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Comrades,

In accordance with the long-term plan for transforming our capital city, Pyongyang, and making it more wonderful, we are undertaking a new construction project in the new year.

This is just our struggle.

With the inauguration yesterday and another groundbreaking today, we have been extremely busy. Now, in the lead-up to the Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea that will review its work over the past five years, we must once again make a start without a moment of rest in our struggle for renewed creation and transformation. This is the mettle of our struggle, our aspiration, as well as a demand of the Korean revolution.

All the capital city builders who will participate again in this honourable project,

And the young vanguard who have come to the capital city construction site with soaring enthusiasm,

Comrades,

Let us make a fresh start.

The Hwasong area where we are now truly reflects our high ambition; as a symbol of the civilization of our

era, it gives a glimpse into the level of transformation we intend to achieve.

Construction in this area was planned and has been promoted with the aim of solving the housing problem for the people. But as you see, it has brought about a transformation, namely the formation of an urban district. This can be called a great revolution in capital city construction and clear proof of our ideals and executive abilities.

The scope of our construction is expanding and its goals are getting higher with each passing day. Not only the Hwasong area but also every other part of the country is undergoing a transformation according to our will, and the speed of its realization, from planning to implementation, is being further accelerated.

The country's appearance is changing and the people's wealth is increasing year by year. Along with this, our revolution is following a course of innovation and achieving a leap forward. This has become an irreversible trend of the revolution and a mode of its advance.

We should further accelerate this transformation and make it a permanent habit in socialist Korea to witness new miraculous construction results whenever we are seeing out a year.

This goal is never easily attained, but we have all we need to reach it without fail—accumulated potential, self-confidence, wisdom, experience and capability. Even more important is that we have a large contingent of such faithful and reliable patriots as you.

This is the source of our confidence and great strength that have been proven by the eye-opening successes in construction achieved during the eighth term of the Party Central Committee, and that have taken root deeper in our hearts today.

Comrades,

With the launch of the fifth-stage construction project in the Hwasong area today, our capital city construction will switch to a higher phase.

In other words, capital city construction, which was basically aimed at solving the housing problem, is switching over to a new phase of the large-scale transformation of the overall appearance of the capital city.

Since Hwasong District has already acquired the qualities needed for a modern-day city, we should develop it into an area that is perfect in every aspect; then, as we continue to make dynamic efforts to build more houses, we should model the underdeveloped areas of the capital city after this district. Meanwhile,

we should pursue steady progress in order to open a newer phase of civilization. This is the target we must achieve in the next stage of capital city construction.

By identifying the source of energy for the struggle and the aim of steadfast development in its endeavours for the wellbeing of the people, our Party will uncover new tasks and make persevering efforts to carry them out while regarding it as its supreme, thoroughgoing and consistent principle to look after the people with all sincerity by comprehensively improving their standard of living.

Recent years have witnessed a considerable improvement in the living conditions of the citizens of the capital. However, we should not rest content with this.

We should push ahead with housing construction in the capital, based on a long-term plan and without interruption by taking into account not only the families who are experiencing the inconvenience of sharing a home or living in outdated housing, but also those who are expected to come.

Along with this, we are planning projects for providing a wider range of new services that meet the growing cultural needs of the citizens and for establishing advanced centres in different parts of the

city to this end. In this way, we can give the whole capital city a facelift and improve its functions.

As befits the hub of our country and a source of advanced culture and civilization, the capital city of Pyongyang should be perfect in all aspects and make progress without interruption.

Over the next few years we will get rid of those elements that are inappropriate for the capital city in view of its overall formation and build modern streets. This will give the city a further facelift, which will in turn augment its strategic position and role.

Comrades,

The construction projects that are under way across the country are bringing about one wonderful change after another, and these are a source of pride in our creative efforts.

The chronicle you will write with your courageous struggle will bring about a fresh upsurge in our overall grand construction, and the imprints of your heroic endeavours will be etched indelibly in the history of the construction revolution in the new era.

Reliable young builders,

The Party and your country have placed great faith in you by entrusting you with such an important part of this construction project.

You should once again demonstrate the mettle of young Koreans here in the Hwasong area by displaying the passion with which you built Jonwi Street and, in a western border area of the country, a large country town, a source of pride for our socialist state.

I firmly believe that all you capital city builders will, by pooling your efforts and creativity, wonderfully carry out the first task in the new plan period and render a great contribution to glorifying this significant year, when the Ninth Party Congress will be held, as a successful year.

Comrades,

Our Pyongyang should be the most beautiful and greatest city in the world.

This is our hope, our desire and a source of our self-respect.

Let all of us vigorously turn out once again for the capital city of our motherland.

Forward towards our new great victory!

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