Kim Jong Un Elected as General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea
Happy New Year.
As we mark the start of the new year, I extend my heartfelt greetings to you all.
I sincerely wish every family across the country greater happiness, and the beloved people good health.
In the new year I will continue striving to hasten the dawn of the new era in which the ideals and desires of our people will come true.
I offer thanks to the people for the unfailing trust and support you have given to our Party, even in the most difficult times.
Renewing my pledge always to remain faithful to our great people.

Kim Jong Un
January 1, 2021
Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea
January 5-12, Juche 110 (2021)
Opening Speech at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea

Dear delegates,

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, attended by which members, comrades and all the people of our country have joined forces, is being convened at a time when the Party and people are striding forward in an heroic struggle to achieve the final victory of socialism and gloriﬁes the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea. This matchless occasion is an expression of our Party's and people's unyielding determination and strong will to accomplish the cause of socialism.

The Party has been established and developed by the victorious will of our eternal leaders—Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, the founder and builder of the Workers' Party of Korea and the leader and guide of the revolution. The Party became a great force which led the revolution to great victory through tenacious and accurate practical activities aimed at implementing its principles and ideas.

In the process of its development and growth, the Party became a guiding core of large-scale national events and a strong driving force, which inspired the people to overcome every obstacle and adversities and drive forward the revolution to a new high. The achievements made by our Party under the leadership of the eternal leaders have rendered an indelible mark on history and opened up a new era from which our great country will go on to an even brighter future.

The Party, our guiding core, has always been the most reliable and steadfast support of our people. Our people have trusted and supported the Party and defended the Eighth Congress with utmost dignity and honor.

At this moment, the interest, expectations and hope of all the Party members and representatives, the leaders of the fatherland and all people across the country have gathered at this historic congress. It is a great duty and task for us to fulﬁll the mission of the congress in order to live up to the great trust and expectations of the Party and people.

Let us join hands and together express our heartfelt gratitude and respect to the founder and builder of the Workers' Party of Korea, Comrade Kim Il Sung, and the current leader of the Fatherland, Comrade Kim Jong Il, and the great company of Stalins, Kims.

Now we have gathered at this historic congress which will review the revolutionary work of the last five years and study the measures for improving revolutionary work, for reaching fresh and continuous victories in socialist construction and for reliably implementing the decisions of the Eighth Congress. At the same time, we will also be preparing for the Ninth Congress which will be convened in the near future, and thus ensure its successful opening.

Today, at this historic venue, we are solemnly declaring the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea open.

Kim Jong Un
The Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea took place between January 5 and 12, 2021, in Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

At 9 a.m. on January 5, Kim Jong Un, the great head of the WPK, the DPRK and the Korean people and the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, took the platform of the congress together with the members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

All the participants broke into thunderous cheers of “Hurrah!” in reverence for the Supreme Leader who is confidently leading the DPRK and people to shining victory and glory with his gifted wisdom, outstanding leadership, immense courage and strong will.

The congress was attended by the members of the leadership body of the Seventh Party Central Committee and the delegates elected by Party organizations at all levels.

Kim Jong Un delivered an opening address.

It was the solemn occasion for the Korean people to further consolidate and infuriate the most brilliant political and military forces under the leadership of the great head of the WPK and the supreme leader of the Korean revolution, Kim Jong Un.

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The congress elected its presidium.

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The platform was taken by the presidium members of the Eighth Congress of the WPK, members of the Party’s central leadership body who worked hard to fulfil their duty in their efforts to implement the decisions made at the Seventh WPK Congress during the period under review and exemplary officials of principal units.

The congress elected its secretariat.

The congress entered into a discussion on the first agenda item.

Kim Jong Un delivered a report on the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the WPK.

The participants received with great excitement the report on the work of the Party Central Committee which clarified the policies for successfully overcoming all the obstacles and difficulties by giving full play to the internal motive force and development potentials of the Korean revolution.

Listening attentively to the report, they made an in-depth study of the heavy and responsible tasks facing the Korean revolution, which has entered the period of new development and leap forward, in connection with the work in their sectors and units.

