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STRENGTHENING THE PARTY AND ENHANCING ITS ROLE IS THE BASIC GUARANTEE FOR THE VICTORY OF REVOLUTION

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the Founding of the Workers' Party of Korea

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Esteemed guests from foreign countries, Dear comrades and friends,

Today, with great pride and self-confidence of a people who are vigorously advancing in the revolutionary spirit of independence and creation, we are celebrating the 45th anniversary of the foundation of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea.

Allow me, on the occasion of this jubilee, to offer warm congratulations to our reliable comrade Party members, our heroic working class and all the people who, always united closely behind the Party, have traversed the road of victory together with the Party, overcoming all difficulties and trials.

My fervent congratulations also go to the members of the congratulatory delegation from the National Democratic Front of South Korea, to the members of the congratulatory group of the Koreans in Japan and to the overseas Korean compatriots who have come to share today's joy and glory with us. I extend warm greetings to the south Korean people who have been resolutely fighting for independence, democracy and national reunification, and to all my overseas compatriots who have been working with all their patriotic devotion for the prosperity of their socialist homeland.

On the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the foundation of our Party, many foreign friends, particularly Heads of State and Government, Party Chairmen, Party General Secretaries, Party and Government delegations have come and are congratulating us warmly. This is an expression of their powerful support for and strong solidarity with our Party and our people that continue with their vigorous advance along the road of socialism under the banner of anti-imperialist independence. We take great pride in having the true comrades and friends who are faithful to the ideals of independence and peace and to the cause of socialism and maintain unflagging loyalty to revolutionary obligation in whatever situation.

With the warm feelings of fraternity and comradeship, I, on behalf of our Party and our people, bid a hearty welcome to the distinguished envoys of friendship, our comrades-in-arms and friends from foreign countries.

Comrades,

The foundation of the Workers' Party of Korea was a historic event that brought about a radical change in our people's socio-political life and in the development of our revolution. As a result of the foundation of the Party, our people embarked on the road of creating an independent new life as a dignified and strong nation, put an end to their old history of suffering and started making a new history which is full of victory and glory.

Our Party is a glorious party which has grown up from the deep roots of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle. Our people's revolutionary struggle against the Japanese was not only a national liberation struggle to win back the sovereignty of the country, but also a struggle to found a revolutionary party to lead the Korean revolution to victory by assuming the responsibility for the destiny of the masses of the people to the end. In the course of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle which was unprecedentedly arduous, the Juche idea, the guiding ideology of our Party, was created, the solid backbone of the Korean revolution was trained, and the glorious revolutionary traditions of our Party were established. These became the strong roots of our Party which are unshakable in whatever storm. Because it has inherited the brilliant traditions of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, our Party has been able, from the outset, to lead the difficult and complex Korean revolution confidently to victory, and has developed into a powerful revolutionary party of Juche as we see today.

We have maintained the line of making the Juche idea our Party's guiding ideology, implementing the Juche idea in Party building and thus developing the Party into a mass-based revolutionary party which has firmly established the ideological system of Juche and is composed of workers, farmers and intellectuals, into an unconquerable party which is rooted deeply among the broad sections of the masses and welded with the masses into a harmonious unity. This line of Party building was derived from the new requirements of the times when the masses emerged in the stage of history as the masters of their own destiny. It also emanated from our own point of view that the Party must occupy the pivotal position in the driving force of the revolution and play the leadership role.

The whole course of the development of our Party has been a process of steadily strengthening the unity and cohesion of the whole Party in ideology and purpose on the basis of the Juche idea; it has been a process of welding the whole Party and all the people into a strong socio-political organism centring on the Central Committee of the Party. In the difficult struggle against the enemies of the revolution and against the counterrevolutionary trends of all description, and in the complex struggle to blaze the trail towards socialism, our Party has experienced all hardships and developed into a veteran party that has acquired rich experience and seasoned leadership capabilities.

Our Party has always struggled by relying on the masses, believing that they are the root of its life and the inexhaustible source of its strength; the people have shared death and life with the Party, casting in their lot with the Party and believing that our Party is their heart and brain. Because the Party and the masses became one unbreakable body, we succeeded in carrying out the difficult and complex tasks of building a new democratic Korea after liberation, were able to withstand the harsh trials of the Fatherland Liberation War, heal the war wounds from the ashes through a hard-fought struggle in the short period of postwar years and build an excellent, powerful socialist country which is independent, self-sufficient and self-reliant in defence. Today when the country is divided and the imperialists' manoeuvres against socialism have become blatant as never before, our people are advancing stoutly along the road of socialism, convinced of the justice of their cause and full of confidence in victory. This is precisely because our Party is mighty and because our Party and all our people are solidly united in mind and purpose. The history of our Party convincingly proves the revolutionary truth that the Party can be unconquerable when it is in unbreakable unity with the masses and that when the Party is sound and mighty, the masses can be sound and display unfathomable creative power.

Today our people sing of our Party as the embrace of their mother. With a revolutionary resolve and conviction that they can do whatever the Party decides to do, they are displaying boundless loyalty and devotion in carrying out the Party's lines and policies. Our Party regards it as a great honour and pride to enjoy the trust and love of

these fine people. It is fully resolved to serve our people more faithfully and, by relying on the unfathomable strength of the masses, to continue to fight staunchly in the years to come.

