A resolution of the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea “On Election of General Secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea” was issued on January 10.

The resolution is as follows:

The general secretary of the WPK is the head of the Party who represents and leads the whole Party.

For the revolutionary Party, the head of the Party is the top brain of the revolution embodying the organizational intention of the whole Party and the centre of the leadership and unity.

To correctly elect the head of the Party comes to be a more important and vital requirement in the period of carrying forward the revolutionary cause and in the period of its fresh development.

The head of the Party vested with the most responsible and important mission by the times and the revolution should possess prominent qualities and capabilities for wisely leading the whole Party.

The current Congress fully supported and approved the courteous proposal for holding Comrade Kim Jong Un in high esteem as the general secretary of the WPK.

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

Comrade Kim Jong Un readjusted the leadership abilities and fighting efficiency of the Party in a detailed and all-round way, as required by the idea of building the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and the developing revolution, and successfully enforced the people-first politics, and thus developed our Party into the powerful political General Staff of the revolution, steel-strong elite vanguard ranks and genuine motherly party both in name and reality.

Comrade Kim Jong Un has put the overall national power and position of our Republic on the highest level with his outstanding and experienced leadership in a short period of history, the greatest exploit to be most specially recorded in the history of the nation.

Under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un, the great action programmes and strategic and tactical guidelines for the revolution and construction in our era have been fully provided, the single-minded unity—the greatest national power of Juche Korea—consolidated in every way, the ranks of successors to the revolution firmly prepared and the popular nature of our state and social system made stronger.

Comrade Kim Jong Un tremendously strengthened the armed forces of the Republic into the invincible revolutionary army of the Party and powerful elite army with its Juche-oriented military idea and superb leadership over the army and turned the country into a world military power by successfully accomplishing the great historic cause of building the national nuclear forces.

Comrade Kim Jong Un firmly guaranteed the security and future of the country and the people by strengthening the powerful physical means for self-defence so that no aggression forces can ever provoke our national defence capability. It is the peerlessly patriotic feat to be lauded by the nation generation after generation.

Comrade Kim Jong Un 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 Comrade 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 their life and security have been restored and wonderslands for the people to be proud of in the world mushroomed across the country.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, shouldering upon himself the heavy burden of the revolution, accomplished the undying feats for the country and nation. Yet, he credited the people with all the successes and put them forward as the great people and obliging people. He is the benevolent father of the people and great sage of the revolution followed by all our people with sincerity.

Comrade Kim Jong Un is defending independence, justice and peace with his outstanding diplomatic strategy and proficient external activities and steering the trend of the world politics to be favourable for our revolution. It is the solemn demand of the times and history, the general will of all the Party members and the unanimous desire of our people to invariably hold in high esteem Comrade Kim Jong Un, the one and only heir to and leader of the Juche revolution and symbol of the mightiness of our state and banner of all victories and glory, as head of the WPK.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK decides to elect Comrade 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.

All the Party organizations and members, other people and service personnel of the People’s Army have to make a vigorous advance towards the implementation of the decisions adopted at the 8th Party Congress and the new victory in the building of a powerful socialist country under the leadership of the General Secretary, keeping deep in mind the great pride in and honour of holding in high esteem Comrade Kim Jong Un, the outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, as the general secretary of our Party.
Eighth WPK Congress enters sixth day of meeting to deal with election agenda

Amid the high political awareness and great enthusiasm of the delegates, the sixth-day meeting of the Eighth Congress of the WPK was held on January 10.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, symbol of all victories and glory of the Korean people and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, came out to the venue of the congress together with platform holders.

The congress discussed its fourth agenda item “Election of the Central Leadership Body of the WPK”.

According to the rules of the WPK, the leadership body of the Seventh Party Central Committee finished its term and the congress elected that of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

As the congress entered a discussion of the important issue of electing the new central leadership body which will take responsibility for and organize and direct Party building and overall revolutionary affairs in the new stage of struggle, a solemn atmosphere pervaded the venue of the congress.

Relevant articles of the “Regulations of election of the central leadership body of the WPK” were read out and the procedures of electing members and alternate members of the Party Central Committee began.

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

Delegate Jo Yong Won, upon authorization by the presidium of the congress, read the list of candidates for members of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

When he suggested the Supreme Leader as a candidate for member of the Party Central Committee, all the delegates broke into stormy cheers of hurray with loud applause.