Speeches were made on the first agenda item.

Speakers expressed full support to the report on the work of the Party Central Committee, which indicated the orientation of advance and fighting goals for the Korean revolution, admitting that it is a great practical programme surely guaranteeing a fresh leap forward and victory of socialist construction in the present stage.

All the participants made a firm resolve to carry out the new five-year plan with the experience gained and lessons drawn from the work during the period under review as valuable foundations and reliable stepping stone for future advance and development.

The congress discussed the second agenda item and adopted a decision.

There was a discussion on the third agenda item “On amendments to the Rules of the WPK” and a decision was adopted.

The congress discussed its fourth agenda item “Election of the central leadership body of the WPK”.

The nomination and election took place after rational methods of recommending the candidates for members and alternate members were decided.

When the chair courteously proposed electing Kim Jong Un as a member of the Party Central Committee in reflection of the unanimous will and desire of all the members of the Party including the delegates attending the congress, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of “Hurrah!” and applause in token of their full support.

All the recommended candidates were elected as members and alternate members.

The congress adjourned on page 16.
Great Programme for Struggle Leading the Korean Style of Socialist Construction to Fresh Victory

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un made the report on the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Party at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The report comprehensively and deeply analyzed and reviewed the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Party, laid down a fresh struggle line and strategic and tactical policies for socialist construction and national reunification, and translated them into the political line to be constantly adhered to in socialist construction.

The report detailed the achievements made by the Party and the Korean nation during the period under review.

The report summarized the fact that the devoted service for the people thoroughly ran through all the work of the Party and the state.

The spirit of self-reliance and the policies for its embodiment stressed at the Seventh Congress of the WPK and the Korean revolutionaries were firmly inherited.

The supreme success achieved in the last five years of struggle for the Party was the development and installation of a strategy for advancing the cause of national reunification.

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Kim Jong Un delivering the report on the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea

The report underscored the need to put major efforts on building up the ranks of the cadres, the heart and soul of the Party and the leading officials of the revolution, in steadily strengthening the education and control of their work to prevent them from increasingly deviating from the Party's line by strictly adhering to Party principles, the principle of selflessly selecting from the party and its officers its members, in ensuring Party membership.

The report referred to the need in particular drawing great efforts in strengthening primary Party organizations and Party cells, the basic organizations of the Party, a necessary yardstick with the organization of Party guidance and Party life as a main link in the whole chain of Party work and rally the broad masses of people more closely behind the Party by channeling big efforts on the work with them.

The report advanced the tasks of fundamentally improving the form and method of ideological education work in line with the requirements of the developing reality and of strengthening Party guidance, policy-oriented guidance, over the revolution and construction and set forth ways of radically improving Party work.

The Supreme Leader said in the last part of the report that through the report on the work of the Party Central Committee, the participants could have an in-depth understanding of successes and shortcomings in their work, their causes and lessons, and the measures and methods of future struggles and find through collective discussion, they became able to confirm strategic and tactical policies based on common opinions.

He expressed his expectation that all the delegates would make in-depth study and discussion of the report, draw the historical wisdom of the Party and with a high sense of Party responsibility, and earnestly call on them to vigorously fight on for a fresh leap forward and victory in socialist construction, for our great state and for our great people, rally closely around the Party Central Committee under the uplifted banner of great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