Comrades,

Today our Party is faced with the important task of foiling the imperialists' offensive against socialism and their manoeuvres against our Republic, accomplishing the socialist cause to the end and achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Our successful building of socialism is important not only for the prosperity and development of our country and the happiness of our people but also for the strengthening of solidarity with the revolutionary people of the world and for the victory of the common cause of socialism. We must strictly adhere to the general line of socialist and communist construction, the validity of which has been clearly proved by actual events, and continue to conduct energetically the three revolutions—ideological, technical and cultural and thus give fuller play to the advantages of socialism in our country and capture the high peak of socialism.

Thanks to the vigorous endeavours of the Korean compatriots in the north, the south and abroad who eagerly desire national reunification, the driving force of national reunification is now rapidly being strengthened on a nationwide scale and a favourable phase for ending the protracted division of the nation and achieving the reunification of the country is being opened. We must develop the reunification movement onto a higher stage by giving a powerful impetus to the strong trend of the whole nation towards reunification and reunify the country as soon as possible by founding the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo on the three principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity.

For success in carrying out our revolutionary tasks, we must strengthen our Party still further and steadily enhance its leadership role.

The fundamental way of achieving a victory in the revolution and construction is to strengthen the driving force of the revolution and enhance its role. The most important factor in this regard is to strengthen the Party and increase its leadership role. The party is at the centre of the unity and cohesion of the masses who are the driving force of the revolution; it is the General Staff and the guiding force which leads the revolutionary struggle and construction work to victory. The powerful driving force of the revolution is unthinkable without a revolutionary party, and the advantages of socialism and its victory are inconceivable without the leadership of the party.

When the party is weakened and its leadership role is emasculated, the masses will be disorganized organizationally and ideologically and find themselves in confusion losing the goal and direction of their struggle, with the result that the revolution and construction will fail.

This is a serious lesson confirmed by history. All renegades and enemies of the revolution have always concentrated their attack on emasculating the party and destroying it. The strategy of “peaceful transition” now employed by the imperialists in order to undermine socialism is being focused on impairing the prestige of the party, making it spiritless and divorcing the party from the masses.

We must fully implement the Juche principle of Party building and strengthen and develop our Party to be a revolutionary party of the Juche type which is firmly united organizationally and ideologically and possessed of invincible fighting efficiency.

The party is a political organization which is formed and guided by one ideology, and the guiding ideology of the party is the basic factor which determines the character and vitality of the party. The Juche idea, the monolithic ideology of our Party, is an absolutely scientific and revolutionary outlook on the world; it is a guiding ideology of the revolution which shows the correct way of achieving the independence of the masses. The Juche idea is the lifeblood of our Party and the source of matchless attraction and fighting efficiency. We must firmly arm all the Party members with the Juche idea and establish the ideological system of Juche more thoroughly in the whole Party.

The might of the party lies in the fact that it is an organized force which is united and works in accordance with its revolutionary organizational principles. The organizational principles of our Party are the best of revolutionary organizational principles which make it possible to achieve the organic unity and cohesion of the Party on the principles of democracy and comradeship and effect the monolithic leadership of the Party. We must fully implement the organizational principles of the Party and strengthen the Party organizations, cement the unity and cohesion of the Party ranks further still, and ensure that all the Party organizations and Party members are loyal in supporting the leadership of the Party Central Committee.

The mission of the party is to unite the masses, the driving force of the revolution, behind itself firmly and lead the revolution and construction correctly. The masses are the masters of the revolution and construction and they are also the driving force of the revolution and construction. Therefore, the success of the revolution and construction depends on how deeply the party is rooted among the masses and how it leads them. Implementing the revolutionary mass line while ensuring the unified leadership of the Party is the basic principle of our Party’s activities. We should fully implement the Chongsanri spirit and Chongsanri method which embody our Party’s Juche-oriented principle of leadership, and thus see to it that the masses hold their legitimate position as the masters of the revolution and construction and fulfil their responsibility and role as such.

The revolutionary cause of our people is closely linked with the just struggle of the progressive people of the world for independence. Despite all manoeuvres of the reactionaries of history, the world is following the road of independence as ever. Although

there may be ups and downs on the road of progress, the desire of the people to live in a new, free and peaceful world will be realized without fail. We will fight in unity with the revolutionary and progressive parties which are advancing under the uplifted banner of independence, the banner of socialism, and advance in close cooperation with the Asian peoples and all the progressive people around the world.

The future of our Party is bright and the victory of our revolution is certain. Revolution always advances in face of difficulties and tribulations. Whenever we have encountered difficulties and tribulations, our will has become still firmer, our might has grown greater and our revolution has advanced more rapidly. Today the whole nation who desire the reunification and eternal prosperity of the country expect a great deal from our Party, and the progressive people and revolutionary comrades-in-arms of the world are watching the struggle of our Party. In the future, too, we will meet the difficulties and trials with an indomitable revolutionary spirit and unbreakable fighting spirit and bring the revolutionary cause of Juche to brilliant completion by making uninterrupted innovations and continuous advance.

On this auspicious occasion when we are celebrating the 45th anniversary of the foundation of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea,

I would like to propose a toast:

to the strengthening and development of our Party and the completion of the revolutionary cause of Juche,

to the health of the esteemed Head of State, Head of Government, Heads of Party and other high-ranking Party and Government leaders from many countries, of the prominent figures and other guests and diplomatic envoys of foreign countries,

to the health of the comrades of the congratulatory delegation from the National Democratic Front of South Korea and of the south Korean people,

to the health of the members of the congratulatory group of the Koreans in Japan and other overseas compatriots who are celebrating the auspicious holiday in their socialist motherland and of all the overseas Korean compatriots,

to the health of all our comrade Party members and all our people who have faithfully followed the Party under its leadership, and

to the health of all comrades and friends present here.