All the suggested candidates were recommended as candidates for members of the WPK Central Committee with the unanimous approval of all the delegates.

Delegates unanimously acknowledged that recommended candidates are the comrades who have firmly armed themselves with the revolutionary idea of the Party, who are determined to dedicate themselves to the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche with strong faith and who have devotedly struggled for the good of the country and people.

The congress carried out an election of the recommended candidates.

When the chair courteously proposed electing Supreme Leader 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.

By raising their delegate certificates, they expressed their approval for the election of 138 recommended candidates as members of the Party Central Committee and gave an enthusiastic applause to their election with unanimous approval.

The congress elected alternate members of the Party Central Committee.

The delegates approved the number of the alternate members and deliberated on the qualifications of 111 recommended candidates for alternate members.

All the recommended candidates were elected as alternate members of the Party Central Committee with the unanimous approval of the delegates at the congress.

Then 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.

All the delegates were greatly excited to enter the discussion of the most important issue of the election of the general secretary of the WPK, the head representing and leading the great Party.

Delegate Ri Il Hwan proposed holding the election concerning the general secretary of the WPK.

He referred to the great political significance of successfully electing the top leader of the Party who takes position as the leader, top-intellect of the revolution and centre of leadership and unity, and plays a decisive role in accomplishing the revolutionary cause of the masses of the people and the cause of socialism.

The philosophy that the greatness of the leader is just the one of the Party, the mightiness of the country and nation and the invincibility of the revolutionary cause was proved in the sacred history of the Korean revolution and the long world history of building revolutionary parties, he said, referring to the greatness and the peerless exploits of the Supreme Leader who wisely led the WPK and the Juche revolution by successfully carrying forward the revolutionary cause of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il.

All the delegates unanimously
First plenum of Eighth WPK Central Committee held under General Secretary Kim Jong Un

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea took place 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 Party.

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 Commission of the Party and held an election of the Central Auditing Commission of the Party according to the revised Party rules.

It appointed department directors of the Party Central Committee and editor-in-chief of Rodong Sinmun, the organ of the WPK Central Committee.

The other important agenda item studied and discussed at the plenum was on establishing a new discipline and supervision system within the Party.

The boosted power of the Central Auditing Commission of the Party 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, he noted.

The General Secretary said the mission of the Party Central Auditing Commission has newly been regulated so as to make it further tighten the centricistic discipline in the Party, supervise and investigate all the violations of the Party’s discipline, abuse of power, bureaucratic practices, irregularities and corruption and highhanded and arbitrary practices which impede the unified leadership of the Party Central Committee, examine the problem of Party discipline, deal with complaints and petitions and check the Party’s financial management.

The plenary meeting, given that the authority of the Party Central Auditing Commission has been raised so that it can specialize in supervision and investigation for tightening the discipline within the Party, decided to create an executive department as an organizational measure to guarantee its realization.

The meeting analysed 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.

Clarifying the principle and methods of work to be maintained and the main tasks to be carried out by the department in charge of supervising Party discipline, the General Secretary referred to 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 rules and complaints and petitions.

The establishment of a new machinery and work system for practically supervising and controlling the work of enforcing discipline within the Party with the Eighth Party Congress as an occasion provided a significant starting point and turning point for the Eighth Party Central Committee to powerfully conduct the work for tightening the discipline in the whole Party.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee held under the guidance of General Secretary Kim Jong Un served as an epochal occasion in providing a firm guarantee for effectively organizing and leading the work of implementing the crucial lines of struggle and strategic and tactical policies facing the Party and the revolution and in strengthening the leadership ability and militant function of the WPK in every way by thoroughly establishing iron discipline and revolutionary traits over the whole Party.

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Senior Party officials make a call on special guests to Party congress

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea invited officials and persons of distinguished services, who had worked in the Party, the government and the military for a long time, as special guests at the celebrations of the Eighth Party Congress. Associated with this meaningful special invitation are particular trust and loving care shown by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un who always remembers officials and persons of distinguished services who had worked hard for the development of the WPK and prosperity of the socialist country, true to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, and has repeatedly given them high honour and brought them happiness. Jong Sang Hak, Kim Tu Il and Choe Sang Gon, secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, visited the lodging quarters of special guests on Monday, warmly congratulated them and conveyed invitation cards in the name of the Party Central Committee.

