

Exploits Performed by Matchlessly Great Persons in Strengthening National Defence Capabilities

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The Defence Development Exhibition “Self-defence-2021” opened in splendor on October 11, 2021 in the Three-Revolution Exhibition House in Pyongyang, capital of the DPRK on the occasion of the 76th founding anniversary of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, President of the State Affairs of the DPRK and Supreme Commander of the DPRK armed forces attended the opening ceremony.

Displayed at the exhibition were the different kinds of arms and combat equipment developed and manufactured in the recent 5 years. Looking round the show-pieces, WPK General Secretary Kim Jong Un highly appreciated them. He praised highly the ardent patriotism and faithfulness of the officials in the field of national defence across the country, who carried the sacred national-historic cause of building up the world powerful defence capabilities under the leadership of the WPK, holding high the slogan “Our state-first principle”.

In his commemorative speech made at the exhibition, Comrade Kim Jong Un declared with proud that the grand exhibition proved intensively and by intuition the magnificent ambition, leadership ability and practical executive ability of the WPK ushering

in a new period of building up the national defence capabilities by invariably adhering to the invincible line of self-defence. He said that the exhibition served as a great demonstration of national power, which was no less significant than a large-scale military parade, displaying the DPRK's national defence science and astonishing development and bright prospect of the munitions industry.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un recollected the “do-or-die” road of revolution in the munitions industry, the unknown paths through virgin snow on which the WPK had to cover without doubt in the last 5 years. He referred to the validity of the WPK's defence policy of setting the strengthening of the national defence as indispensable and vital important state affairs. He earnestly called upon the entire people to devote body and soul, wisdom and passion unsparingly to the sacred cause of building up the defence capabilities of the great country in every way.

Building up of the DPRK's national power and armed forces is inseparably linked with august names of the great leaders President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il. The progressive people greet a year of significance. April 25, 2022 marks the 90th anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army (KPRA) founded by the President. The Korean People's Army (KPA) has covered the militant course of victory and glory in the whole period of its development. The KPA adorned the page noteworthy in the world history of struggle against imperialism.

In the period (1905-1945) when Japan occupied Korea militarily, the KPRA waged arduous armed struggle without state rear or support of regular armed forces to defeat the Japanese imperialists who posed themselves as being the “leader” of Asia, thus achieving the cause of

national liberation on August 15, 1945.

The KPA that developed into the regular armed forces after national liberation displayed heroism in the Korean war (June 1950-July 1953). It was the war provoked by the US imperialists to nip the two-year old young DPRK in its cradle. The result was evident. The myth of the US imperialists boasting of being the world “strongest” was shattered to smithereens. Freedom and sovereignty of the DPRK were reliably safeguarded. The US imperialists could not but sign the AA tantamount to a surrender document.

When the touch-and-go situations (continuous provocations of the US including incidents involving the US imperialists’ armed spy ship *Pueblo* in January 1968, the heavy reconnaissance aircraft of the US Air Force “EC-121” in April 1969 and the Panmunjom incident in August 1976) were created on the Korean peninsula after the war, the KPA mercilessly punished the provokers, thus safeguarding security of the country and gains of revolution.

Taking advantage of collapse of socialism in several countries in the late 20th century, the imperialist allied forces directed the spearhead of politico-military attack against the DPRK. In such grave circumstances, Chairman Kim Jong Il of the DPRK National Defence Commission held higher the banner of Songun to direct primary efforts into the building up of military capabilities of the country. Hence, the KPA was strengthened and developed into an elite powerful army strong in ideology and faith, the invincible armed forces capable of destroying any aggressors, equipping all modern offensive and defensive means.

The KPA has rendered great services to the strengthening of politico-ideological position of the country to the letter while

displaying its dignity as the pillar and the main force of the revolution.

As is well known, the main cause of collapse of socialism in some countries in the end of the 20th century was not attributable to the weak military and economic strength. It was because that the politico-ideological position was weakened in those countries.

However, the politico-ideological position in the DPRK was cemented to the maximum thanks to the unity and cohesion based on one ideology. The traditional army-people unity in the DPRK develops onto a new high stage through generations. The army and people not only assist and love each other but are in concert in their ideological and mental traits and fighting style.

What should be mentioned in particular is that the DPRK's army-people unity is formed on the basis of the revolutionary soldier spirit created and displayed in the army. The oneness in ideology and fighting style of the army and people based on the revolutionary soldier spirit remarkably strengthens the politico-ideological position of the DPRK. Socialist Korea emerges victorious even in the grave trials of history thanks to the rock-solid politico-ideological position.

The KPA creates successive miracles and renders distinguished services as the main force also in the socialist construction.

With the slogan "Let us take upon ourselves both national defence and socialist construction!", the KPA servicemen built numerous mines, coal mines, power stations, factories, enterprises, schools, hospitals and theatres. They always made a breakthrough in the main fronts of the postwar rehabilitation and the socialist construction and laid an eternal foundation for prosperity of the country.

Thanks to their resolute efforts, mass cultural and emotional facilities including Munsu Water Park and Mirim Riding Club were

built on the world level and such medical service bases as Okryu Children's Hospital and Ryugyong Dental Hospital were newly built. Unha Scientists Street for scientists and technicians and the apartment buildings for the educationists of Kim Il Sung University and other many bases for the people's happiness are the fruitions of labor exploits of servicemen and are associated with their sweat.

The world level Masikryong Ski Resort was also constructed by the servicemen. Commonly, it takes over 10 years to complete such huge project. However, soldier builders created unprecedented "Masikryong speed" to successfully conclude the construction in the shortest period. Looking round the completed resort, Comrade Kim Jong Un highly appreciated the soldier builders' great services, adding that they have done a great job.

Recently, the US stages large-scale joint military exercises under different pretexts by mobilizing vast armed forces and the latest combat equipment that are more than enough to launch a full-scale war, thus bringing the dark clouds of a nuclear war over the Korean peninsula. Nevertheless, sovereignty and socialism, peace and security in the region are being reliably safeguarded thanks to the powerful war deterrent of the DPRK. Through this fact, the international community judges the ability of the KPA that wins victory after victory in the anti-imperialist struggle.