and

soldiers who are sacrificing all their beautiful dreams and their youth to the country and the people—the iron-willed troops who are synonymous with the spirit of absolute service—and are stoutly supporting our Party as unshakable pillars, whatever their rank.

That is why I am all the more glad and happy to be spending this glorious moment of celebrating the founding anniversary of the WPK with our beloved officers and soldiers with whom we will travel together along the long road of revolution to the end.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I pay deep respects to the anti-Japanese forerunners and elders representing the sacred founder generation of our revolutionary armed forces, and to the war veterans and officers and soldiers of the preceding generations who have supported our Party's ideology and cause in the annals of the revolution with their noble patriotism and heroic struggle.

I offer a militant salute to the officers and soldiers of the entire army, who have made devoted efforts for this moment of celebration, both at their impregnable defence posts where they are safeguarding the country and the people and at the socialist construction sites where they are carrying out the Party's plans.

I also offer warm encouragement, on behalf of the

WPK and all the people, to the generals, officers and soldiers of the overseas military operations units who are reliably implementing the orders of the Party and the motherland.

Comrades,

In reflection of the general trend of history and the will of the people, our Party is about to launch the next stage of the struggle, in which it will take another step towards accomplishing the socialist cause.

Certainly, it will not be all plain sailing. But our Party will, in the future, continue to place the People's Army in the vanguard of the advance, which will be more glorious for the country and the people, and bring earlier a bright future by relying on the loyalty and courage of the revolutionary armed forces.

In this struggle, just as it does today, our army should glorify its dignity and honour as the ranks of elite soldiers who are firmly armed with the ideas and will of the WPK, who are the ranks of strong soldiers that are always victorious in battle, and who are the vanguard making a breakthrough in socialist construction.

To defend the sovereignty of the DPRK and protect the security and interests of the Korean people is the supreme duty and overriding mission assumed by our army.

Our army should continue to grow into an invincible body that, with its ability to overwhelm an enemy, destroys every threat to the realm of our self-defence by dint of its political, ideological, military and technical superiority. It should steadily strengthen itself into elite armed forces which win victory after victory, based on the strength of its morality and discipline.

I would like to take this opportunity to affirm that our Party and the government of the Republic, together with the powerful revolutionary armed forces, will, in the future, too, fulfil their responsibilities in the joint struggle of progressive humanity to oppose injustice and hegemony and defend justice and peace.

Our Party and revolutionary armed forces originated from the people, and their sacred purpose and mission are for the sake of serving the people.

Everyone across the country who has turned their thoughts and eyes to the plaza of this grand celebration is looking forward to greater victories and transformations.

I am convinced that the bold heroism, staunch stamina and matchless fighting spirit of our service personnel, for whom nothing is impossible, will continue to be displayed resolutely not only on the country's defence lines, but also at the outposts of socialist construction

where the people's aspirations and ideals are being realized, and at the sites where worthwhile projects for the well-being of the generations to come are being carried out.

The vigorous steps you are taking at this parade today while flying high the colours of glory in defence of the Party's red flag, will be carried forward dynamically as full steps of patriotic loyalty to the country and the people.

Brave officers and soldiers of the Korean People's Army,

Let us all fight more vigorously for the eternal victory of the DPRK and its people and for the might and shining glory of the KPA, under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The great history and heroic feats of the KPA, marching past this glorious place, will encourage our advance.

Glory to the heroic defenders of our cause!

Long live the 80th founding anniversary of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea!

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