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Ninth WPK Congress

February 19-25, 2026





The Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, which marked a great watershed in the glorious course of strengthening the great Party and accomplishing the socialist cause, was held in splendour in Pyongyang, the capital city of the revolution, from February 19 to 25, 2026.

The Congress, convened amid the great attention and support of all Party members and other people across the country, was attended by 5 000 delegates nominated by Party organizations at all levels. 2 000 observers watched the Congress.

At 09:00 on February 19, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the great leader of our Party, state and people and symbol of all victories and glory, appeared on the platform of the Congress together with members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

The Congress opened with the solemn playing of the national anthem of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

According to the unanimous will of all the delegates, the

Congress elected a presidium composed of 39 members, including the members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee led by Kim Jong Un, the supreme representative of our Party, state and people.

The following agenda items were brought up for discussion at the Congress:

First, Review of the Work of the WPK Central Committee

Second, On the Revision of the WPK Rules

Third, Election of the Central Leadership of the WPK

The Congress heard about the implementation of the Party and state policies during the period under review as the first process of its discussion on the first agenda item "Review of the Work of the WPK Central Committee."

From February 20 to 21, Kim Jong Un made a historic report on the review of the work of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK.

The parts of his report on the review of the work of the Party Central Committee are as follows:

1. Successes achieved during the period under review
2. For the prosperity and development of the state and the wellbeing of the people
3. For expanding and strengthening the external relations
4. For developing in depth the Party building and Party work.

In the first part of his report, Kim Jong Un appreciated the remarkable successes made during the eighth term of the Party Central Committee and their factors.

The most important success achieved during the period under review is that we created a new trend of comprehensive development of socialism.

In order to stabilize the living of the people throughout the country at an early date and provide them with substantial welfare and to accelerate the building of an advanced state, our Party recognized that it is necessary to make a transition to comprehensive development of socialist construction, no matter how difficult and unfavourable the subjective and objective conditions may be. And

our Party set this as the main task of the revolution, the fulfillment of which brooks no further delay, and has boldly carried it out.

At the same time, a new revolution was effected in increasing the country's sci-tech forces and putting education and public health on an advanced level. Innovative, development-oriented undertakings were promoted in other fields, as well.

What is of special importance in the struggle of the WPK during the period under review is that a gigantic revolution started to develop cities and counties across the country.

The report referred to the motive and purpose of our Party's Regional Development 20×10 Policy and the eye-opening successes achieved through the two-year struggle.

It said that the durability and vitality peculiar to our state and society have been fully demonstrated through the arduous struggle to overcome the public health crisis and natural disasters, and a climate of regarding disaster prevention as a vital issue and focusing on it was established.



The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered an opening address at the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

He said that the past five years since the Eighth Congress of the WPK was a proud period when the whole Party and all the people brought about an epochal turn in accomplishing the socialist cause of a Korean style on the strength of solid unity. We convened the Eighth Congress of the WPK five years ago with the conviction, will and determination to break through the worst difficulties facing the revolution by our own efforts and usher in a new era of advance and development without fail, but today we are here at the Ninth Congress filled with optimism and confidence in the future, he said, adding that this is a great change and development as well as a success we can be proud of at the present stage.

Another important success, achieved during the period under review, is that the overall national economy was put on a track of growth and socialist policies related to the welfare of the people were put into practice in an expanded manner.

The Central Committee of the WPK paid primary attention to establishing a work system and order to manage the overall economy in a unified way by strengthening the Cabinet responsibility system and the Cabinet-centred system. It also organized and guided the work of making sure that the requirements of the nationwide, planned and scientific self-reliance are fully met in all economic activities under the guidance of the Cabinet.

This led to the fulfillment of the five-year plan for national economic development, the most obvious and significant success

in the economic field achieved for the first time in the past three decades. It is an important stride, for which we are surely optimistic about the prospects for future economic development.

During the period under review, the Party Central Committee, regarding the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang as an undertaking for realizing the long-cherished desire, pushed ahead with it every year without fail, overcoming difficulties and deviations. So houses and new streets far exceeding the original plan were built. It also turned the rural villages in the city of Samjiyon into modern ones and, on the basis of experience gained in it, pushed ahead with the construction of rural dwellings in all cities and counties across the country. As a result, over 110 000 families of agricultural workers moved into new houses in the past five years.

This has become scenery peculiar to our society and part of our people's life, providing all the people with the hope for a new life and new happiness.

A magnificent tourist attraction and holiday resort were built in Myongsasimni and Onpho hot spring area, famous scenic spots of the country, and the construction of Pyongyang General Hospital, set as an important task, was completed and large-scale greenhouse farms were built in the Ryonpho, Kangdong and Sinuiju areas to increase the wealth of socialism for providing the people with affluent living conditions.

When the emergency anti-epidemic work was underway, the hardest-ever during the period under review, a new childcare policy was adopted to provide the children across the country with dairy products and nutritious foodstuffs every day and is still being thoroughly carried out. The state has invariably enforced the socialist policies by taking full responsibility for the production and supply of uniforms, shoes and bags for the students at all levels, ranging from those at primary schools to those at universities, and ensuring the regular supply of school things including textbooks, notebooks and writing instruments to the schoolchildren.

The past five years were a period when a phase of comprehensive development was opened up in socialist construction, the security interests of the DPRK firmly defended and its international prestige further enhanced.

Kim Jong Un said that the WPK made innovative successes in

all fields of defence construction by making great efforts to bolster up the defence capabilities during the period under review under the uplifted banner of the line of self-reliant defence on building up the national defences with the nuclear forces as their pivot.

What is of most important and strategic significance is that the DPRK's position as a nuclear weapons state has been consolidated to be irreversible and permanent.

The adoption of the policy on the nation's nuclear forces as a law of the Republic in reflection of the general will of all the people was a historic event which declared the harder line that the course of bolstering up our nuclear forces would continue as long as nuclear weapons exist on the earth and the US imperialists and their followers remain unchanged in their moves against the DPRK. This also drew a red line disallowing anyone to bargain over the nuclear weapons of the DPRK in any case.

On this basis, the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK stipulated in the Constitution of the DPRK the unshakable will to ensure the country's rights to existence and development, deter war and defend regional and global peace and stability by rapidly developing its nuclear weapons.

This made it possible to successfully carry out the indispensable historical and political task of guaranteeing the nuclear policy of the DPRK, a full-fledged nuclear weapons state, and the sacred struggle for its implementation through the supreme law to be perpetuated along with socialist Korea.





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The report noted that the WPK advanced and implemented the line and policy of building a powerful army—turning the DPRK’s armed forces into the world’s strongest—and a new idea on the three elements of the armed forces, thus further strengthening the political, ideological, military and technical might of our armed forces.

Kim Jong Un proudly summed up the achievements made during the period under review by the defence science research group and the munitions industry in modernizing the national defence capabilities and rapidly increasing the already secured military and technological strength by directing all efforts to implementing the five-year plan for national defence development.

The period under review was a pivotal period to be specially recorded in the history of development of our defence industry.

What is of weighty significance in bolstering up the national defence capabilities is that the technological modernization of their strategic nature and the development successes in various fields were secured to bring about a remarkable change in renovating and updating the structure of the state’s military capabilities.