The historic report of the Supreme Leader comprehensively clarifying the important guidelines for bringing about a new upswing in overall work of the Party and revolution received full support and approval of all the participants in the congress, and augurs well for the victorious advance and bright future of the socialist cause.
The congress discussed the most important and responsible issue of crucial significance in the development of the glorious WPK and the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche. Delegate Ri Il Hwan proposed holding the election concerning the general secretary of the WPK. Saying that it is the solemn demand of the times and firm faith of millions of Party members and other people to hold Kim Jong Un in high esteem as head of the WPK, he courteously proposed electing Kim Jong Un as general secretary of the WPK in reflection of the unanimous will of the whole Party and all the people. The Eighth Congress unanimously adopted a decision on electing Kim Jong Un as general secretary of the WPK in reflection of the unanimous will and desire of all the delegates and other Party members, all the people and entire personnel of the People’s Army to achieve the development of the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist party and a fresh victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK was held after the election of the Party central leadership body, and the decisions made at the meeting were reported to the congress. The committee for drafting the resolution of the Party congress elected with members of the leadership body of the Eighth Party Central Committee guided the sectoral consultative meetings of delegates to study and discuss the issues of thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report. Kim Jong Un made a concluding speech on the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK, which took place at a crucial and important time in the development of the revolution, fully demonstrated the revolutionary appearance and militant spirit of the WPK in which the whole Party forms a solid integral whole and makes ceaseless creations and innovations, as it set forth the correct orientation to be followed by the Party and people at the present stage and scientific strategic and tactical policies and secured the strong traction power for their materialization. (Continued from page 9)
Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea

Kim Jong Un is the outstanding leader of the Korean revolution and the great architect and representative of the dignified state and people, who has performed the greatest achievements for the country and the people with his gifted ideological and theoretical wisdom, extraordinary leadership and noble traits.

He readjusted the leadership abilities and fighting efficiency of the Workers’ Party of Korea, as required by the idea of building the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist party and the developing revolution, and enforced the people-first politics, and thus developed the Party into the powerful political general staff of the revolution, steel-strong elite vanguard ranks and genuine motherly party both in name and reality.

He has put the overall national power and position of the Republic on the highest level in a short period of history, the greatest exploit to be most specially recorded in the history of the nation.

Under his wise leadership the great action programmes and strategic and tactical guidelines for the revolution and construction have been fully provided, the single-minded unity—the greatest national power of Juche Korea—consolidated in every way and the people-oriented nature of the state and social system made stronger.

Kim Jong Un tremendously strengthened the armed forces of the Republic into the invincible revolutionary army of the Party and powerful elite army with his Juche-oriented military idea and superb leadership over the army and successfully accomplished the great historic cause of building the national nuclear forces. He firmly guaranteed the security and future of the country and the people by strengthening the national defence capability that no aggression forces can ever provoke. It is the patriotic feat to be lauded by the nation generation after generation.

He wisely led the struggle for readjusting and reinforcing the overall economy of the country and putting the national economy on a self-supporting and modern basis, ensured that a lot of monumental edifices were built in the country, which are products of the spirit of self-reliance and self-development, and opened up the era of great leap and innovation in all fields of the revolution and construction.

Thanks to the devoted efforts made by Kim Jong Un who made ceaseless journey of selfless dedication to the people, while regarding the hardships and creation for the people as the greatest pleasure and the worth of making the revolution, the most advantageous policies for the promotion of the people’s wellbeing and the life and society have been created and conclusions for the people to be proud of in the world have been achieved.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK decided to elect Kim Jong Un as general secretary of the WPK in reflection of the unanimous will and wish of all the delegates, all the Party members, other people across the country and service personnel of the People’s Army for the sake of the development of the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist party and the fresh victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche.
The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held at the conference hall of the office building of the Central Committee of the Party on January 10.

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

Attending the meeting were members and alternate members of the Party Central Committee who were elected at the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

Present there as observers were leading officials of the departments of the Party Central Committee, provincial, city and county Party committees, ministries and national agencies.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party elected the Political Bureau and the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee headed by the General Secretary of the WPK.

The meeting elected secretaries of the Party Central Committee and organized its Secretariat.

It also elected the Central Military Commissions of the Party and held an exhibition of the Central Auditing Commission of the Party according to the revised Party rules.

Elected department directors of the Party Central Committee and delegates to the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

The other important agenda items discussed and decided at the meeting were establishing a new discipline and supervision system within the Party.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un noted the boosted power of the Central Auditing Commission at the Eighth Congress of the Party is mainly aimed at further developing the WPK into the one which makes revolution, struggles and advances by setting up strict discipline and revolutionary discipline throughout the Party.

The plenary meeting, given that the authority of the Party Central Auditing Commission has been raised, decided to create an executive department as an organizational measure to guarantee its realization.