The special guests extended their deep gratitude to Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, benefactor of revolutionary soldiers and supreme incarnation of revolutionary comradship, after receiving the cards associated with the warm and profound love of the great leader.

The secretaries of the WPK Central Committee asked the revolutionaries of the elder generation to be healthy to further glorify their life as loyalists and have a pleasant time during the celebration period.

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acknowledged the undeniable truth of history that Kim Jong Un is the only one who will lead the WPK and the people.

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 at the congress.

All the delegates expressed full support with enthusiastic applause in great excitement.

The Eighth WPK 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 service 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 election of Kim Jong Un, the most prominent political leader in the present era, as general secretary of the WPK is the biggest fortune and the greatest happiness of the Party and people and it also marks an epoch-making political event providing a decisive guarantee for victory of Korean-style socialism and promising its rosy future.

Fervent cheers of the delegates resounded through the venue of the congress for a long time, reflecting their intense loyalty.

The First Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK was held after the election of the Party central leadership body.

Upon authorization of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, delegate Kim Jae Ryong reported the decision made at the First Plenary Meeting to the congress.

The congress elected the committee for drafting the resolution of the Party congress with members of the leadership body of the Eighth Party Central Committee.

The resolution drafting committee will guide the sectoral consultative meetings of delegates studying and discussing the issues of thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report given by the Supreme Leader to the congress, and will give general consideration to the issues raised at the consultative meetings, make a draft resolution and refer it to the congress.
Delegates hold consultative meetings to explore tasks for next five years

The sectoral consultative meetings of the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea took place on Monday.

The meetings began studying the draft resolution for thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the Party Central Committee.

They were guided by Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Ri Pyong Chol and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other members of the Party central leadership body.

The meetings deeply studied and discussed the practical matters for carrying out the goals and tasks of the struggle to be carried out in all fields of socialist construction for the new advance and development of the Korean revolution in the coming five years.

The delegates unanimously acknowledged that scientific, realistic and dynamic development direction 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 up 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.

At the consultative meeting of the industrial sector, delegates analysed on the basis of scientific calculation and numerical data the ways of focusing investment on metallurgical and chemical industries, regarding them as key links in the whole chain of the national economy, normalizing production in key industrial sectors including electric power, coal, machine-building and mining industries and putting the national economy on a more self-supporting, planned and serve-the-people basis in the period of the new five-year plan.

The consultative meeting in the agricultural sector discussed in depth the ways to attain the goal of grain production set by the Party without fail by directing efforts to making a radical turn in seed selection, doing farming on a scientific basis, increasing grain production on low-yield fields, cultivating new land and reclaiming tideland, and to complete the irrigation system and mechanization of the rural economy and intensify state assistance to rural communities.

The consultative meeting in the sector of light industry discussed the practical measures to step up modernization, regarding it as the lifeline and main direction to promote the domestic production of raw materials and recycling, and to increase the output of consumer goods by improving their quality and putting efforts into developing new products.

The consultative meeting in the sectors of education, public health and culture studied the development strategies for strengthening national defence capabilities, the cornerstone of the existence of the state and the sure guarantee for safeguarding the dignity and security of the country and people and preserving peace.

The participants fully calculated the feasibility of the sci-tech development goals to be attained in every field in the period of the new five-year plan by accelerating sci-tech development, as intended by the Party which defined sci-tech development as the most important task and the optimum policy in socialist construction, and the ways for carrying them out.

Suggested were innovative opinions conducive to steadily updating teaching contents and methods and teaching management system in keeping with the current world trend of educational development and as required by pedagogy in the education field, developing socialist public health and cementing the anti-epidemic base to be strong enough to tackle any global health crisis by consolidating the material and technical foundations of the public health sector and ushering in a new heyday of socialist culture by making a radical turn in the fields of art and literature, media and sports.

The consultative meetings in the fields of military affairs and munitions industry discussed issues arising in implementing the important strategic tasks for strengthening national defence capabilities, the cornerstone of the existence of the state and the sure guarantee for safeguarding the dignity and security of the country and people and preserving peace.

Delegates suggested significant and urgent measures for carrying out the grandiose plan of the Party Central Committee for fully preparing the Korean People’s Army to be the revolutionary army modelled on the WPK, ultra-modern army and reliable defender of the state and people, and remarkably developing the defence industry.