On the basis of the successes we achieved during the period under review in the struggle for bolstering up the military capabilities for self-defence and firmly defending the security interests of the state, our Party and state proudly declared that to ensure security and preserve peace by dint of powerful strength is an invariable option and principle and we are ready to counter anything pursued by our enemies.

The report referred to the profound significance of the struggle waged during the period under review for pioneering the era of



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comprehensive development:

Through the struggle to usher in a new era of comprehensive development of socialism, our Party further hardened its will to unconditionally carry out everything, demanded by the revolution and wished by the people, in the face of any unfavourable subjective and objective conditions and circumstances, and confirmed once again the truth that it can overcome any trials and difficulties and achieve successful fruition if there exist correct lines, policies and leadership and the internal forces capable of implementing them.

The main factor behind all the successes achieved by our Party and people during the period under review lies in the political and ideological might, the strength peculiar to our Party, state and people.

The remarkable successes, made in the eighth term of the Party Central Committee, proved once again that the ideals of "The people are god," single-hearted unity and self-reliance, consistently maintained by the WPK, display unparalleled attraction and vitality in socialist construction.

Noting that the great successes in socialist construction are all associated with the heroic struggle and distinguished feats of our People's Army that regards devoted service for the Party, state and people as its solemn duty, Kim Jong Un courteously proposed highly appreciating in the name of the Congress our People's Army which has achieved gigantic successes and countless heroic exploits by dedicating the blood, lives and sweat to implementing the orders and instructions of the Party over the past five years in the forefront for defending the country, the revolution and the people, in the hard-fought battlefields for defending the dignity and honour of the country and in major sites for socialist construction.

In the second part of the report, Kim Jong Un clarified the important requirements to be met in the era of comprehensive development, the long-term goals of all sectors in the period of implementing the new five-year plan and the tasks for attaining them.

The requirements of the period of comprehensive development are, first, to constantly intensify the work of ensuring the unanimous unity in action and establishing strong discipline throughout socialist construction; second, to reject the outdated stereotypes and patterns, conservatism and empiricism, and create something new and innovate on a steady basis; third, to conduct the work in a scientific, foreseeable and effective way and attach importance to professional qualifications; fourth, to innovate the methods and mode of guidance

over production and construction and improve the guiding abilities of officials; and fifth, to consistently adhere to the principle of resolving all problems by dint of ideology and the spiritual strength of the masses and wage a more vigorous struggle against all sorts of negative phenomena that run against the people-first principle.

Kim Jong Un stressed the need to continuously push ahead with the construction projects during the period of the new long-term plan in order to consolidate the basis for increasing the national strength, lead the people to enjoy new civilization and promote their wellbeing.

In his report he clarified the tasks and ways for further speeding up regional development and rural construction during the period of the new five-year plan to transform the regions and countryside in a fresh way every year and bring about greater improvement in the material and cultured life of the people across the country.

It is important to build regional-industry factories, hospitals and leisure complexes in 20 cities and counties every year without fail, starting from this year, and invariably maintain our mode of struggle and speed of advance leading groundbreaking at the outset of the year to inauguration at the end of the year through a more dynamic struggle for implementing the regional development policy.

The report advanced the tasks and ways for the development of science and technology and socialist culture.

The main direction of scientific and technical work during the period of the new five-year plan is to solve the urgent problems arising in enhancing the independence and modernization level of the national economy, ensuring the qualitative growth of production and improving the material and cultural life of the people.

The sector of literature and the arts should orient its creative activities to raising the revolutionary consciousness, creative consciousness and fighting consciousness of the people and arousing the broad masses to the implementation of the Party's policies and thus usher in a new era of efflorescence in the cinema, music, stage arts, fine arts and all other spheres.

The report set forth the tasks and ways for steady consolidation and development of the state and social system.

The legislation sector should enact, amend and supplement the sector-specific laws in a timely and rational way in line with the requirements of the new Party's policies advanced, of the sphere of struggle and life expanded and of the actual conditions





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of socialist construction changed, and thus fully provide the correct legal standards and practical legal weapons for the revolution and construction.

Kim Jong Un in his report clarified the invariable will of our Party to wage a more dynamic struggle for the sustained development of the military capabilities for self-defence, the cornerstone of the existence of the state.

It is the inevitable policy of our Party for defence building and the most righteous strategy for national defence to steadily expand and build up the self-defensive deterrent and war capabilities which we have bolstered up.

We should continue to strengthen the armed forces of the Republic into the world's strongest modern army, which overwhelms any enemy ideologically, mentally, militarily and technically.

It is the steadfast will of our Party to further expand and bolster up the nation's nuclear forces which are pivotal in the implementation of the war deterrence strategy and war strategy and thoroughly exercise the position of a nuclear weapons state.

At present our Party's line of increasing the nuclear forces is being correctly carried on through the proactive activities and high technical capabilities of our research groups and producers in the sector of nuclear technology, and its prospect is very satisfactory.

We have a long-term plan to strengthen the nation's nuclear forces on an annual basis in the future, and will concentrate on increasing the number of nuclear weapons and expanding the means and spaces for their operation.

Steadfast is our stand to constantly maintain the readiness of our nuclear forces and continuously conduct tests and drills so as to have confidence in the effectiveness of the operation of components of our state's nuclear deterrent.

It is a responsible exercise of the war deterrent to constantly test the reliability and effectiveness of the components of the DPRK's nuclear deterrent and demonstrate their might.

The technological upgrading of our nuclear forces, which have steadily developed in recent years, has already provided many possibilities for nuclear counterattack operations.

In other words, the more sophisticated nuclear weapons operation system and sensitive responsiveness have made it possible to mobilize our nuclear forces for implementing various responsive action plans in any nuclear emergency crisis, according to our judgement and purpose.

This is, indeed, a great success.

Our Party and the DPRK government will provide and support all conditions and possibilities for the sustained development of the nuclear technology sector on a top priority basis and take strong measures for further strengthening the security and alert system for nuclear facilities, thus fulfilling the functions and duty as a responsible nuclear weapons state.

Kim Jong Un set it as an important task for the Party's cause of building a powerful army to push forcefully ahead with the work of upgrading the conventional weapons possessed by our army into world-class powerful weapons.

The report attached very important meaning to the rapid and continuous upgrading of the Navy's operations capabilities with the nuclear weaponization of its surface and underwater forces as the main.

It also called for bringing about a more remarkable revolution in military education and training, the two fronts of building a powerful army, as required by the rapid development of military science and technology and modern warfare, thus achieving significant progress





in strengthening the capabilities of the People's Army to fight a war.

Kim Jong Un said that the Central Military Commission of the Party set forth important tasks for introducing new secret weapons, special strategic assets, into our army in order to put the military and technical capabilities of the DPRK's armed forces on the world's strongest level during the new five-year plan period, carefully examined new national defence development plans drawn up by relevant fields and ratified the long-term plans with confidence and a sense of responsibility.

To summarize, the plans will include the ground- and underwater-launch ICBM systems, which have been strengthened by integrating the accumulated technologies, various AI unmanned attack systems, special assets for attacking the enemy's satellites in emergency, very powerful electronic warfare weapons systems to paralyze the enemy's command nerve centres, and more developed reconnaissance satellites.

The report stressed that the fields of defence science research and munitions industry should continue to wage a dynamic struggle to study and develop latest weapons and equipment and ensure their serial production corresponding to the goal of rapidly developing the military technology of the DPRK's armed forces and putting them on a modern basis, in keeping with the global trend of defence science development, under the uplifted banner of the national defence industry revolution in the new era.

