

## Kim Jong Un Makes New Year Address

Pyongyang, January 1 (KCNA) -- Respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un made New Year Address on Monday.

He in the New Year Address offered greetings to all the people and men and officers of the People's Army, fellow countrymen in the south and abroad and the world progressive people and friends.

The year 2017 was a year of heroic struggle and great victory which marked an immortal milestone in the history of building a powerful socialist nation with self-reliance and self-development as the dynamic force, he noted, and referred to the successes achieved last year.

He said:

The spectacular success was the accomplishment of the historic cause of rounding off the state nuclear force.

The test of a super-powerful thermo-nuclear weapon was conducted together with the tests of various type nukes delivery means, successfully attaining with flying colors our general ambition and strategic goal. Eventually, the Republic came to possess a powerful and reliable war deterrent, irreversible with any force.

The United States can never fight a war against me and our state. It should properly know that the whole territory of the U.S. is within the range of our nuclear strike and a nuclear button is always on the desk of my office and this is just a reality, not a threat.

He also recalled the achievements made in the fulfilment of the five-year strategy for national economic development and on the front of science and culture last year.

All the successes made last year are the victory of the Juche-based revolutionary line of the Workers' Party of Korea and a precious fruition of the heroic struggle of the army and people rallied close around the Party, he stressed.

He clarified the tasks to be carried out this year marking the 70th founding anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

He said:

"Let us launch a revolutionary general offensive to achieve fresh victory on all fronts of building a powerful socialist country!" This is a revolutionary slogan we should put up.

The main task for socialist economic construction this year is to put the national economy on a firmer independent and Juche basis and improve the standard of the people's living, as required by the revolutionary countering strategy set forth at the Second Plenary Session of the 7th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The electric-power industrial sector should overhaul and reinforce the self-reliant power bases and channel big efforts into the development of new power source.

The metallurgical industrial sector should further improve the Juche-based iron and steel manufacturing technology, expand the capacity of iron production and decisively raise the quality of metals to satisfy the demand of the national economy for iron and steel.

In the field of chemical industry, the establishment of C1 chemical industry should be accelerated, the building of base for catalyst production and phosphate fertilizer plant be pushed ahead with as planned and the production process of

sodium carbonate with glauberite as its primary raw material be renovated and perfected.

In the field of machine industry, the machine factories should be put on a modern basis and world-class machine products should be developed and produced in our own way.

Innovations should be jointly made in the coal and ore production and railway transport.

The facilities and production processes of the light industry factories should be remodelled into manpower-saving and electricity-saving ones and more various quality consumer goods should be produced with domestic materials and stuff.

It is necessary to effect an upswing on the fronts of agriculture and fishery.

We should complete the building of the Kalma coast tourist zone in Wonsan as early as possible, speed up the major construction projects such as facelift of Samjiyon County and building of the Tanchon Power Station and second-phase waterway project in South Hwanghae Province and direct non-stop efforts to the building of dwelling houses.

We should further expand the scope of successes in forest restoration campaign.

It is necessary to develop the socialist culture on an overall scale.

We should further bolster up the military capabilities for self-defence.

Noting that in order to successfully carry out the tasks for this year, it is needed to more firmly unite the whole party organizationally and ideologically and make a strict revolutionary climate prevail throughout it and thus steadily enhance the working ability of the Party and its guiding role in all sectors of the revolution and construction, he said:

This year is a year of significance both for the north and the south of Korea as our people will celebrate the 70th birthday of the DPRK as a great auspicious event and there will be the Winter Olympic Games in the south.

In order to host the great events of the nation with splendour and demonstrate the dignity and stamina of the nation, we should melt the frozen north-south relations, thus adorning this meaningful year as a year to be specially recorded in the history of the nation, he stressed.

He declared that the DPRK, as a peace-loving and responsible nuclear power, would not use nuclear weapons unless the hostile aggression forces encroach upon the sovereignty and interests of our state, and nor pose any nuclear threat to any country or region.

But we will react resolutely to any acts of harassing peace and security on the Korean peninsula, he stressed.

He said that the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government will develop good neighbourly and friendly relations with all countries which respect the sovereignty of our country and are friendly toward it, and strive to build a just and peaceful new world.

The WPK and the DPRK government will not stop the struggle and advance in reliance on the people's trust and strength until the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche is won, but certainly bring earlier the future of a powerful socialist nation where all the people will enjoy a dignified and happy life, he declared.