

First Workshop of KPA Commanders and Political Officers Held, General Secretary Kim Jong Un Guides Workshop

Pyongyang, July 30 (KCNA) -- The first workshop of the commanders and political officers of the Korean People's Army (KPA) was held in Pyongyang, the capital of the revolution, from July 24 to 27 under the guidance of Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

The Central Committee of the WPK and the Central Military Commission of the WPK organized a great meeting of military and political cadres of the whole army to further enhance the military and political strength and revolutionary fighting spirit of the KPA, the backbone of the national defence capacity and the revolutionary armed forces of our Party, and to awaken the military and political cadres again to the important military strategic and tactical idea of the Party Central Committee and also to the orientations and policies for the army-building as required by the changed situation.

The workshop, the first of its kind in the history of army-building, was focused on developing units, combined units and large combined units at all levels of the KPA into the politically and ideologically steel-strong army and invincible militant ranks faithfully upholding the leadership of the WPK, awakening and encouraging military and political cadres to fulfill their responsibilities and roles as the hard core in carrying out these honorable tasks, and comprehensively rearming them.

Attending the workshop were military commanders and political commissars of all the services, corps, divisions, brigades, regiments and members of the executive committee of the KPA Committee of the WPK and officials of the KPA General Political Bureau, the KPA General Staff and the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Makes Opening Address for Workshop and Guides First-day Sitting

The first workshop of commanders and political officers of the Korean People's Army, which will mark another remarkable milestone in strengthening and developing the Juche-based revolutionary armed forces, began on July 24.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted by the KPA commanding officers as he arrived at the April 25 House of Culture, the venue of the workshop, to guide it.

A military ceremony of respectfully receiving the Supreme Commander of the armed forces of the DPRK was held at the April 25 House of Culture.

Kim Jong Un received a salute from the chief of the honor guard of the KPA, amid the solemn playing of the national anthem of the DPRK.

The respected General Secretary reviewed the honor guard and commanding officers of the services and corps-level units and glorious colors of the large combined units and met with commanding officers of the KPA.

The military and political cadres of units, combined units and large combined units warmly welcomed the General Secretary of the WPK and Supreme Commander of the armed forces of the DPRK who firmly defends the security of our state and people with his outstanding and seasoned leadership and dynamically leads them along the path of victory and glory, extending the highest respect with loyalty.

As the respected General Secretary appeared at the platform of the venue of the workshop with Pak Jong Chon, chief of the KPA General Staff, Kwon Yong Jin, director of the KPA General Political Bureau, Ri Yong Gil, minister of National Defence, and commanders of the KPA large combined units, the stormy cheers of "hurrah!" raised by all the participants burst forth.

Looking up to Kim Jong Un who proposed the grand workshop unprecedented in the history of army-building and came out to the venue of the workshop to guide it personally, the military and

political cadres of the whole army were filled with great joy and excitement of seeing the Supreme Commander whom they yearned and admired awake or asleep at the posts on the defence line of the country.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un made an opening address.

The General Secretary clarified the purpose of holding a grand meeting of military and political cadres of units, combined units and large combined units of the whole army as the first meeting of the KPA after the 8th Congress of the Party, saying that the first workshop of commanders and political officers of the KPA is held ahead of meaningful V-Day at a time when all the people across the country are waging an indefatigable struggle for a new victory of the revolution.

He stressed that the Party Central Committee gives special importance to strengthening all the services, corps, divisions, brigades and regiments of the KPA in overcoming severe difficulties lying ahead of our revolution and winning a new victory. He extended warm militant greetings to servicemen of the whole army, availing himself of the meaningful opportunity. He added that he has never forgotten the military and political cadres of units at all levels making devotion on the outpost lines for increasing the military capabilities and at sites of the grand campaigns for prosperity of the country and happiness of the people.

All the threats will be in vain and our revolutionary advance will be victorious if the divisions, brigades and regiments of the whole army are readied as one, he said, stressing that the commanders of the services, the commanders of corps, divisions, brigades and regiments and other commanding officers and political commissars of the KPA should make redoubled efforts than ever before. He analyzed in detail the operation commanding ability, the level of managing units and political and practical qualifications of military and political cadres.