It also set it as an important task to increase the wartime operations and combat capability and cooperation capability of the Public

Security Forces and the Worker-Peasant Red Guards, important components of the armed forces of the DPRK.

In the third part of his report, Kim Jong Un analyzed and evaluated the great changes that had taken place in the international political and security structure, balance of forces and development of the situation during the period under review.

During the period under review, the WPK analyzed the essence of the structure of international relations that entered the course of serious change, advanced correct external strategic policies and proactively responded to the changes in the grim regional situation and the volatile international relations.

In particular, it permanently fixed the position of the DPRK as a nuclear weapons state completely and absolutely irreversible, making the enemies clearly realize that the dismantlement of the DPRK's nukes can never happen unless the whole world changes.

Kim Jong Un pointed out that during the period under review, the WPK put a historic end to the abnormal relations with the ROK, which had existed on the Korean peninsula for nearly 80 years since the founding of the DPRK, and made a final crucial decision to define these relations as the most hostile state-to-state relationship and clarified the invariable principled stand of the Party and government.

He referred to the remarkable achievements which led to important changes in the position and influence of the DPRK during the period under review, and appreciated them as the brilliant fruits of the Party's unyielding struggle for defending the sovereign rights and development interests of the state and the people's rights and





to further develop our Party into the General Staff of the revolution with a high leadership position and guiding ability.

By steadily intensifying the organizational building of the Party, we should further consolidate our Party into an integral whole in which its members and organizations are firmly united organizationally and act as one in accordance with one organizational discipline.

Personnel administration, growth of the Party membership and management of its ranks, the three main thrusts of strengthening the whole Party, should be steadily intensified.

We should ensure that the officials learn from the Party spirit, revolutionary spirit and people-oriented spirit displayed by the generation who pioneered the cause of building the Party and conduct a substantial campaign for acquiring a skilful method of working with the masses, so as to possess the Party principle, devotion to the people and noble moral traits as their natural disposition.

The Party should give purposeful political guidance over the economic work and positively encourage the working people's organizations to conduct dynamic organizational and political work to inspire their members to the implementation of the new long-term plan. In particular, it should pay attention to strengthening its guidance over the Socialist Patriotic Youth League, a mass political organization of the new generation who will shoulder the future destiny and prospects of the Party, the revolution, the country and the people.

Kim Jong Un said that the struggle goals and tasks to be fulfilled during the ninth term of the Party Central Committee are huge and challenging, but there would be no unconquerable fortress and unachievable cause as we have the scientific lines and policies, the people and army who support the policies of the Party and the state with their single-minded efforts and the self-supporting economy with great potential for development. He affirmed that the mode and spirit of our advancing revolution making greater successes and changes will continue to be carried forward in the future, too, and all fields of socialist construction will reach a higher stage of development.

The essence of the important report made by Kim Jong Un is to put the overall socialist construction on the track of sure qualitative development and epoch-making leaps forward in the new five-year plan period by dint of redoubled fighting efficiency and offensive mode of progress prevailing throughout the Party on the basis of the valuable results gained through the arduous struggle and review of them.

The report serves as a powerful fighting programme indicating the bright path for bringing about more comprehensive and innovative progress in all spheres of the revolution and construction with the honour of being victors who opened up a new trend of prosperity, irreversible and irresistible any longer, despite the worst-ever crisis and challenges.

On the basis of the essence of the important report made by Kim Jong Un, the Congress continued its discussion to harmonize the will and pace of the whole Party and confirm scientific ways in the course of attaining the new long-term goals.

The Congress discussed the second agenda item, "On the Revision of the WPK Rules."

interests under the uplifted banner of independence, justice and socialism, and set forth fundamental principles to be adhered to in the external affairs sector and the strategic and tactical tasks to this end.

The external affairs sector should make sure that the external activities are conducted in a proactive and tactical way, regarding it as its first mission and foremost principle to defend the national interests under the leadership of the Party Central Committee, and

thus expand and strengthen the external prestige and influence of the state more broadly.

Kim Jong Un, in the fourth part of the report, referred to the fact that the leadership ability and fighting efficiency of the socialist ruling Party had been further enhanced during the period under review to usher in a new era of Party building, a great heyday of strengthening the whole Party.

He clarified the tasks for bringing about a fresh turn in

strengthening the whole Party and developing Party work.

The core task to be fulfilled in Party building during the ninth term of the Party Central Committee is to take scientific, realistic and meticulous measures for applying all the principles and requirements of the five-point Party building programme in the new era to Party work and activities and perfectly implement them, thus making a radical improvement in the development of the Party.

First of all, we should channel efforts into political building so as



Greatest glory to Kim Jong Un, the great leader of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean people



At the courteous proposal that the Congress entrust Kim Jong Un again with the important post of general secretary, the supreme position of the WPK, for the development of the WPK, the successful implementation of the gigantic action programme, the prosperity of the country and the rosy future of socialism, in reflection of the unanimous desire of all the Party members and other people, all the delegates expressed full support and approval, raising enthusiastic cheers of “Hurrah!”

The delegates adopted with unanimous approval the decision on electing him general secretary of the WPK in reflection of the will of the entire Party.



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea



Enlarged Meeting of First Plenary Meeting of Ninth Central Committee of WPK Held



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The meeting elected the members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and members and alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

Pak Thae Song, Jo Yong Won, Kim Jae Ryong and Ri Il Hwan were elected as members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

Elected as members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee were Pak Thae Song, Jo Yong Won, Kim Jae Ryong, Ri Il Hwan, Jong Kyong Thaek, Kim Song Nam, Sin Yong Il, Ri Hi Yong, Ju Chang Il, Jo Chun Ryong, An Kum Chol, Kim Jong Gwan, Kim Sung Du, Choe Son Hui, No Kwang Chol, Kim Song Gi, Kim Tok

Hun and Pak Jong Gun.

Kim Yo Jong, Pak Kwang Ung, Han Kwang Sang, Ju Chol Gyu, Jon Hyon Chol, Pak Hun, Ri Chol Man, Ri Yong Gil, Ri Chang Dae, Pang Tu Sop and Kim Chol Won were elected as alternate members of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

The secretaries of the Party Central Committee were elected and the Secretariat formed.

Kim Jae Ryong, Ri Il Hwan, Jong Kyong Thaek, Kim Song Nam,

Sin Yong Il, Ri Hi Yong, Ju Chang Il, Jo Chun Ryong, An Kum Chol, Kim Jong Gwan and Kim Sung Du were elected as secretaries of the WPK Central Committee.

The Central Military Commission of the WPK was elected.

Jong Kyong Thaek was elected as vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK and Jo Chun Ryong, No Kwang Chol, Kim Song Gi, Ri Yong Gil, Pang Tu Sop, Choe Chun Gil, Kim Jong Sik, Yu Kwang U and Ri Chang Ho were elected as members



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of the commission.

The chairman, vice-chairmen and members of the Central Inspection Commission of the WPK were elected.

The meeting discussed the work for the inner-Party structure essentially needed in implementing the Party's political guidance, and unanimously approved a relevant decision.

Department directors of the Party Central Committee and chief secretaries of the provincial committees of the WPK were appointed.

