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Dear Pyongyang citizens,

Labour innovators and meritorious persons who are invited to this significant new year celebration as representatives of our industrious and patriotic working people,

Faithful and courageous officers and soldiers of the Korean People's Army,

Students, children and artistes who are enhancing the festive atmosphere tonight,

Comrades,

Happy New Year!

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to extend new year greetings to the working people in all sectors, including industrial and agricultural workers, and intellectuals, as well as the other people across the country who, with a heightened sense of dignity and hope, are greeting this meaningful moment at their workplaces, posts and streets, and in their villages and houses.

And I send congratulations to the generals and other officers and soldiers of our heroic army who are greeting the new year filled with the pride in having glorified last year with invaluable exploits and a determination for

sacred service. My militant salute goes to the officers and soldiers of the overseas operations units who, with a deep yearning for their homeland, will be greeting the new year in a far-away foreign land.

I also convey warm greetings to the overseas compatriots who are devoting themselves to the patriotic work for the development and prosperity of their motherland.

Comrades,

We have just bid farewell to the unforgettable year of 2025 with deep emotion.

It was a year filled with fervent hope and dear effort.

We can feel proud that, last year, we boosted our country's strength and dignity.

We rounded off everything perfectly, recording great events on every page of the year.

The regions were transformed by the civilization of the capital, and the capital's development was spurred by the transformation of the regions. All regions, sectors and units across the country achieved exemplary, balanced and simultaneous progress. In this way, the historic cause of aspiring to the overall development of socialist construction successfully passed its first stage.

Certainly, this honour is a fruit of our ideals and faith, our strength and strenuous efforts. At the same time, it is

clear proof that we are following the right path.

The year 2025 was a golden period of epochal significance and transformation in which value was added to the precious lives of our excellent people and their children. It was also a year when we saw in our mind's eye a future in which our state will grow more powerful and beautiful thanks to their affection, wisdom and toil.

I really appreciate the hard work done by everyone in this country throughout the year.

Last year, too, the service personnel of the People's Army, who have always stood in the vanguard of our cause, confronted heavy odds to lead the drive for creation and transformation, and achieved amazing successes. They gained precious victories even at the cost of their lives, thereby creating a heroic age to be revered by the coming generations.

We will always remember that the glory of this night has been brought about by the ennobling sacrifice and exploits of the great sons of our country. In the annals of our eternal victory, we shall etch their names and images as ever-shining stars.

We entered the year 2025 with a heavy heart, as we were confronted with huge tasks. But we believed in our people's patriotism and loyalty, and they were the

real driving force that propelled our unprecedented struggle throughout the year.

Trustworthy are the workers at the Sangwon Cement Complex who raised the torch of increased production ahead of others, true to the Party's intentions; commendable are the agricultural workers who reaped a bumper harvest by tilling their fields with the sweat of their brow in a display of patriotism; and truly admirable are our young women footballers who caused the national flag of our Republic to be hoisted by winning international competitions.

All our people, irrespective of job or workplace—be it a deep pit, the construction site of a power station, a school or a scientific research institute—gave full play to their self-respect, resourcefulness, strength and enthusiasm, as befitting Koreans. Thus they filled the pages of the chronicle of that great year with a sincere record of the development and prosperity of their country.

Only a great people can write such a great chronicle for the times and history.

It is because this great people throw in their lot with the country and find the greatest honour and joy in life in devoting themselves to its victory and glory, that our Party is invincible and our socialism is ever-prosperous.

Not for anything would I ever exchange the dignity and glory of living for our great people and waging the revolution for them. I will live up to the expectations of all the people in the new year, too, by remaining unfailingly faithful to the socialism of their choice, to the sacred ideal of the people-first principle, and to the dignity, rights and interests of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Comrades,

The year 2026 began a few minutes ago.

A more strenuous struggle and greater victory are awaiting us.

Let us all make another start, full of confidence.

There is no dream we cannot fulfil, since we have the confidence and will to live and prosper with dignity, as well as the fighting mettle and creative strength we have assiduously cultivated and fostered.

Let us all unite more firmly on the strength of patriotism, and advance more vigorously and courageously towards the new future that will be indicated by the Ninth Congress of the Party.

It is my sincere hope that every home across the country will be brimming over with love, harmony, joy and happiness in the new year.

Dear comrades,

I propose that we all raise another cheer to express our warm affection and infinite respect for, and pride in, our state.

Long live our great country, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!

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