

# **Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un Inspects Sites of Reconstruction in Kimhwa County**

Pyongyang, October 2 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, inspected the site of reconstruction from damage in Kimhwa County.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Yong Su, Jo Yong Won, Kim Yo Jong, Pak Thae Song and Hyon Song Wol.

He was greeted by commanding officers including the chairman of the Kimhwa county Party committee and the vice-minister of the People's Armed Forces who are working at the reconstruction site in the eastern area.

The soldier builders who turned out in the campaign for recovering from damage by natural disaster in the eastern area true to the idea and spirit of the 16th meeting of the Political Bureau of the 7th WPK Central Committee made patriotic dedication and worked the miracle of bringing about the brilliant creation in the era of the Workers' Party in the area swept by natural disasters in a short period spanning 40 odd days.

Looking round the site under reconstruction, Kim Jong Un learned in detail about damage to dwelling houses, to farming lands, to transport system, land and environment, city management, power field, and telecommunications in the area and about the progress in the recovery.

Vividly recalling the day in the mid-August when a helicopter was used to learn about the situation of the disaster after over 900 mm disastrous downpour cut off even the roads and when he was shocked to hear the horrifying report that more than 1 000 dwelling houses were destroyed, he said that they all seem to have happened just yesterday.

Hearing the report that about 88 percent of the total construction project has now been done for nearly 1 000 families- several-storey dwelling houses in township area and single-storey dwelling houses in the ri of the county, he said with great satisfaction that the People's Army is making world-startling achievements under the energetic leadership and meticulous guidance of our Party.

He said he was greatly impressed by the patriotic deeds and revolutionary fighting stamina of the soldiers of the People's Army who brought about another miraculous event in the wake of the recovery of Kangbuk-ri, Kumchon County, adding that such results brought about by the People's Army is the spiritual wealth most valued by our Party, before just simple material creation.

He continued to say that the noble mental and moral traits of the People's Army by which it displays indefatigable mental power with firm resolution to go through thick and thin without any slightest vacillation and hesitation despite whatever disasters and hardships if they are for the sake of our Party, the people and the prosperity of the

country, and creates a thing out of nothing and turns a misfortune into a blessing are the key secret to the creation of all miracles on this land.

He repeatedly asked the chairman of the county Party committee if the people of the county were pleased and, upon hearing that they were all happy with it, he said he has nothing more to wish. He continued in real earnest that nothing will be pleasing and more worthwhile struggle if people take back their happy life in modern dwelling houses suited to the ideal and highly civilized society planned by the Party, after shaking off backwardness.

He was told by the chairman of the county Party committee and the commanding officers of the construction units that watching the wonderful dwelling houses being built in a lightning speed despite difficulties and hardships, under the measures taken by the Party, the people in the area said that houses are built faster than meals being cooked and they were so happy to have strong houses enough to stand whatever disasters. Hearing this he said he was encouraged by the frank and unreserved feedback of the people and added that the houses should be evaluated by the people. He stressed that the whole process of the reconstruction ranging from designing and construction should be carried out from the viewpoint and on the principle of putting the people above all and respecting the people.

One thing he felt regretful while watching the houses built in the areas that had been hit by disasters, he said, is that designs of all the houses were monotonous. He noted that he wishes they had been given peculiarity on the principle of meeting the advantageous cultural and regional characteristics of the areas and meeting the people's conveniences and demand, and artistic harmony with the surrounding environment and diversity had been appropriately combined. He then mentioned some things that should be guarded against and be overcome in the designing field and gave detailed teachings about the key idea of the construction policy of our Party.

He said that though designing is important, the present situation in which the construction is making rapid progress in Pyongyang and provinces, requires, as he stressed last time, for the building materials industrial field to keep pace with the speed of the rapidly developing construction of the country. He emphasized that it becomes urgent policy tasks to actively develop and produce modern and efficient construction equipment and tools and implements, significantly raise the level of mechanization in the construction field in the provinces as well as in Pyongyang and to provide the diversity of the building materials in the provinces.

He made particular mention of the issue to plant more trees in the township and mountains around it and to plant more land-creeping plants in the residential areas so as to further improve the natural and ecological environment in the areas.

To suit to the change of Kimhwa County, local industrial factories should be modernized on a yearly basis and production be vitalized to improve the economic life of the county and steadily increase the standard of material living of the people, he stressed.

He repeatedly highly praised the People's Army for making tremendous contribution to the socialist local construction which has embodied the demand and hope of the

working masses, adding that the solid builders should bear deep in mind that architecture is an epitome of the height of ideology and culture in which the height of the ideology and civilization in the times is intuitively reflected. He asked them to display staunch fighting spirit and stamina with immense loyalty and filial devotion for the Party and the people and present great pleasure to the people by wonderfully and quickly building standard and modern dwelling houses preserving the local peculiarity of high civilization desired by our Party and the state with the same sincerity with which they would make when they build their own houses.

Kim Jong Un, on his way to and from Kimhwa County, stopped in field plots affected by disasters in several areas and learned about farming.

He said that good crops are expected unlike the time when the fields were damaged by flood, adding that clear traces of having overcome flood can be seen in all plots. He said that thanks to the devotion and patriotic sweats and efforts made by farmers for each plant, such a result could be possible despite unprecedented damage, before highly appreciating the agricultural workers for their efforts to preserve valuable crops to the last.

Even though wildness of nature swept away a lot of things in a moment, the damaged areas have been face-lifted with the construction of new wonderful houses and damage to crops has been minimized to have promising crop yield not less than that in the year of the highest yield, he said, stressing with confidence that this year has been the one of unprecedented hardships but it will be a year of great victory with particularly great worth of struggle.

The present hardships have never discouraged us but made us get stronger and make further progress and let us know how loyal, patriotic and strong our people are, he said, noting that he is greatly emboldened by such loyal people and he keenly feels again that there are no difficulties insurmountable.

All the builders were greatly moved by the great dedication made by Kim Jong Un to provide the people in the afflicted areas with cradle of happiness at an early date, and hardened the firm pledge to share the intention and keep pace with the Party Central Committee and make final rush for the completion of the houses in the spirit of devotedly carrying out the Party's instructions.