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Comrades,

Today, we are launching the work for 2026, as part of the worthwhile undertaking for carrying out the regional development policy.

Reliable soldiers who have already performed great patriotic feats over the last two years in the vanguard of the era of gigantic transformation,

Officers and soldiers of the 124th Regiment under the 4th Corps,

I extend my heartfelt thanks and militant encouragement to all the soldier-builders who, mindful of the sacred mission of the times and with burning passion, are opening up a new chapter of regional economic development and cultural enlightenment by bringing the delight of a new life to various parts of the country.

I also extend greetings to the members of the non-permanent promotion committees at all levels, officials of the design and other relevant sectors and the working people who have been making responsible and devoted efforts to ensure that these worthwhile undertakings bear good fruit year after year.

Comrades,

We are now standing at the starting point of our gigantic struggle for another year, aimed at regional transformation.

Holding groundbreaking ceremonies for construction projects under the regional development policy at the beginning of a year has become, for our Party and state and for provinces, cities and counties across the country, the first part of their work, which cannot be ignored; so great is its importance.

Today's groundbreaking ceremony, which signals the beginning of regional construction in the new year, reminds us of the true meaning of our honourable struggle.

This is the third year for implementing the regional development policy. Public health facilities and leisure complexes, as well as regional-industry factories, will be built in 20 regions across the country, including here in Unnyul County. This means that nearly one-third of the cities and counties across the country will have been transformed.

This fact is testimony to our firm will to transform and improve the people's lives fundamentally and simultaneously across the country. At the same time, it clearly shows the surging spirit in implementing the expanding regional development policy and the

development potential of our state as it gains in strength year after year.

This represents the fruition of the Party's policy and its correct implementation.

While conducting this undertaking, which we started with a determination to raise to a higher stage the basic material and cultural standards of living of people in the regions, we have produced, through an unyielding pioneering struggle, one wonderful result after another, as demanded by the times and welcomed by everyone. Thus we have gained experience and a framework suitable for steadily promoting regional development on an expanded scale.

The two-year course of implementing our Party's regional development policy has already changed many things in the country.

It has transformed the backward regional economic foundations of the previous century into completely new ones, and brought about many changes in the people's living.

Having attained the heights of central industry, regional industry is gaining a competitive edge with each passing day, and this is effecting changes in the understanding of the provincial areas.

The standard of living, the level of civilization, in

the regions is becoming an important hallmark of the development of our style of socialism.

I am sure that our Party, whose political ideal is the people-first principle, will continue, in the future, too, to tap every potential for regional development and carry out the annual plans for it in a forceful and thoroughgoing way by adopting innovative and scientific methods.

Comrades,

Present at this groundbreaking ceremony are senior military and political cadres of large combined units and combined units, as well as the commanding officers and soldier-builders who attended the review of the 124th regiments at all levels, together with officers and soldiers from the regiment currently mobilized in construction projects for implementing the regional development policy in Unnyul County.

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to express once again high appreciation and thanks to you for creating one valuable wealth after another which will serve as a solid foundation for developing the regions and improving the material and cultural life of people there.

You are now in the vanguard of the efforts for carrying out our Party's revolutionary policy which

nobody could do in the past; you are defending the Party's policy by implementing it in a responsible and immaculate way.

The officers and soldiers of the 124th regiments at all levels of the Korean People's Army have, in the struggle to implement the Party's regional development policy, been faithful to their missions over the past two years; they have fully displayed the temperament and fighting efficiency unique to our army which regards absolute loyalty and resolute implementation as its lifeblood.

I really appreciate the painstaking efforts you have made with conscience and devotion to the cause of our Party and for the good of our state and people. And I am convinced that the endeavour to implement the regional development policy will come to more inspiring fruition thanks to your indomitable fighting spirit and special exertions.

Comrade commanding officers,

The potential for carrying out to perfection and at the highest level possible the construction projects for this year, which are far bigger and more challenging than any done previously, lies entirely in the surging spirit and high level of creativity among the soldier masses.

As I have stressed on several occasions, our soldiers are not merely a construction workforce; they are the vanguard in carrying out a historic cause that is unprecedented since the founding of our country, and the creators of the people's wellbeing.

Our Party has made the People's Army the vanguard in implementing its regional development policy, with the main aim of training the soldiers into genuine revolutionaries who are prepared politically and ideologically and have practical abilities of a sufficiently high level for performing any tasks without hesitation; I stress this once again.

The commanding officers of the 124th regiments and other units and sub-units in charge of regional construction projects should keep deep in mind the Party's intention, and make special efforts for the spiritual development of the soldier-builders so as to develop them all into staunch adherents, defenders and executors of the Party's revolutionary ideology and into patriots who render an active contribution to the comprehensive development of our state.

All soldier-builders who are entering the third-year-term undertakings for the implementation of the regional development policy in the new era,

You are entrusted with the sacred, worthwhile and

important mission of building structures conducive to achieving the country's prosperity and the people's happiness.

You should continue to write the history of the fundamental transformation of the regions, true to your duty as the vanguard of the Party, defenders of the revolution and sons and daughters of the people.

You should march forward more bravely and vigorously, fully displaying the temperament and mettle of the Korean People's Army in the creative struggle for the prosperity of the state and for the good of our beloved people.

Officials, working people and other residents in Unnyul County,

Modern factories and public health and welfare service facilities will have been built right here by the end of this year, and Unnyul will have taken on a new appearance.

I will make sure with all sincerity that transformation is achieved here in Unnyul.

I wish all the residents and officials in the county good health and outstanding success in their struggle for cultivating the county's rosy future.

And I extend warm greetings to the beloved people of Unnyul.

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