He said that the military and political cadres of the KPA should seriously review their overall work in the units and find ways to overcome shortcomings and deviations while exchanging good experiences, well aware of the intention of the Party Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the WPK that organized the workshop in a large scale.

He stressed the need for the commanding officers and political commissars at all levels to regard the workshop as the best precious occasion for acquiring a deeper understanding of the importance of strengthening services, corps, divisions, brigades and regiments and policy orientation and policies of the Party for army-building, for finding good methods for realizing them and for undergoing revolutionary self-cultivation and training and to make positive efforts to learn more and more.

Expressing belief that the workshop would serve as an important starting point for revolutionizing cadres i.e. for preparing all the military and political cadres of the whole army to be the genuine commanding officers of the revolutionary armed forces of the Party and as an occasion of making radical advance in strengthening in every way the operation and combat abilities and political and military might of the units, he declared the first workshop of commanders and political officers of the KPA open.

A report was made at the workshop.

KPA Vice Marshal Kwon Yong Jin, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, member of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and director of the KPA General Political Bureau, made a report.

The respected General Secretary organized the grand workshop of the commanders and political commissars of services, corps, divisions, brigades and regiments of the whole army on the occasion of the anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War in the important and crucial period of our revolution, the reporter said. He added that herein lies his noble intention to glorify generation after generation the immortal feats of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in leading the army and prepare commanding officers, the hard-core members of the KPA, to be genuine military and political cadres of the Party's army possessed of high political consciousness, revolutionary style of work and noble moral traits.

Thanks to the feats the President and the Chairman, the founder and builder of the revolutionary army of the Party, performed in leading the army, our army could make proud development as the revolutionary army of the Party, he said, noting that the Party and the country highly praise the guard units and military and political commanding officers of the former generations that made brilliant military achievements and performed shining feats by faithfully upholding the leadership of the President and the Chairman.

Stressing that the immortal feats of the President and the Chairman in leading the army are shining more brightly under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, another ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and great leader of our Party, state and people, he noted that the KPA has been modernized at a remarkably high speed and has fully demonstrated a-match-for-a-hundred militant spirit and might at outpost lines of national defense and socialist construction in recent years under the outstanding leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Analyzed in detail in the report were major shortcomings in the work of units at all levels and military and political cadres in the implementation of the military lines and policies of the Party and the causes behind them.

The reporter called on all the participants to strengthen the fighting efficiency of the units at all levels in every way, true to the decision made at the Eighth Congress of the Party and the policy tasks set forth at the major Party meetings, and to step up political, ideological, military and practical preparations for realizing them through the workshop.

Speeches were made there.

Realizing once again their heavy missions and responsibilities as the military and political cadres of the revolutionary army of the Party, the participants attentively listened to the speeches about experiences and lessons gained in strengthening the units.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Makes Important Conclusion at Second-Day Sitting of Workshop

Speeches continued at the second-day sitting of the workshop following the first-day sitting.

The second-day sitting was held amid the high ideological readiness and enthusiasm of the military and political cadres to review their work comprehensively before the Party Central Committee, arm themselves more thoroughly with the Party's military lines and policies and fulfill their heavy responsibilities and duties.

Commanders and political commissars of units and combined units who took the floor referred to the successes and experiences in preparing their respective units to be the first death-defying corps for defending the Party Central Committee that inherited the noble spirit of the heroic soldiers in the period of the Fatherland Liberation War, in making soldiers temper their iron fists as a-match-for-a-hundred soldiers, in getting themselves always fully prepared for decisive battles, in improving living conditions for soldiers and in waging grand construction campaigns.

Speeches roundly analyzed and criticized the shortcomings that were seen in military and political work such as combat and political training, unit command and management and education of soldiers.

The military and political cadres renewed their firm pledge to be genuine loyalists making strenuous efforts to fulfill the Party's orders and instructions and unconditionally upholding the leadership of the Party Central Committee by inheriting the tradition of loyalty and the indomitable fighting spirit left by the commanders of the war victor generation in the proud history of battles of their units.

There was an evaluation of exemplary units in increasing combat power, establishing military discipline and improving the living conditions for soldiers true to the Party's military policy.

All the military and political cadres who participated in the workshop greeted the most valuable and significant moment which they had been eagerly waiting for with ardent desire.