Commanding officers for the key posts of the KPA were appointed.

The meeting decided to discuss the 2026 work plan for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress, make a joint

study of draft decisions reflecting this year's plan at the sectional study and consultative meetings to be held in the period of the Party Congress for drawing up a new five-year plan, and bring together opinions to submit them for deliberation at the newly-elected Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee.

It also decided to discuss the agenda item on the revision of the collection of slogans, set forth by the Party Central Committee, and the handbook on Party Rules and distribute them throughout the Party after the study of the relevant drafts by the members of the Party Central Committee and the deliberation by the Political Bureau.

It decided to examine and adopt a proposal for reshuffling the

Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly and the Cabinet and refer it to the new-term Supreme People's Assembly.

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trust and expectations of the Party members and other people.

The subjective and objective conditions and environment of the Korean revolution will not be smooth even in the period of implementing the new long-term plan, but we should take the strategic initiative firmly and remain proactive in making redoubled efforts on full alert in order to bring about marked growth in the might of the Party and the state and provide the people with greater wellbeing, he stressed.

The agenda items and relevant decisions discussed at the enlarged meeting of the First Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK were submitted to the Congress.





Noting that no challenge or change in situation can ever delay or check our advance, he ardently called on all the participants to fight vigorously to bring earlier the day, when our people's ideals and long-cherished desires will come true, by redoubling their enthusiasm and fighting spirit, full of confidence in the future of the socialist cause.



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He said that the general analysis at this point of today of the struggle of the past five years has given us a good opportunity to take due pride in the fruits of our persevering efforts and clearly understand what are the valuable experiences we should maintain and enrich in the future, the deviations we should put to rights and the lessons we should draw, and to make all the delegates get an overall understanding of the changes and level of development in socialist construction and Party building during the period under review and a correct estimation of the current corresponding level of

development of their sectors and units.

He said that the newly elected Ninth Party Central Committee will be faithful to its responsible leadership role true to the high confidence and expectations of all the Party organizations and the entire membership and will work hard to speed up the development of our great state and bring more substantial benefits to our people at an earlier date, and this will bring it a fair and square assessment of its work.

Saying that our socialist construction has been run through with the three revolutions, and that it has made progress in the course of the struggle to carry out the line of the three revolutions, he stressed

that the great cause of comprehensive development, too, can be carried out much faster and more effectively only when the Party's guidance and the state's leading role are strengthened in conducting the three revolutions, and only when the masses of the people are involved in these revolutions with an attitude befitting masters.

He affirmed that just as we did in the past five-year struggle in which we pioneered the era of comprehensive development of socialism, we will completely rely on our internal force, the great might of our people, in the new upcoming five-year struggle, too, and invariably uplift the ideals of "The people are god," single-hearted unity and self-reliance as the banner of struggle and advance.

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All the delegates responded with stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" to the ardent appeal of the General Secretary who called on the whole Party to stand in the vanguard of the sacred struggle for bringing about the steady prosperity of our state and the rosy future of socialism and to his concluding speech full of revolutionary will.



Sectional study and consultative meetings were held to take correct measures for implementing the new five-year plan and reflect them in the decisions of the Congress. At consultative meetings, the delegates fully displayed extraordinary Party consciousness and a high sense of responsibility so as to ensure that every paragraph of the plans of all the sectors serves as the most scientific and reasonable cornerstone for the perfect implementation of the struggle programme of the Party, and actively proposed innovative and creative opinions that would contribute to firmly guaranteeing the success of the new five-year plan.



First Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK Held



The First Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK was held at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee on February 25.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, guided the meeting.

The Political Bureau listened to and studied the opinions raised at the sectional study and consultative meetings for drafting the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress.

It confirmed the amended and supplemented draft decisions and decided to submit them to the Party Congress.

It also deliberated the draft decision on the work plan for 2026,

and adopted it as the decision of the First Plenary Meeting of the Ninth Central Committee of the WPK.

It examined and perfected the draft collection of slogans set forth by the Party Central Committee and the draft handbook on Party Rules, and decided to distribute them throughout the Party.

The draft decision on the first agenda item deliberated at the meeting of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee was submitted to the Congress.

Reflected in it were the more innovative struggle goals and tasks for all fields including the economy, national defence, culture and state and social administration, set up in conformity with the

requirements of the times when socialist construction has entered a new higher stage of transformation.

Specified in it were the action programmes for all the economic sectors to achieve gradual qualitative development while stabilizing and consolidating the foundations for development laid during the eighth term of the Party Central Committee, and for expanding and accelerating regional development and the creation of rural civilization and steadily promoting the people's wellbeing during the five-year plan period for national economic development.

The draft decision also included the positive and offensive work plans of the relevant sectors to expand and strengthen external

relations with the building of powerful national defence capabilities and defending of the national interests as the basic principle and maintain the immutable struggle principle against the enemy, as well as the fresh and enterprising goals and ways for developing in depth the building and work of the Party.

The Ninth Congress of the WPK adopted with unanimous approval the decision "On Thoroughly Carrying Out the Tasks Set Forth in the Report on the Review of the Work of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK."



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He said that the main idea and main spirit of the Ninth Congress of the WPK is, in a word, to consolidate the successes of the struggle for pioneering the era of comprehensive development and continue to lead them to a greater result. Expressing his conviction that, thanks to the soaring revolutionary spirit and undaunted struggle of all the delegates and other members of the Party, the people across the country and the service personnel of the People's Army, the lines, policies and decisions put forward at the Congress will surely be carried out with credit and a new historic turn will be brought about in the development of the Party and revolution and in socialist construction, he declared the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea closed.

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Saying that the current Congress has drawn great interest at home and abroad as it was convened in the period when our socialist construction is being pushed ahead vigorously and the global political situation is experiencing a serious and rapid change, he noted that the millions of our Party members and all other people across the country had extended their loyal and patriotic minds to the

Congress, which made a sacred review of our past arduous yet grand five-year struggle, and their absolute support to its work through a more intense struggle for creation, a labour struggle.

Expressing his gratitude to all the delegates who, on behalf of all the organizations of the Party and all its members, had devoted, as one, sincere, proactive and responsible efforts to conducting successful discussions of the agenda items, he extended his warm thanks to all the Party members, the people across the country and all

the service personnel of the People's Army, who had injected great encouragement and strength into the Congress and guaranteed its successful work by dint of their unique disposition of supporting the Party with single-hearted loyalty and steadfastness.

He said that we are now faced again with a serious remoulding struggle, a struggle for achieving transformation, which we must surely undergo in the course of advance towards an ideal society in which the independence of the masses of the people has been fully realized, and that it is an indispensable struggle for carrying out more formidable tasks and gigantic projects than those we have done up to now, but clear is the road ahead of us and definite is our success.

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The song *Internationale* was played.

The venue of the Congress brimmed with conviction and self-confidence that victory and glory will always be in store for us, thanks to the wise leadership and sacred revolutionary activities of



Kim Jong Un, the outstanding political strategist and great designer of socialist state building, who is ushering in a new heyday of the revolutionary cause of Juche and firmly consolidating the eternal foundations for comprehensive national rejuvenation with a high sense of responsibility for the destiny of the country and people, the present rejuvenation and the future prosperity.