It was emphasized that when the department in charge of the Party’s discipline issue is established from the Party Central Committee to provincial, city and county Party committees and begins its work, practices of violating and challenging the Party’s organizational discipline and breaking the rules and functions and all sorts of practices of tarnishing the revolutionary traits of the Party will be constrained a lot.

The plenary meeting also introduced the need to strengthen Party guidance for bringing about an improvement in the enforcement of state discipline and law so as to push ahead with the work of establishing the discipline of the Party and state in a unified and simultaneous way.

He put an important emphasis on always organizing and conducting work in the interests of the Party and the revolution and for the purpose of defending and firmly consolidating the single-minded unity of the Party and the masses when dealing with the breaking of disciplines and complaints and petitions.
The sectoral consultative meetings of the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea took place on January 11.

The meetings, which lasted for eight sessons, were held to thoroughly implement the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the Party Central Committee. They were guided by the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other members of the Party central leadership body.

The meetings studied and discussed the practical matters for carrying out the goals and tasks of the struggle in all fields of socialist construction in the coming five years.

The delegates unanimously acknowledged that scientific, realistic and dynamic development directions and detailed ways are urgently needed in their sectors and units in order to certainly orient overall Party and state work towards facilitating fresh innovation, bold creation and constant progress.

Discussions focused on the urgent issues for the Cabinet to properly manage the Cabinet-responsibility system and the Cabinet-centred system as the economic headquarters of the country on the economic front, the major front for opening a new avenue of socialist construction, strongly propel the work of strengthening the main arteries and integrity of the national economy and improve economic management.

The delegates studied the development strategies for their sectors and units based on the innovative orientation and relevant tasks for socialist cultural construction advanced in the report of the Party congress.

Issues arising in implementing the important strategic tasks for strengthening national defence capabilities were also discussed.

The delegates had in-depth discussions of issues, guided by the Party’s leadership idea which calls for bringing about a fundamental turn in Party work and for strengthening working people’s organizations in line with the requirements of the times and the developing reality.

Scientific and innovative opinions which can guarantee the implementation of the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress were collected in the consultative meetings through an energetic in-depth study and brainstorming.

All the delegates in the sectoral consultative meetings were full of enthusiasm to prove their loyalty to the Party and solemn pledge in the struggle to implement the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress by striving hard with a firm determination and fortitude to improve the work in their fields and units as required by the new period of drastic change and upsurge in the revolution.
Concluding Speech at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea

Dear delegates,

...The congress also reviewed the work of the Auditing Commission of the Seventh Central Committee of the Party in a comprehensive and in-depth manner, evaluated and approved the work of the Party's internal audit institutions, and determined the direction and development of this work. The congress has built the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, elected by unanimous approval and support of all of you, dear delegates, will demonstrate its correct managerial role in enhancing our leadership abilities to achieve a fresh victory in the building of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Whereas the ideal of “The people are God” reflects our Party's consistent struggle in a critical and strict way, and adopted decisive measures to fundamentally and irrevocably root out all deviations and mistakes latent as its agenda items the immediate fighting plans for opening an era of a new situation, and men of high thought and moral integrity who are competent in all sectors, ranging from the Party, state and military affairs to the social and economic fronts, and achieve the important tasks in developing the Party, and made an in-depth discussion of no less significance than the successes it achieved during the period under review. The report, speeches and consultative meetings reviewed and evaluated the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Party in a comprehensive and in-depth manner, and made an in-depth discussion of the line and strategic and tactical problems for the new period.

The report, speeches and consultative meetings must be understood as the slogan of the Eighth Party Congress for putting up a high-sounding slogan. The socialist economic construction is the most important revolutionary task we should focus our all-out effort at present. As we look back on the course of defending, analyzing and improving the people's living standards as our line of duty, people at all levels should respect our Party, and, regarding it as the starting point and invariable principle of our Party's building and activities to serve the people, the ideals of single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again and apply it to our way ahead.}

I feel truly honored that you elected me as the important position of the General Secretary of the dignified Workers' Party of Korea, but I cannot but feel overawed with gratitude and feel my heart heavy. Fully aware of the sacred mission that I am representing and in charge of, I must lead the Party and its members in overcoming all hardships and accessing the road of sustainable advance and development.