The delegates participating in the consultative meeting of officials of Party and working people’s organizations had in-depth discussions of issues with a high Party sense of responsibility, 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.

The participants had discussions on practical issues arising in pushing forward with the work of establishing and steadily intensifying the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee as a main line, in strengthening the leadership and fighting efficiency of the Party in every way by thoroughly establishing an iron discipline within the Party and making a revolutionary climate prevail throughout the Party, and in improving Party work.

In the consultative meeting of working people’s organization, officials heard opinions on equipping all the members of working people’s organizations, the transmission belts and outer organizations of the Party, with the revolutionary idea of the Party by directing priority efforts to the internal work of the organizations and ideological education. Particularly, there was an expression of opinions on training the youth league to be a reliable relay to and reserve for the Party.

Scientific and innovative opinions which can guarantee the implementation of the decisions of the Party congress were collected in the consultative meetings that proceeded in sincere and technical atmosphere through energetic in-depth study and brainstorming.
General Secretary Kim Jong Un makes a concluding speech on the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea on January 12. The following is the full text:

Dear delegates,

This congress, the eighth of its kind in the history of our Party, presented as its agenda items the immediate fighting plans for opening an era of new upsurge, an era of drastic change, in the revolution and construction and the important tasks in developing the Party, and made an in-depth discussion of them.

The congress first reviewed and analyzed the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Party in a comprehensive, three-dimensional and detailed way, and made an in-depth discussion of the line and strategic and tactical problems for a new struggle.

The report, speeches and consultative meetings by sector reviewed and criticized in a detailed and severe manner the deviations and mistakes latent in all sectors, ranging from the Party, state and military affairs to the social life, and expressed a solemn determination and will to overcome them.

And an active study and discussion was made for finding the ways of hitting the goals and tasks in the new five-year plan period, and the constructive opinions raised in this course were brought to the committee for drafting the decisions of the Party congress.

Through the discussion of the first agenda item, what and how our Party, state and people must do in the future have become clearer, and our fighting strategies for a fresh victory in our revolution have become more definite.

That our Party at this congress, unlike the previous congresses, reviewed and analyzed its work from a critical viewpoint, not seeing only its merits, is of no less significance than the successes it achieved during the period under review.

The congress also reviewed the work of the Auditing Commission of the Seventh Party Central Committee in a critical and strict way, and adopted decisive measures for putting to rights in our own way and in line with the principles of its building the outdated ones of the past, the ones that did not suit the present reality, which were revealed in Party work and activities.

The Rules of the Workers’ Party of Korea were revised by correctly reflecting the principles of Party building and work and the demands of the developing reality, and thus an important framework has been built for strengthening the Party’s leadership abilities and fighting efficiency and achieving its sound development.

The congress has built the Eighth Central Committee of the Party with the comrades who are faithful to the Party and the revolution and highly qualified, and established a new discipline inspection system within the Party. This constitutes a drastic turning point for our Party to discharge its mission and role as capable General Staff of the revolution.

Dear delegates,

At this congress, thanks to the great trust of all of you and other members of the entire Party, I have again been honoured with the supreme leadership of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

I feel greatly honoured that you elected me to the important position of the General Secretary of the dignified Workers’ Party of Korea, but I cannot but feel overwhelmed with gratitude and feel my heart heavy.

Fully aware of the sacred mission that I am representing and in charge of the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist party, I solemnly pledge that I will make every effort to implement the fighting programmes put forth by the Party congress and, regarding our great people as the god of my life, work at the risk of my life as a faithful servant of the people on the road of devoted service for them.

The Eighth Central Committee of the Party, elected by the unanimous approval and support of all of you, dear delegates, will demonstrate its correct and seasoned leadership abilities to achieve a fresh victory in the building of our style of socialism and faithfully perform the duty the times have entrusted upon it, true to the high expectations and trust of all the organizations of the Party and its members.

Dear delegates,

The current external environment of our revolution is still grim and acute, and our revolutionary work will not be all plain sailing in the future as well. But now there cannot be hardships insurmountable
for our Party and people who have achieved great victories, which others would not dare achieve, in the worst conditions and difficulties.