All the delegates were filled with the revolutionary enthusiasm to devote themselves to fulfilling their duty as befits the vanguard of the Party, who have shouldered the destiny of the Party's decisions and the successful national rejuvenation, solemnly recollecting the importance of the great revolutionary tasks they pledged before the people to unconditionally carry out at the most important and decisive time in the history of development of the WPK and the DPRK.

An all-people grand march, which is to be launched on the immutable principle of self-sustenance and self-determination and in an offensive way under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, will widely open up a new proud period of national prosperity surpassing the past five years, with the Party Congress as an accelerated start.

The Ninth Congress of the WPK, recorded in history as a great review of the arduous struggle and the start of a new journey, will be immortal as a political event that demonstrated the outstanding leadership ability and absolute prestige of the WPK which has always won victories on the road of the Juche revolution, and as a militant banner which powerfully encouraged our state and people to advance towards the brilliant peak of construction of powerful and highly civilized socialism.

Military Parade in Commemoration of Ninth WPK Congress



A military parade in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea took place in splendour at Kim Il Sung Square on the night of February 25. It was attended by 50 foot columns and flight columns, including those of the honorary cavalymen and different services, arms and special corps of the armed forces of the DPRK.



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Members of the orchestra of the State Merited Chorus in charge of playing music for the parade took their seats.

From the sky over the square, reliable paratroopers glided down displaying highly difficult collective parachuting skills, letting off fireworks and flying the national flag and the flag of the Party that shed brilliant light.

Decorating the prelude to the military parade, the combined military band consisting of the Central Military Band of the Ministry of National Defence, the military bands of the combined units at all levels of the Korean People's Army and the women's brass band of the Ministry of Public Security gave a ceremonial performance with dynamic music and rhythmic movements showing the specific characters of the services and the prestige of the powerful army.

Then the columns of the military parade entered the square in a dignified manner with the pride and honour of the revolutionary armed forces which reliably defended the Ninth Congress of the WPK politically and militarily.

The colours of the combined units at all levels of the KPA, symbolic of the dignity of the revolutionary armed forces, entered the square with due ceremony.

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When he took the platform of the square together with the commanding officers of the KPA, enthusiastic cheers swept the square again.

He waved to the columns of the military parade and the audience.

He received fragrant bouquets from members of the Korean Children's Union.

There was a ceremony of hoisting the national flag of the DPRK. A 21-gun salute boomed in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

Kim Jong Un made a meaningful speech.

Expressing his impression of greeting the glorious moment of facing the start of the sacred struggle that should be continued again at Kim Il Sung Square where the Korean people made a start full of determination to blaze a trail five years ago, he said that such a noble, patriotic and sacred struggle that etched in the annals of history really valuable records by devoting all the precious things without hesitation for this moment of today can be carried on only by the Korean people and army that are the most righteous, tenacious and resourceful in the world.





Today's military parade will fully demonstrate their soaring spirit and revolutionary enthusiasm for pioneering another new great path full of dignity in having proudly reviewed the very arduous struggle, he said, expressing warm thanks to all the Party organizations and members, the working class, other working people in all sectors and the young vanguard who have vigorously embarked on the road of struggle towards the new long-term objectives with the honourable recollection and high self-confidence.

This square, as a witness to the victorious history of our Party and every stride of our army, is hosting a military parade of our army to mark the first of the significant ceremonies in honour of the Ninth Party Congress, he said, adding that the route of military parade

represents the invaluable position the times and the revolution have presented to the armed forces of the Republic, and that it means the one of advance they should follow steadfastly with loyalty and feats in the lead of the revolution.

He stressed that the People's Army should continue to play the main role in good faith in the present great times befitting the revolutionary armed forces faithful to the Party, hardcore of the defence capabilities of the state, pioneers of dramatic transformation and artists of the people's happiness, and referred to the duty of the DPRK armed forces which no one else could perform for them.

Noting that all the people across the country will march bravely along the road to be pioneered by the steel-strong units of the army

and all its service personnel, and the time of Korea will advance non-stop towards high aims, he ardently called for launching a vigorous struggle for the new era opened up by the Ninth Party Congress for the dignity and prosperity of the great state and for the invincibility of the socialist cause.

Then there was an inspection of the preparations for the military parade.

No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, inspected the columns of the parade units.

He courteously reported to Kim Jong Un on the completion of the preparations for the military parade in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the WPK.

The parade columns of the armed forces of the DPRK began their grand march.

The column of honorary cavalymen marched past the square first, representing the steadfast will of the service personnel of the KPA to glorify the advance of loyalty for implementing the decisions of the Party Congress with brilliant military feats and great achievements.

It was followed by the columns of the lifeguards units standing in the vanguard of devotedly defending the Party Central Committee headed by the great Comrade Kim Jong Un, the supreme General Staff of the Korean revolution which gives the revolutionary armed forces vitality of a strong army, great glory and invincible strength,



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Led by their commanders, the columns of the Navy and the Air Force safeguarding the forefront of national defence marched past the square with the strong will to dedicate themselves to defending the country.

Following the column of the Special Operations Forces, the ranks of honourable guards and elite spearheads of the Republic, the columns of the overseas operations units and the regiment of engineers for overseas operations marched past, full of pride in being victors, to be reviewed by the great brilliant commander.

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The columns of the corps in charge of the defence of the capital city of Pyongyang, the columns of the corps defending the coastal areas and the depth of the rear of the country and the column of the General Border Guards Bureau defending the border vigorously passed the square brimming with the modernity, advanced nature and strong spirit of the revolutionary armed forces.

