

DPRK: Uncommon Strides and Invincible Strength of a Nation

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The DPRK is a great revolutionary achievement. Through a long and arduous revolutionary struggle the genuine communists and patriots of Korea achieved the historic cause of national liberation and established the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in their liberated country.

With the establishment of the Republic, the DPRK people, for the first time in their history, became a dignified people able independently to hew out their destiny as the true masters of the state and society, and the country appeared in the international arena with pride as a fully-fledged independent and sovereign state.

For the last 70-odd years, the DPRK followed a proud path resplendent with victories and glories and made tremendous achievements which will go down in history. Under the correct leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea the Government of the Republic carried out the socialist revolution and set up the most superior socialist system free from exploitation and oppression and, by forcefully stepping up socialist construction, converted the DPRK into a powerful socialist state with a solid independent national economy, brilliant national culture and self-reliant defence.

The DPRK is a cradle of happiness for its people. Today, in the embrace of the Republic, the DPRK people are fully guaranteed all political rights and freedoms and enjoy blissful material and cultural lives. Under the socialist system of the Republic the workers, farmers and all the rest of the people participate freely in state and social activities enjoying equal rights and they all live happily without any worries.

From the very moment of their birth all the DPRK people without exception are guaranteed by the state and society the right to adequate food, clothing and housing and, thanks to universal compulsory free education and free medical care in the DPRK, they have the full opportunity to learn and

receive medical treatment without paying a penny.

Under the banner of the Republic, the last 70-odd years brought about the greatest transformation of the century that is without precedent in the nation's history and built up the independent socialist country, the people's land of bliss that we see in the beautiful DPRK today.

The DPRK represents genuine people's power and is a banner of the unity and solidarity of the masses. The Government of the Republic has served the people faithfully, regarding the protection of their interests as the basic principle guiding its activities. It has carried out all its policies to meet the will and demands of the people and has striven to guarantee a happy life for them. For its devoted service to them the Government of the Republic enjoys the unreserved support and confidence of all the Korean people today.

The DPRK is now enjoying great prosperity. The political, economic and military might of the Republic is greater than ever before and the socialist construction of the country is progressing at a rapid pace. The whole country is now seething with the gigantic labour efforts of the working people to attain the 12 major goals for the national economic development put forward by the Workers' Party of Korea.

Radical changes were brought about in many fields of economic construction in the DPRK.

In the DPRK key industries, such as the metal and chemical industries, attained significantly increase in their production capacity at existing factories and enterprises, modernized equipment and many more factories and enterprises were built. Thus, the production goals set for coal, electric power, steel, non-ferrous metals, and cement and chemical fertilizers were surpassed.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung pioneered and led the Juche-oriented youth movement in the DPRK. He opened up a new epoch in the youth movement of the country and led it to develop vigorously along absolutely correct lines. From the first days of his revolutionary activities he regarded the youth question as an important matter vital to the success or failure in the revolution and the destiny of the nation. On the strength of his outstanding thought and leadership he gave intelligent guidance to the youth movement and attained imperishable accomplishments.

Under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the DPRK has made giant strides in defence science and technology, which are essential for defending the DPRK and deterring aggression, both in quality and quantity, thus proving the real condition of the DPRK's strategic force and convincing the people of the eternal overwhelming victory and fully demonstrating once

again the absolute might of the DPRK's defence science and technology.

The DPRK's nuclear war deterrent for self-defence is rapidly developing at increasing speed in keeping with the immutable strategic line and policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK to ceaselessly develop the might of the strategic force of the DPRK to turn it into an entity of super power and absolute strength, a powerful force capable of preventing the nuclear holocaust and deterring all sorts of possible dangerous enemy invasions, and a treasured sword for defending justice and peace.

On April 13, 2023, a powerful entity symbolic of the ceaseless development of the strategic force of the DPRK notified the world of its emergence.

A new-type ICBM, Hwasongpho-18, which will fulfill its mission of an important war deterrent as the future core pivotal means of the strategic force of the DPRK, was test-fired.

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, guided the first test-fire of the new-type ICBM on the spot.

The aim of the test-fire was to confirm the performance of the high-thrust solid-fuel engines for multi-stage missiles and the reliability of the stage-jettisoning technology and various functional control systems and to estimate the military feasibility of the new strategic weapon system.

The test-fire confirmed that all the parameters of the new strategic weapon system fully met the requirements of the design in terms of accuracy, providing guarantee and creditability that the new-type ICBM would serve as a powerful strategic attack means of greater military efficiency.

The *Hwasongpho-18* weapon system, to be equipped with and operated by the strategic force of the DPRK under the long-term plan for building the state nuclear force, will perform its important mission and duty as the most powerful, pivotal and principal means in defending the DPRK, deterring aggression and defending the security of the state.