As the respected General Secretary Kim Jong Un made his appearance at the speaker's table, the entire venue stirred with excited participants who were to receive the precious army-building theory and great programme from the great brilliant commander.

He made a vital concluding speech regarding the important revolutionary struggle tasks of the KPA at present in implementing the line and policy of the Party on army-building, and on the issues presented at the workshop.

In his concluding speech, he referred to the purpose of organizing the grand workshop for leading commanding officers of the whole army, the first of its kind in the history of army-building. The first workshop of commanders and political officers of the KPA was organized to decisively raise the roles of commanders and political officers of units at all levels in accurately and thoroughly implementing the line and task of developing the revolutionary armed forces into a powerful elite army set forth at the historic 8th Party Congress, he said.

He said that commanders and political commissars of units and combined units are the core military and political cadres who form the backbone of our revolutionary armed forces, and are field commanders and political officers who lead their units in battles according to the operational plan of the Supreme Headquarters. He added that preparing commanders and political officers well and rearming them steadily is a strategic policy consistently maintained by our Party in modernizing the army.

Noting that the workshop was organized on the occasion of the V-Day, he said that the tradition of the great victory in the war is what should be kept most dear and what should be brought into reality today, now that we face heaps of unprecedented challenges and difficulties and each one has to be surmounted by dint of strong will and firm decision.

He stated that succession of the revolution does not mean merely handing it down to posterity but a succession of the fighting spirit and the indomitable spirit full of vigor. And the great fighting spirit of the war victor generation is something that should be carried forward steadily with great efforts and that should never be left to get blurred or tarnished despite the passage of time, he stressed.

In the concluding speech, he laid down the general task for strengthening units, combined units and large combined units.

He formulated it as the general task facing the units of the KPA at all levels to turn them into invincible militant ranks that are boundlessly loyal to the cause of the WPK. He said that this meant turning them into a politico-ideological group which is absolutely loyal to and obeys the WPK's idea and leadership, and conducting all the operations and battles, unit management and military service of officers and servicemen according to the policy, way and intention of the Party. He stressed that the KPA is the armed forces of the Party and therefore all the military and political activities should reflect the Party's will, strength and voice and should be aimed at realizing the Party's intention.

He clarified the principled issues and tasks to be maintained in thoroughly establishing the Party's unified command system in the KPA.

He gave important instructions to make every occasion and process in Party political work and military work a course of defending the Party's idea and authority and tightening the country's security at the units at all levels, and to completely establish the revolutionary military discipline of promptly receiving the orders and instructions of the Party Central Committee and devotedly carrying them out.

He stressed that commanders and political officers should focus all efforts on completing preparations for actively and offensively coping with any military provocation of enemies, and said this is the highest order given to the KPA by the Party and the revolution, nobody can take their place in implementing it and it is an urgent task which the commanding officers should be responsible for with their lives.

Saying that at present the hostile forces systematically keep bolstering up their capabilities for making a preemptive attack on the DPRK and increase armaments while intensifying all sorts of frantic and persistent war drills for aggression, he noted such situation has hardened the determination and fighting will of the KPA to eradicate the root cause of the evil cycle of escalating tensions.

He called for all the military and political cadres to put the greatest efforts into bolstering up the combat efficiency of their units, always mindful that the first criterion for assessing their loyalty to the Party and revolution and their practical ability and performance lies in how hard they try to perfect the preparations for correctly performing their wartime operation and combat missions.

In the concluding speech, he set forth the detailed tasks for the units at all levels to make their training more intensive by holding fast to the five-point policy for a revolution in the training and the specific methods for them to provide soldiers with better living conditions.

Referring to the need to further intensify the ideological education within the army, he said it is important to make sure that soldiers involved in socialist construction take pride and self-confidence in being the creators of the people's happiness, the sentinels responsible for preserving the people's trust in the Party and stones for building a fortress of the single-minded unity.

He underscored the need to conduct efficient education among soldiers to give full play to the good traditional traits of the army-civilian unity so that they can always respect and love the people like their parents and brothers and devote their lives to protecting the people's lives and properties.

In his concluding speech he specially stressed the need for the military and political cadres to enhance their qualifications, abilities, sense of responsibility and role.

He said that the military commanding officers and political commissars wanted by the Party are the ones modeled on the WPK who carry forward the tradition of boundless loyalty to the WPK, possessed of proficient work style and strenuous militant disposition peculiar to the WPK.

