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All the generals and other officers and soldiers of the heroic armed forces of the Republic,

Generals and other officers at the Ministry of National Defence, the supreme headquarters of the Korean People's Army,

I congratulate you on February 8 Army Founding Day.

This day, when we recall with pride our army's heroic history and its ever-victorious course, is a revolutionary holiday which is celebrated not only by the service personnel but also by all the people throughout the country.

On behalf of the Party and government, I extend warm congratulations and militant greetings to all the officers and soldiers on the occasion of Army Founding Day. In doing so, I am reflecting my attitude of always being grateful to our army for every role it plays and for its infinite devotion to our great state and people in shouldering an incomparably greater mission and heavier duty than any other army in the world.

I also pay my respects for the responsible efforts of the commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence and the military and political cadres of the

large combined units who are striving to the utmost to perfectly embody the Party's military lines and policies in the military and political activities of the entire army.

I extend warm encouragement and congratulations in particular to the commanding officers and other combatants of the overseas special operations units who are carrying out the orders of their homeland at combat posts in a faraway foreign land, defending the honour of their heroic army. Today, more than ever, I would like to see them.

Comrades,

We greet this day every year, but today I have come here with a really special feeling.

As we are celebrating it in the lead-up to the Ninth Party Congress, which will open soon, I feel more keenly how great and precious our army is.

In looking back on the victorious journey taken by our army over the past turbulent five years, as has been the case since its founding, today's glory would be inconceivable without the enormous role it has played. At this thought, I struggle to find adequate words to express my heartfelt thanks to all the officers and soldiers of our army.

Officers and soldiers of the KPA,

Standing in the vanguard of the pioneering struggle,

the struggle for achieving transformation, which has been such a challenge year after year, you have performed truly great deeds in support of the Party's cause and in defending our national sovereignty and the safety of the people.

I would like to praise you for having done greater things last year than you did in all the previous years.

Last year was a special year, filled with unheard-of dramatic events and distinguished feats that could be performed only by our army. For this, it can be called a year when the Party's and people's trust in and affection for their army grew stronger and greater.

Our army has proved before the times and history its mettle and original feature, that is, the greater the trust in and expectations of it are, the greater and more vigorous its loyalty and feats will be.

This will be a year of tremendous transformation when the fighting front of our army will be wider and more strenuous efforts are demanded of it. You are all prepared for this.

Likewise, the coming five years, as indicated by the Party's Ninth Congress, will be years when our army's outstanding role that no one else can perform will be further enhanced.

Our Party is filled at all times with confidence and

pride, as if it had won the world. This is because it has placed in the vanguard of the struggle to create a new world, revolutionary armed forces—our army—that are boundlessly faithful to its cause.

Comrades,

On the occasion of Army Founding Day, I offer my warm congratulations once again to all the officers and soldiers of the army. I hope you will make more strenuous efforts.

Our brave army will further accelerate its advance for the sake of the country and the people, and its fighting course will be adorned with brilliant feats and fame.

Long live the heroic Korean People's Army!

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