Dear delegates, As this congress, together with the great tasks of all of you and other comrades of the entire Party, I have again been honored with the supreme leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea. I would like to suggest substituting cherishing our Party's three ennobling virtues (unity and self-reliance, single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again and apply it to our way ahead.}

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We must regard it as an important task to further strengthen the national  five-year plan for the national economic development, and concentrate its  implementation on the following three main points:

1. We must firmly put the national economic work on the princi- ple of national economic revitalization, and, based on it, shoring up other sectors all together.

2. For the sake of radically increasing the capacity of steel and chemicals production, and improvement of the people’s living standards.

3. Increased in a prospective way, so as to make it possible to put the grain procurement by the state must be set on the level similar to that in 2019.

We must increase the output of consumer goods by regarding it as the main link. All factories and factories, all the sectors supplying the light-industry sector with raw and other materials can normalize their production.

The newly elected members of the Eighth Party Central Committee and all the people of the country are very low and backward.

We intend to pay attention from now on to developing the local economy and improve the people’s standard of living with its practical efforts on implementing them.

We must lay the foundations for developing the basic economy and integrate them into the national economic plan, so as to better meet the demands of the national economic development.

All the economic departments of the Party Central Committee, the Cabinet, and other people at all times and at all places, and produce substantial efforts on implementing the tasks set forth by the central leadership body of the Party and all the delegates here in the hearts of the masses and arouse the victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche, and for our great country.

Let us all fight on more vigorously for the brilliant fulfilment of the  journey after the Party congress.
Dear delegates,

Closing Address at the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea

The Eighth Party Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea that has been held is a very significant period in the course of the strengthening and development of our Party and the building of socialism of our style. It is a period in which a full discussion and decision on all items on the agenda thanks to the high enthusiasm of all the Party and the building of socialism of our style has made a full discussion of constructive opinions and reached a consensus in their opinions, thereby making progresses.

The revolutionary line and guidance of our Party are fully demonstrated at the Eighth Party Congress. They provide a great impetus to the Party members and other people to go forward at a higher level. We have to give full play to the militant features of our Party that works, struggles and in all sincerity in the discussion of issues with the highest degree of Party time as they received the policies and ideas of the Party Central Committee, congress.

Dear delegates,

Putting the revolutionary line and immediate fighting plans set by the Eighth Party Congress into a broad context of the overall work of our Party and the state, we should seriously and with honour.

The Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea will successfully be carried out and epoch-making progress will be achieved in all aspects of work. We should thoroughly carry out the highly important tasks set by the Eighth Party Congress, effectively hold discussions and conduct organizational studies for firmly arming the people with the documents and decisions of the Party congress, including the five-year plan for the national economic development, and wage a determined struggle so as to develop socialist construction onto a new stage.

We should arrange the study involving the whole Party for implementing the decisions of the Party congress, and wage a powerful struggle to implement the decisions of the Party congress so as to thoroughly accept the tasks and duties of struggle fixed by the Party congress, and wage a determined struggle so as to implement the decisions of the Party congress.

Therefore, Party organizations at all levels should organize intensive studies for deeply grasping the spirit of the decisions and decisions of the Eighth Party Congress, effectively lead discussions and conduct organizational and political work for improving the Party and the masses and their subjective and objective environment as early as possible.

Let us all advance dynamically towards a fresh victory of the revolution with a great fighting spirit and indomitable perseverance.

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Dear delegates,

In closing this Eighth Party Congress, I express my heartfelt thanks to the President of the Workers’ Party of Korea, Mr. Kim Jong-il, on behalf of the Eighth Party Congress.

I appeal to all the delegates at this congress to strictly implement the decisions of the Party congress to achieve the prosperity and development of our style of socialism without fail, and to work for the revolution and construction.