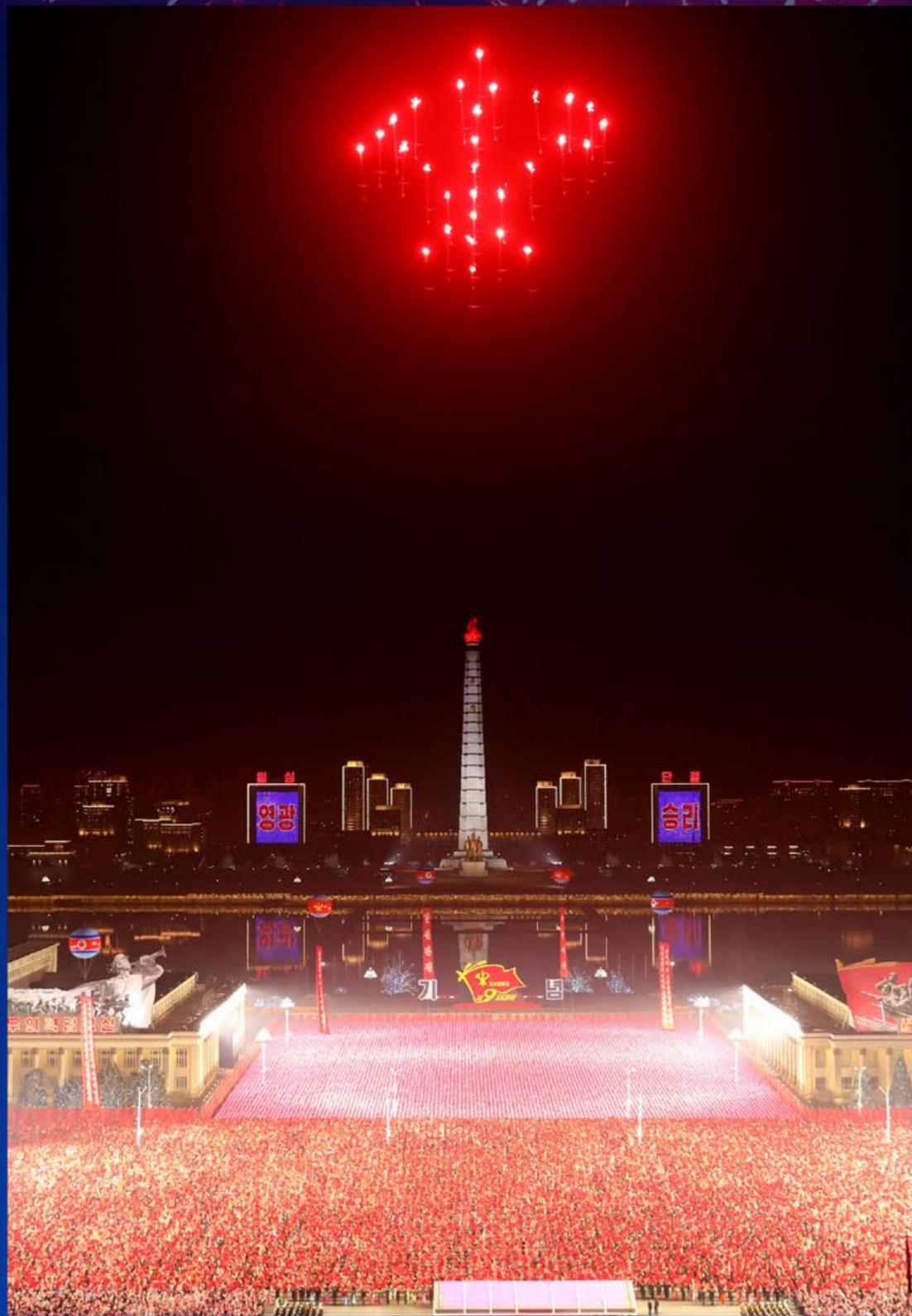
The columns of the Tank and Armoured Division, the Mechanized Infantry Division and the Firepower Assault Division and the columns of special corps members including those of the General Reconnaissance and Intelligence Bureau, snipers, mountain warfare infantry and signalmen were filled with the matchless stamina of the most powerful army which the enemies dare not provoke at the mere mention of their names, the ranks of strong soldiers that win victory in every battle.

The columns of the unit for mountain warfare in the enemy's rear, the maritime snipers unit, the paratroopers unit and the seaborne assault unit and the column of the transport operations unit undertaking major logistic support marched past the square.

Rocking the square were the shouts of loyalty raised by the columns of Kim Il Sung Military University, Kim Jong Il Military and Political University, Kim Il Sung University of Politics and Kang Kon Military Academy, prestigious military educational institutions that firmly guarantee the eternal mightiness and invincibility of the revolutionary armed forces.

The columns of the Ministry of Public Security and the Special Task Force for Public Security which perform the honourable mission of defending the revolution, social system and people,





true to the ideology and cause of the Party, marched past with redoubled courage.

The column of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards, powerful paramilitary forces firmly based in all parts of the country by thoroughly implementing the Party's policy on arming all the people and fortifying the whole country, marched past, followed by the column of students of revolutionary schools who are firmly preparing themselves as pillars of the Juche revolution to dynamically push forward with the growth of the state and army, decorating the end of the march of the foot columns.

Kim Jong Un expressed firm belief that the five years of the future struggle for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress will also be the ones when the outstanding role of the KPA, which no one else can play in its place, will be further enhanced. He

extended warm encouragement to all the paraders, hoping that the militant course of the armed forces of the Republic will shine with proud feats and fame.

Then, aircraft made demonstration flights in the nocturnal sky of the capital city.

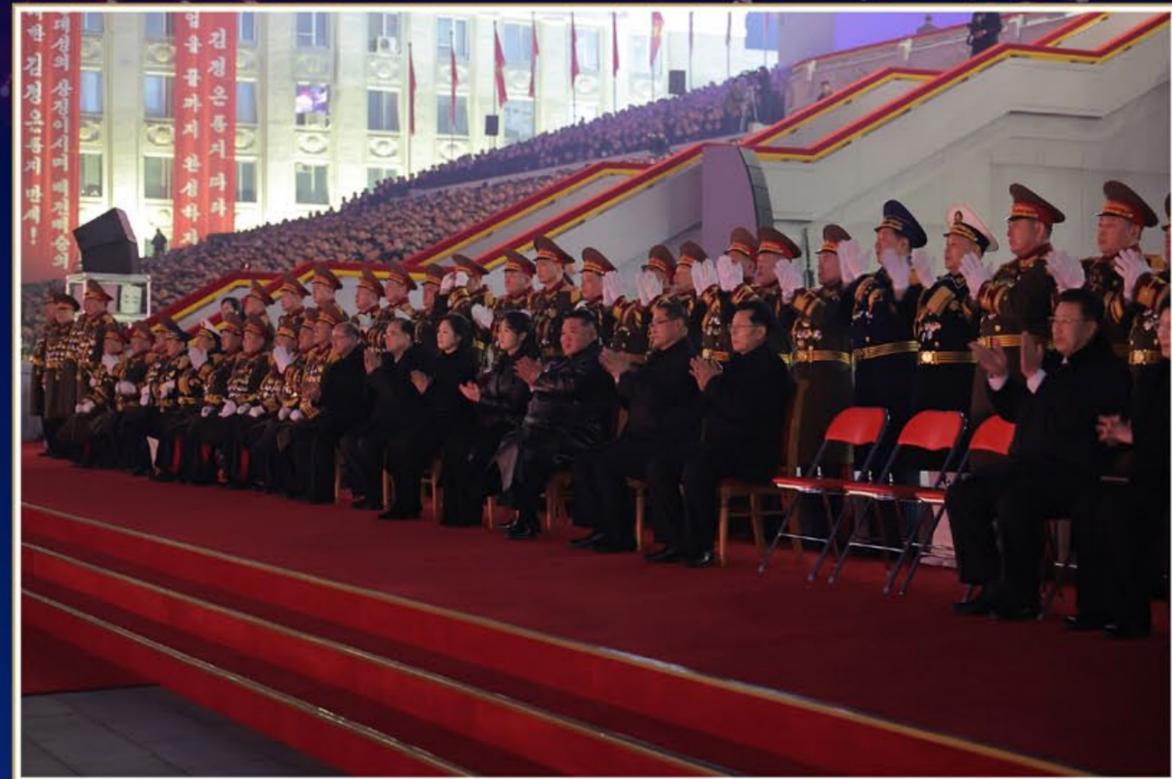
A characteristic performance was given at the square, enlivening the atmosphere of the military parade.

When the performance was over, the stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" raised in reverence for Kim Jong Un swept the square again, resounding endlessly in the nocturnal sky of February.

Kim Jong Un warmly acknowledged the enthusiastic cheers of the crowd.

Aircraft buzzed the square and zoomed, blowing off showers of fire.





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The square brimmed over with the thoughts and feelings of all the people, who trust and follow only Kim Jong Un, cherishing the creed of life that all their dreams and ideals and all the glories and happiness of their life can be brought into full bloom only under the red Party flag of Juche.