Noting that loyalty to the Party Central Committee constitutes the very lifeblood and criterion for the commanding officers of the KPA, the revolutionary army of the Party, he called on the commanders and political commissars of the units, combined units and large combined units to become the ones possessed of firm faith and obligations who share the idea, will and destiny with their Party forever and fight tooth and nail to defend the WPK and the revolution whatever the adversity. He added that they should also become the ones strong in ideology and the famous brave generals whose mere names strike horror into the hearts of the enemy.

He stressed that military and political cadres should implement, without an inch of deflection, all the military and political tasks set forth at the 8th Party Congress, the plenary meetings of the Party Central Committee and the enlarged meetings of the Party Central Military Commission, and take the lead in implementing them and powerfully mobilize the soldiers in doing so.

Saying that the Party spirit and political consciousness are the fundamental yardstick for determining the qualifications of the commanding personnel of the KPA, he specifically pointed out the issue of properly analyzing and addressing all the problems arising in military activities and Party political work in line with the Party policies, the issue of purposefully and consciously endeavoring to have a correct understanding of the Party ideas and policies and keep pace with the Party and the issue of honestly and voluntarily participating in the Party organizational and ideological life.

He also instructed them to possess high-degree practical abilities and strenuous militant stamina. He said all the commanding officers should become enterprising military and political cadres and commanding personnel with strong grasping power, who strive to surpass the limits of their current levels and qualifications and make remarkable achievements with staunch courage, strenuous efforts, inexhaustible passion and fighting spirit after setting high goals.

He called on the military and political cadres to cherish ambitious courage and disposition to make their units entrusted by the Party famous units known by the entire army and a-match-for-a-hundred militant ranks, plan and conduct all undertakings in a bold way and fully display the self-sacrificing spirit and sense of devoted service.

He also stressed that they should get firmly united in the same idea and purpose and in the bonds of kinship to achieve close cooperation between military commanders and political officers and work hard to prepare themselves as paragons of competent work style and noble morality befitting the commanding officers of the revolutionary army.

After stressing the importance of the position and duty of the General Political Bureau, General Staff and Ministry of National Defence in strengthening the entire army, he clarified the ways of unswervingly directing and subordinating the Party political work and military work to the thorough implementation of the militant tasks assigned by the Party Central Committee to the People's Army.

He underlined the need for all the units to bring about the fundamental improvement in the political and ideological preparation and mental and moral traits of the commanding personnel and soldiers and consolidate the fighting capacity of the units in every way by waging more dynamically the Movement for Winning the Title of O Jung Hup-led 7th Regiment, the Three-revolution Red Flag Movement and other mass movements.

He said that the glorious victory tradition of our revolutionary armed forces could be successfully carried forward only by the resolute struggle and devotion of the commanding personnel of younger generation remaining boundlessly loyal to the Party's leadership, expressing the belief that all the military and political cadres would redouble their efforts to thoroughly establish the Party Central Committee's unified command system throughout the army and make radical progress in rounding off the war preparations and improving soldiers' living.

Finishing the concluding speech, he ardently called on everyone to unite firmly around the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, our guide, with one mind and wage a dynamic struggle for the security and eternal prosperity of our glorious country, for our great people, for the strengthening and developing of the People's Army and for a fresh victory in our revolution.

Courteously receiving the precious great programme given by him, all the participants kept in mind his every word with great admiration and excitement and had their hearts burning with boundless gratitude to him who clarified the ways for invincibility.

His important concluding speech comprehensively dealing with the outstanding military idea and theory of building a strong army and full of his great trust in and love for military and political cadres and soldiers serves as an invaluable revolutionary document indicating the guidelines for further strengthening our People's Army into the invincible militant ranks remaining boundlessly faithful to the cause of the WPK and into the reliable defender of the country and the people.

Intensive Training Course Given for Participants

At the third-day sitting of the workshop there was a training course to make the participants grasp the ways of thoroughly implementing the militant tasks set forth by the Party and further developing the military and political work of the units in the same noble fighting spirit and traits as was displayed by the commanding personnel of the guard units in the wartime.