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Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the WPK, Saw the Grand Art Performance "We Sing of the Party" Held in Celebration of the Eighth Congress of the WPK with the Delegates to the Party Congress.
A military parade took place in splendid style on January 14 at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang to commemorate the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea. Parade columns entered the square majestically with the pride of having reliably defended the Eighth Congress of the WPK by dint of the arms of the revolution.

The columns of front-line units which moved forward demonstrated the indomitable might of the armed forces of the Republic lined up on the avenues leading to the region.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, appeared on the platform of the square amid the playing of the welcome march. Cheers of “Hurrah!” for the Supreme Leader and chants of “Kim Jong Un” and “Devoted defence” rocked heaven and earth and fireworks brightly decorated the nocturnal sky.

The Supreme Leader waved his hand back to the cheering participants in the military parade and the spectators. The platform was taken by the members of the leadership body of the Eighth Party Central Committee. The reserved seats for guests were taken by the participants in the Eighth Congress of the WPK and special guests.

Amid the playing of song The Glorious Motherland, a 21-gun salute was fired. Kim Jong Gwan, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, made an address. Then, there was a ceremony of hoisting the national flag.

Ri Pyong Chol, vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission and the Korean People’s Army Marshal, reported to the General Secretary of the WPK that the military parade for commemorating the Eighth Party Congress was ready to start. The parade began led by the command car carrying Pak Jong Chon, Korean People’s Army Marshal and chief of the KPA General Staff, amid the playing of dynamic music.

Supreme Commander Kim Jong Un extended militant greetings to the可靠 service personnel who, as the main force of national defence and the revolution, have safeguarded the socialist country, the Party and the revolution with their lives and blood for upholding the Party’s leadership.

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Kim Jong Un waving back to the cheering parade and audience.

Military Parade Highlighted the Eighth Congress of the WPK
over the square in the formation.
Amid the surging enthusiasm of the service personnel who know no other reply than “Yes” to the order of the Party column of the mechanized units began their procession headed by the column of armoured vehicles.
The spectators extended the highest glory and warmest congratulations to Kim Jong Un, a peerless hero, who ushered in a new era of self-reliance and prosperity in which the Korean people and posterity could enjoy happiness to the full in a dignified strong country.
At the end of the military parade, fireworks were set off again amid the thunderous cheers.
Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering crowds.
The military parade in commemoration of the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea marked a significant occasion for inspiring the entire Party, the whole army and all the people to turn out in the revolutionary grand march for implementing the decisions set forth in the Party congress.
Fireworks Display Celebrated the Eighth Congress of the WPK
The Fourth Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK took place on January 17 at Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang.

The session decided on the agenda items. The four agenda items were discussed. All the members recommended for the Cabinet by Deputy Premier Kim Song Ryong, premier of the Cabinet, upon the authorization of the Central Committee of the WPK were appointed with a unanimous approval.

There were reports on the second and third agenda items and speeches were made. Speakers expressed their firm determinations to further strengthen the potential and might of the self-supporting economy so as to reenergize the overall national economy and bring about a fresh turn in improving the people's standard of living, true to the idea and spirit of the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

Ordinances and decisions of the SPA were also adopted.
Kim Jong Un poses with the delegates to the Eighth Congress of the WPK
Kim Jong Un poses with participants in the military parade held to commemorate the Eighth Congress of the WPK
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Kim Jong Un has a photograph taken with the observers to the Eighth Congress of the WPK with its venue in the background.
Kim Jong Un has a photo session with the guard, security and defence personnel who contributed to the successful Eighth Congress of the WPK.
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Kim Jong Un has a photo session with the newly-elected members of the Eighth Party central leadership body
Kim Jong Un meets and has a photo session with the new Cabinet members appointed at the Fourth Session of the 14th Supreme People’s Assembly of the DPRK
Kim Jong Un poses with the press workers who contributed to the successful Eighth Congress of the WPK.
Let Us Vigorously Advance towards Fresh Victory of the Korean-style Socialism along the Road Indicated by the Eighth Congress of the WPK

Pyongyang city army-people rally held

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