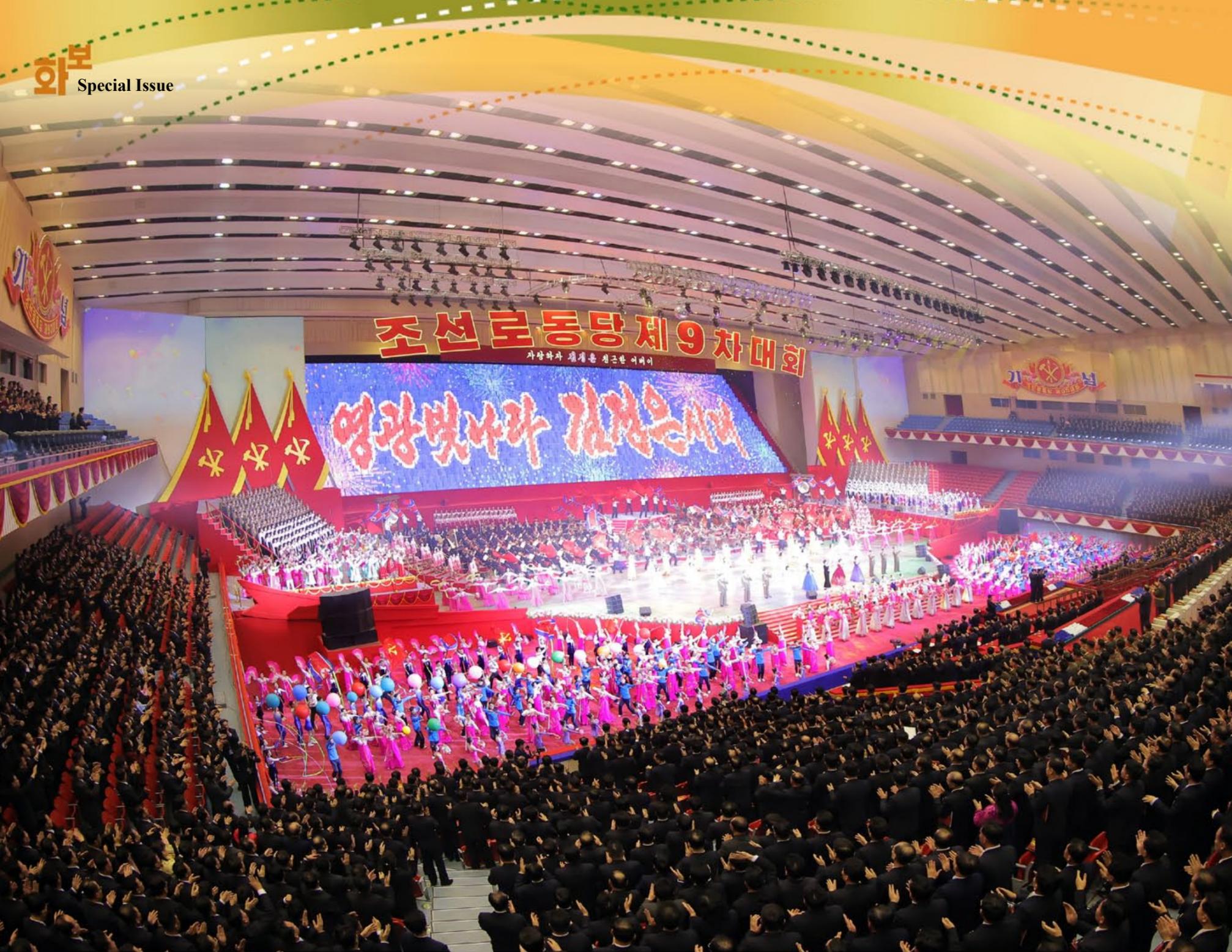
Fireworks Display in Commemoration of Ninth WPK Congress

The fireworks display *Do Prosper, My Motherland* was held in splendour at Kim Il Sung Square in the capital city of Pyongyang in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.



Grand Artistic Performance Given to Commemorate Ninth WPK Congress





A grand artistic performance was given at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium on February 26 in commemoration of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Among the audience were members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and other members of the ninth-term Party central leadership, delegates to, observers of and special guests at the Ninth Congress of the WPK, and members of the congratulatory

groups of Koreans in Japan and the General Association of Koreans in China.

Put on the stage of the performance, which began with the prelude *Song Dedicated to the Motherly Party*, were songs reflecting the ardent loyalty and reverence of the Korean people and service personnel of the Korean People's Army for the WPK to which they have entrusted their destiny and future to follow to the last, and famous songs on the theme of patriotism.

The performers, through the numbers, paid high tribute to the great exploits of the Party which is bringing the centuries-old desires of the people into reality and has put the prestige and reputation of the country and the people on the highest level in history.

The performance reached the climax with the famous songs reflecting the iron truth that only eternal dignity and glory are in store for the DPRK and its people as they are led by the respected Comrade

Kim Jong Un who is bringing earlier the bright future of a rich country with a strong army by carrying forward the tradition of unity, advance and victory as the eternal bloodline of the Korean revolution.

The performance, which fully displayed the revolutionary enthusiasm and single-hearted devotion to realize all dreams and ideals on the road of following the glorious Party Central Committee, ended with an all-people hymn *Dear Father*.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on February 26 with the members of the newly-elected ninth-term Party central leadership.

The participants were filled with a solemn feeling as they visited the sacred supreme temple of Juche with a high sense of responsibility for the heavy duty they have assumed as members of the Party central leadership thanks to the deep trust and expectations of all the Party members at the Ninth Congress of the WPK, an important political event in guaranteeing the eternal dignity and development of the Party.

A basket of flowers in the name of the WPK Central Committee was laid before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, the founder, builders and eternal leaders of the glorious WPK.

The General Secretary, together with the members of the Party central leadership, paid high tribute to the statues of the great leaders.

The members of the Party central leadership solemnly hardened their firm will to fulfil their heavy duty in the responsible journey for brilliantly carrying out the struggle programme of the WPK, closely rallied in one mind around the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who is the most loyal successor to the cause of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and symbol of the absolute prestige of the WPK and its matchless mightiness.





Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Has Photo Session with the Participants in Ninth WPK Congress

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, had a photo session with the participants in the Ninth Congress of the WPK on February 26.

The delegates and observers were filled with deep emotion and joy as they would have a photo taken with the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, symbol of all victories of the Korean people and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, against the background of the venue of the glorious Party Congress where they invariably held him in high esteem as the general secretary of the WPK.

When the General Secretary arrived, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers of "Hurrah!" extending the highest glory to him, who has energetically led the WPK to fulfil its historic mission and role as the guiding banner of the socialist cause and as the genuine leading political organization, while working with devotion day and night for national prosperity and the people's wellbeing.

He extended warm encouragement to the participants who displayed a high degree of Party spirit and revolutionary spirit and great creative initiative in the responsible discussion to reflect the



unanimous will of all the Party members and other people, always mindful of the deep trust and expectations of their Party organizations and the important mission entrusted to them by the times and history.

Expressing his expectations and conviction that they will all play a vanguard role in the sacred struggle for national prosperity and the people's wellbeing to carry out the important policy-oriented tasks set forth by the Party Congress, he had photos taken with them.