The training course dealt with the issue of following the war victory generation's transparent spirit of devotedly defending the leader to make the units a crystallization of devotedly defending the Party Central Committee, the issue of making full preparations for fighting any type of war in the indomitable spirit of defending the country and the heroic fighting spirit displayed by the warriors of the People's Army during the Fatherland Liberation War and the issue of making the revolutionary fighting and living traits created by the war victory generation pervade all the units.

The speakers underscored the need for the military and political cadres of the whole army to firmly prepare themselves as those strong in ideology and faith, who know nobody but the Party Central Committee, the first bodyguards devotedly defending the Party Central Committee and

resolute revolutionary fighters unconditionally implementing the orders and instructions of the Party Central Committee like the formerly commanding officers of the anti-Japanese guerrillas who remained boundlessly loyal to the leadership of President Kim Il Sung in the wartime.

They also underlined the need for the military and political cadres to steadily improve their operation-commanding ability to carry out their units' operation and militant tasks in any circumstances, intensify the combat training of the units, round off the preparations for regular mobilization of the personnel, weapons and combat and technical hardware and establish the strict military discipline.

The training course referred to the practical issues for applying the indomitable revolutionary spirit and the stubborn fighting traits created during the hard-fought Fatherland Liberation War to the present military and political work and mentioned the experience of exemplary units.

Through the training course, the participants deeply grasped the ways and experience for training their units to be elite ones embodying the Party's military policy and having invincible fighting capability. They were also given the ideological and spiritual food for cultivating themselves and improving their work style and traits befitting the commanding officers of the revolutionary army of the Party.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Makes Closing Address

Amid the great zeal of military and political cadres for making all the units of the entire army the invincible military ranks remaining boundlessly loyal and obedient to the leadership of the WPK, the first workshop of the commanders and political officers of the Korean People's Army closed on July 27 with the fourth-day sitting.

As the respected General Secretary appeared in the venue of the workshop, all the participants raised stormy cheers of "hurrah!" as a token of their absolute trust in him and great excitement.

The respected General Secretary made a closing address of the first workshop of the commanders and political officers of the KPA.

He said that the recent workshop in which all the military and political cadres had a proper and new understanding of the plan and intention of the Party Central Committee and their position and duty and found clear practical ways to bringing about a radical turn in increasing the fighting efficiency of their units served as a significant meeting which provided a new landmark in modernizing our army.

Saying that our military and political cadres should redouble their efforts to lead their units, as required by the Party and the revolution, he called upon the participants to strive to complete their units' combat readiness, always bearing in mind that officers and soldiers of the units place great expectations on the commanders and political officers who would come back after participating in the workshop held for the first time in the army-building history.

He repeatedly stressed that the commanders and political commissars should further strengthen politically and militarily their services, corps, divisions, brigades and regiments by thoroughly carrying out the fighting tasks set forth at the workshop with high goals and strong will to turn their units into a powerful fortress for defending the revolution and the country.

He called on the commanders and political commissars to bring about a radical improvement in the idea, spirit, working style, manner of work, practical ability and moral traits by enhancing their Party spirit and improving themselves, and to completely break with non-revolutionary and non-militant ideological viewpoint and working style.

Saying that no matter how severe the current trial is, there is no difficulty or fortress insurmountable or unconquerable, if commanders and political officers live and struggle with the indomitable revolutionary fighting spirit and will of the WPK, he expressed the firm will of our Party to vigorously carry forward the glorious traditions of victory by relying on the People's Army, the invincible revolutionary army of the Party, and the military and political cadres of the whole army.

Expressing conviction that all military and political cadres would bring about signal progress in increasing the fighting efficiency of their units by making devotion, bearing in mind the Party's important ideas on army-building and the tasks and ways emphasized at the workshop, he declared the closing of the first workshop of the commanders and political officers of the KPA.

Looking up with great emotion to Kim Jong Un, who gave them powerful and practical guidelines for strengthening the units and set forth clear orientation and ways for them to prepare themselves as experienced military and political activists, while energetically guiding the four-day-long workshop, the commanders and political commissars of the units, combined units and large combined units of the KPA took an oath of loyalty to devotedly implement the army-building plan of the great brilliant commander and his strategic intention.

The first workshop to be specially recorded in the Juche-oriented army-building history marked a significant occasion in signally increasing the fighting efficiency of the entire army.