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All people and Party members across the country,
Officers and soldiers of the heroic Korean People's
Army and officers and soldiers of the parade units,
Delegates to the Ninth Congress of the Workers'
Party of Korea, and Pyongyang citizens,
Comrades,

Here in Kim Il Sung Square a grand ceremony is about to begin to mark the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea—a Congress that has set a new goal for advancing on the road of our glorious revolution and injected fresh vitality into our fighting ranks.

Right here five years ago we made a start full of determination to blaze a trail. Having achieved the results we set ourselves, we are here again today to continue the sacred struggle.

Greeting this glorious moment, I am full of emotion as I am reminded of the painstaking efforts the people of this country, its sons and daughters, have made for the sake of the Party Congress and the victorious review of the Party's activities; I am reminded also of the work they have done day and night to this end.

For the sake of this moment today, all the citizens,

families and service personnel of this country have worked strenuously 24-7 and devoted everything that is precious to them without hesitation for over 1 800 days, etching a truly priceless record in the annals of history.

The record of such a noble, patriotic and sacred struggle can be created only by our people and army that are the most righteous, unyielding and resourceful in the world.

Had there been no heroic struggle by the people and army, who have supported the lines and policies of their Party so staunchly, invariably and with strong confidence, and had there been no precious gains in their struggle, we would not have been able to expect the great review of our Party's activities and the high-spirited start towards a more ambitious goal.

Today's military parade will fully demonstrate their soaring spirit and revolutionary enthusiasm for opening up another new, great path, full of dignity in having proudly reviewed a truly arduous struggle.

Availing myself of this meaningful opportunity, I offer warm thanks to all the Party organizations and members, the working class and other working people in all sectors, and the reliable young vanguard of our Party, who have embarked with such vigour on the road of struggle towards the new long-term objectives.

They are doing so with the honourable recollection of having gone through the most crucial and key stage of the revolution resourcefully by following our Party through an arduous yet glorious struggle to overcome the challenges and difficulties of history, and with soaring self-confidence.

Recollecting once again that the best and most brilliant fruits symbolic of the prestige of our Party and state are the results of the bloody struggle and strenuous efforts conducted by our army, I pay heartfelt tribute to all the officers and soldiers of our army who are devoting everything that is precious to them to our sacred cause.

Comrades,

This square, as a witness to the victorious history of our Party and every stride taken by our army, is hosting a military parade as the first of the significant ceremonies honouring the Ninth Congress of the Party.

As the Congress reviewed proudly, it has been verified once again in the era of the most gigantic undertakings that the intrinsic nature of our army is its absolute loyalty to the ideology and cause of the Party. This eloquently confirms the steadfastness of our cause and the inevitability of its victory.

The proud and dignified columns of those parading

can be called representatives, symbolic ranks, who are fully qualified to stand at the forefront at this moment of honour when the watershed in our Party's history and the starting line for another stage are converging.

Parade units and all officers and soldiers of the People's Army,

This route of the military parade stands for the invaluable position presented by the times and the revolution to the armed forces of our Republic; it is the route of advance they should follow steadfastly with loyalty and exploits in leading the revolution.

In this great era, the People's Army should continue to play, in good faith, the main role befitting the faithful revolutionary armed forces of our Party, the hardcore of the defence capabilities of the state, the pioneers of dramatic transformation and the creators of the people's happiness.

The international peace mechanism has been smashed to bits and the overuse of military muscle has resulted in constant devastation and slaughter across the globe. In today's world, it is our state's absolute, overriding task and our armed forces' duty, which no one else could perform for them, to reliably defend the rights to existence and development of our state and people.

Our armed forces are fully ready to cope with any eventualities.

Our army will deliver terrible retaliatory attacks on any forces the moment they commit any hostile military act of infringing on our national sovereignty and security interests.

It should be the permanent goal of our army to foster the ideological spirit for breaking the enemy's will to fight a war and annihilating them, to possess overwhelming military and technical potential capable of winning any battle and to establish steely military discipline with which the whole army moves as one. In this way, our army can steadily grow stronger into a powerful entity that strikes fear into the enemy.

The socialist construction sites where a golden age of creation and construction is unfolding are bases of honourable service permeated with the ennobling blood and sweat of our army, as well as theatres of no retreat where it should continue to build up its invaluable reputation.

Our army should become the banner of progress in all spheres of socialist construction and the shock brigade breaking through every obstacle; it should proudly present models of the new era to the country and the people through perfect practice.

When the Party's ideology and leadership become the lifeblood of the whole army, the Party's lines and policies become the primary criteria for its military activities, and the execution of the Party's orders becomes the foremost duty of all the service personnel, our army will emerge eternally victorious.

I am firmly convinced that the Korean People's Army will give full play to its absolute loyalty, burning patriotism, staunch pioneering will and great might in the future struggle to defend the self-respect and honour of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our motherland that represents our lifeline, and provide our people with a beautiful life.

Comrades,

Once again, we have turned out in the struggle to achieve our ennobling ideals.

The achievements we have made so far are precious yet, in view of the standards of wellbeing our great state and our most excellent people deserve to enjoy, this is no more than a beginning. Our Party will take on all burdens, however heavy, and brave all trials, however severe, to bring earlier a beautiful future for the country.

The source of our self-confidence that has soared in this glorious struggle and which will propel us to

advance with greater courage, is the absolute loyalty and extraordinary mental strength of our army, whose service personnel regard it as their *raison d'être* and natural duty to realize the Party's long-cherished desires and the people's ideals.

As Korea advances relentlessly towards even higher aims, so all the people across the country will march bravely along the road to be opened up by the steel-strong units of our army and all its service personnel.

As we continue on this sacred journey, we will experience evident changes that are different from those we are witnessing today, and this square will greet the ranks of victors again.

Let us all start our bold march.

Let us all launch a vigorous struggle in the new era opened up by the Ninth Party Congress for the dignity and prosperity of our great state and for the invincibility of the socialist cause.

Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!

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