Monumental edifices symbolic of the development and future of socialism are springing up one after another along with the undying journey of the great Workers' Party of Korea for demonstrating the dignity and status of the country and people to the world and courageously ushering in a new era of overall state prosperity through its strong guidance.

A thriving street under socialism and a new street for the people which will provide the citizens in Pyongyang with more civilized life was built in the Hwasong area near the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of

Juche, according to the long-term goal of building dwelling houses in Pyongyang set forth by the Party.

True to the noble intention of the Party Central Committee, which set it as the primary policy task to build the people's houses, soldier-builders and civilian-builders have successfully completed another modern city district in a matter of one year by displaying fervent enthusiasm for working miracles and the revolutionary spirit out of their glory and pride of opening up a new era of capital city construction.

The eye-opening reality in which a new magnificent street is built as a large peculiar architectural group every year, reflecting the bright future of Pyongyang, is an epochal change brought about by the unique people-first political idea of the WPK and a vivid proof of the strong spirit and inexhaustible strength of the DPRK which is advancing and leaping forward despite all difficulties, according to the timetable for upsurge and development.

The ICBM *Hwasongpho-17*, launched at the Pyongyang International Airport, traveled up to a maximum altitude of 6 045km and flew a distance of 1 000.2km for 4 151s before accurately landing on the preset area in the open waters off the East Sea of Korea.

The launching drill had no negative impact on the security of neighboring countries.

The drill confirmed the war readiness of the ICBM unit and the exceptional militancy of the DPRK's strategic forces and strictly verified their reliability.

The launching drill of the strategic weapon serves as an occasion to give a stronger warning to the enemies intentionally escalating the tension in the Korean peninsula while persistently resorting to irresponsible and reckless military threats in defiance of the DPRK's severe warning, and give an understanding of the concern about armed conflict which has come to a threatening reality, and to more clearly show the practical will of the Party and government of the DPRK to counterattack with overwhelming offensive measures anytime.

The nuclear strategic forces of the DPRK will make perfect preparations for carrying out their important mission anytime.

In the sacred course of the Workers' Party of Korea which is translating into thrilling reality the grand plan and determination for prosperity and development of the DPRK and the wellbeing of its people, a new street will be built in the Sopho area of Pyongyang, the capital city, as a symbol of the

development and future of socialism.

The construction of a new street in the capital city, set forth by the historic Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK as a major construction task for this significant year and entrusted to the youth, is a gigantic creation campaign to be carried out by the steadfast will of the WPK to provide the people with a highly-civilized and happy life as early as possible at the extraordinary construction speed of racing against time and accelerate the ongoing grand revolutionary advance with the fighting mettle and advance spirit of the fine, reliable and passionate youth.

Another construction project was declared amid the dynamic advance for the prosperity of the country where dreams and ideal of the people are being materialized under the outstanding leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea which has brought epochal changes in the flames of construction revolution symbolic of advancing socialism and victorious cause.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the 2023 project to build 10 000 flats in Pyongyang, the second-stage construction project in the Hwasong area, took place on February 15, greatly enhancing the people's confidence in the inexhaustible power and rosy future of the state which writes a new history for the comprehensive prosperity and development under the uplifted banner of self-support and self-reliance.

Another grand construction campaign in the Hwasong area for this year, the third year for building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, will clearly prove with the proud entity of change the irresistible spirit of the DPRK people who are constantly creating new style socialist civilization and new life with their own efforts under the leadership of the great Party Central Committee in the face of ordeal and challenges.

In implementing the cause of building a powerful socialist country, it is essential to apply Kim Jong Il's patriotism in practical activities with a proper methodology.

H.E. Kim Jong Il's patriotism should be imbibed by all not merely to shout it as a slogan or hold it up like a banner, but to learn from the ennobling example of patriotism set by the great General Kim Jong Il and apply his patriotism thoroughly in practical activities to build a world free of imperialism and perpetual servitude.

The General was a peerless patriot; he loved his country and fellow countrymen more ardently than anybody else did, and he devoted his whole life to achieving the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people. Thus, he performed imperishable exploits that are etched in the history of the

country.

Lastly, developing countries can throw off the shackles of neocolonialism and consolidate their national independence only when they have built strong independent national economies. In order to build such economies they should conduct exchange and cooperate with each other on the principle of collective self-reliance. The imperialists and the developed Western countries will not present them with a new international economic order or self-reliant economies on a plate. The developing countries should not expect favour of others and pin their hopes on the so-called “South-North cooperation”; they should believe in their own strength and strive to realize South-South cooperation. If they realize South-South cooperation successfully in accordance with the noble idea of independence and the principle of mutual aid, they will be able to build independent national economies by their own efforts, become rich, strong and developed and bring prosperity to their peoples. Presently, economies of the developing countries are wired to be in perpetual debt. We should and must not remain debtor nations!