All the delegates and observers made a solemn pledge to fulfil their revolutionary duty as the core of the Party in the honourable struggle for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Party Congress by upholding the ideology and leadership of the Party Central Committee with the faith and will of absolute loyalty, deeply cherishing the noble intention and ardent affection of Kim Jong Un who repeatedly places deep trust in them calling on them to become the revolutionary vanguard serving the people and leading them from the front.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Has Photo Session with Officers and Soldiers of Parade Units

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on February 27 met and had a photo session with the officers and soldiers of the units and departments at all levels of the Korean People's Army, who fully demonstrated the absolute support of the armed forces and all the people across the country for the WPK's struggle programme and their confidence in sure victory through their vigorous strides in the military parade in commemoration of the Ninth Party Congress.

When he arrived, stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" resounded far and wide.

He was greeted respectfully by senior officials of the Ministry of National Defence and the commander of the parade units.

All the participants extended highest glory to the great brilliant commander who further exalted the honour and reputation of the Korean People's Army by arranging a grand military parade at an important time when a watershed in the history of the WPK and the new start of another stage converged.

Warmly acknowledging the enthusiastic cheers, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un paid tribute to the officers and soldiers of the parade units, who demonstrated their absolute loyalty to the orders and instructions of the Party and the heroic fighting spirit as the elite



representatives and symbols of the KPA and further convinced the people of the victory in their cause that will be accelerated by the vanguard and core role of the revolutionary armed forces.

He said that the outstanding role and valuable feats the KPA played and performed, which no one else could do in its place, in the crucial courses, in which the destiny of the national sovereignty and the revolution was determined by each step, served as a powerful driving force that pushed the Korean revolution straight forward in the direction indicated by the Party. It is a source of the strongest power and great pride for our Party to have such invincible armed forces that share its destiny, the elite patriotic and loyal ranks that share its intentions, will, ideals and aspirations, he added.

He met the officers and soldiers who participated in the military parade commemorating the Party Congress after performing the brilliant military feats of demonstrating to the world the honour of their motherland in the overseas military operations. He asked about the state of recovery of the wounded soldiers, warmly encouraging them to continue their dynamic march of patriotic loyalty for the Party, the revolution, the country and the people in the future, too.

Today, our army is entrusted with the historic mission and responsibility, more important and heavier than ever before, he said,



adding that it should continue to reliably play the leading role in the present great era by displaying its great heroism, strong mettle and indomitable fighting spirit in all theatres of gigantic struggle indicated by the Ninth Party Congress.

He expressed expectations and belief that the new dynamic march the KPA bravely began with the military parade at the square of victory would be replete with proud feats and fame.

After the photo session was over, all the participants, who received his great trust and warm encouragement, broke into stormy cheers, chanting slogans of “Kim Jong Un” and “Death-defying defence.”

The participants in the military parade were full of militant enthusiasm to wage a dynamic struggle for achieving a new great victory, further demonstrating the dignity and honour of being the guardians of the most righteous cause, state and people under the leadership of the Party Central Committee.

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Presents Gifts to Major Leading Cadres

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on February 27 met with major leading cadres and military commanding officers at the headquarters building of the Party Central Committee and gave them the gifts he specially prepared.

After presenting a new-type sniper's rifle to each of them, he said:

"Over the past five years, you have remained faithful to the historic mission and duty entrusted to you by the Party and the revolution and by the country and the people.

"Greeting the Ninth Congress of the Party, I personally prepared special gifts for you.

"As was already made public, this new-generation sniper's rifle our Academy of Defence Science developed and produced is really a wonderful weapon.

"These gifts represent my appraisal of your extraordinary devotion for the country and the people and an expression of my absolute trust in you.

"I hope that you will, in the future too, discharge your official duties in a responsible manner for the victorious advance of our cause."

The gifts were presented to the members of the WPK Central Military Commission, major commanding officers of the armed forces organs of the DPRK, commanders of the large combined units of the Korean People's Army, commanding officers of bodyguard units, Jo Yong Won and Kim Jae Ryong, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, Kim Yo Jong, director of the General Affairs Department of the WPK Central Committee, and other major leading cadres.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un personally awarded the relevant certificates to them one by one.

The leading cadres, who unexpectedly received the gifts bearing special meaning, could hardly repress their delight as they stroked





the gifts associated with his great expectations and trust.

Kim Jong Un then spent time with them, firing the sniper's rifle at a firing range.

That day, he had a photo session with them who received the gifts.

The cadres, who received the special gifts from him, made a pledge of single-minded loyalty to live a worthwhile life as the number one loyalists who support and defend the country and the people without an inch of deflection or deviation, deeply cherishing his great trust and expectations.





Pyongyang Military-Civilian Meeting and Public Procession Held for Implementing Decisions of Ninth WPK Congress



A Pyongyang military-civilian meeting and a public procession for implementing the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea took place in splendour at Kim Il Sung Square on February 27 amid the revolutionary enthusiasm and fighting spirit of all the Party members, working people and service personnel soaring high to implement the decisions of the Party Congress.

The national anthem was played.

Ju Chang Il, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, addressed the meeting.

Stressing the main idea and main spirit of the Ninth Congress of the WPK, he said:

The decisive guarantee for steadily advancing towards the attainment of a far-reaching ideal in the face of challenges and trials lies in thoroughly implementing the five-point requirements of the times for comprehensive development, set forth by the Party Central Committee, under the uplifted banner of the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—the general line of the WPK.

All the sectors and units should unconditionally bring this year's struggle to success by formulating detailed and definite yearly plans for the coming five years' struggle and giving priority to ideological and political work to enlist the masses' spiritual and creative strength, and keep the soaring fighting spirit further raised everywhere by intensifying Party guidance to make the whole course of fulfilling the new five-year plan run through with the three revolutions.

The officials, the core of the Party and standard-bearer of their ranks, should decisively improve their guiding methods and styles and play a locomotive role for continuous innovation and fresh creation with a determination to prove their spirit of serving the Party, the revolution and the people through their high guiding abilities and perfect fulfillment of their tasks.



When the officials, Party members and other working people in the capital city lead the whole country by creating fine experience and exemplary achievements in implementing the decisions of the Party Congress, the spirit of making leaps forward and innovations will soar higher across the country.

The speaker called upon them to work vigorously full of patriotic enthusiasm and fighting spirit for the successful implementation of the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK and for the prosperity and development of the DPRK, the glorious motherland.

Then, speeches were made by Kim Yong Gun, vice-minister of National Defence, and Jo Chol Jun, chairman of the Pyongyang municipal committee of the youth league.

A letter of pledge to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was adopted at the meeting amid enthusiastic applause.

The public procession began with the playing of the song *Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea*.

Led by the column with the float depicting the emblem of the WPK, the columns of the public procession marched past the square, holding placards of slogans and catchphrases reading, "Let us fully demonstrate the dignity and heroism of our state and people under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un!", "Forever with our Party

Central Committee," "Single-minded unity," etc.

The Pyongyang military-civilian meeting and the public procession demonstrated the soaring enthusiasm and spirit of advance of the officials, Party members, working people and service personnel in the capital city to give full play to their indomitable spiritual strength and patriotic devotion in the sacred struggle for a fresh victory of the revolution along the bright path indicated by the Ninth Congress of the WPK, true to the ideas and leadership of Kim Jong Un.



Evening Gala of Youth and Students Held to Mark Ninth WPK Congress





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