With fresh confidence and courage, we must quickly take the road of sustainable advance and resolutely put an end to the struggle for consolidating the strength of our Party, revolutionary ranks and state in every way possible. Achieving a great fresh victory on all fronts by remarkably increasing our own strength, our internal force and the revolutionary base—this is the main idea and main spirit of the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea. In other words, it is the revolutionary will of the Workers’ Party of Korea reaffirmed at this congress that our internal force must be readjusted and strengthened, and the revolutionary base consolidated and expanded on the basis of this, we must make a frontal attack against all hardships to open up a road of new advance.

The historic heavy tasks facing our revolution require the entire Party to cherish the ideals of “The people are God,” single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again and adhere more strictly to them. Whereas the ideal of “The people are God” reflects our Party’s consistent demand that the entire Party must hold fast to the revolutionary Party trait of regarding it as the starting point and absolute and invariable principle of its building and activities to serve the people, the ideals of single-hearted unity and self-reliance embody in a concentrated way the ideological and theoretical viewpoint and political requirements concerning the line and motive force of our revolution.

The ideas of “The people are God,” single-hearted unity and self-reliance—herein lie the fundamental key to enhancing the leadership abilities of our Party, the fundamental method for it to strike its roots deeper among the masses and the fundamental and sole guarantee for us to survive and open up our way ahead. I would like to suggest substituting cherishing our Party’s ennobling three ideals of “The people are God,” single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again as the slogan of the Eighth Party Congress for putting up a high-sounding slogan.

The entire Party must make a historic, courageous advance along the right direction indicated by the Party congress with unexcelled preparedness, self-confidence and enthusiasm for setting out on a new journey. Above all, we should launch a do-or-die struggle to implement without fail the new five-year plan for the development of the national economy and implement them without fail. By drawing on the lessons we learned during the period under review, this Party congress made an objective and strict examination of this plan and set new feasible fighting tasks by bringing them to the reality as close as possible.

It is very important that all sectors and units first set out well-worked-out plans by stage and by year while foreseeing the conditions and environments that can be created in the future. Once their plans are set out, the relevant units must execute them without fail by conducting scientific and concrete operations and command, and the state must establish rigid discipline of strictly grasping, propelling and reviewing the implementation of the national economic plan in all indices.

The success or failure of the new five-year plan for the development of the national economy depends on how economic management is improved. We must vigorously step up the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—in the rural communities and concentrate state support so as to decisively strengthen our rural position, consolidate the material and technical foundations of agricultural production and transform the rural countryside into a civilized and rich one.

During the new five-year plan period, nationwide efforts must be directed to developing education and public health, so that all the people, whether they live in the capital city or local areas, can enjoy tangible benefits of the socialist educational and public health systems.

We must give precedence to vigorous education and strict discipline in the entire Party and the whole country and amongst all the people, so as to staunchly suppress and control all forms of anti-socialist, non-socialist practices revealed in all fields of social life and all sorts of criminal acts such as the abuse of power, bureaucracy, corruption and imposition of extra economic burdens on the people. We must regard it as an important task to further strengthen the national defence capability both in qualitative and quantitative ties and cooperation as the abuse of power, bureaucracy, corruption and imposition of extra economic burdens on the people.

We must vigorously carry forward the war defense deterrent while doing our best to build up the most powerful military strength.

We must continue to give fresh spur to making the People’s Army elite and powerful armed forces, so that it is thoroughly prepared to fulfill its mission...
General Secretary Kim Jong Un declares Eighth WPK Congress closed

General Secretary Kim Jong Un delivered a closing address at the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea on Tuesday. The following is the full text:

Dear delegates,

The Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea that has been held in a very crucial period in the course of the strengthening and development of our Party and the building of socialism of our style has made a full discussion of and decision on all issues on the agenda thanks to the high enthusiasm of all the delegates and is to wrap up its work.

In the whole period of the congress all the delegates have taken part in all sincerity in the discussion of issues with the highest degree of Party consciousness and the highest sense of responsibility, positively offered their constructive opinions and reached a consensus in their opinions, thereby giving full play to the militant features of our Party that works, fights and advances.

There have been many important Party-wide political meetings including congress so far and the participants have shown immense enthusiasm every time as they received the policies and ideas of the Party Central Committee, but I see for the first time such an extraordinary zeal for participation as in the Eighth Party Congress, in which all the participants are so extraordinarily zealous for participation as in the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea, which made for the revolution and construction and there is the feeling of great satisfaction about the successful work results.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK served as a congress of struggle and progress, which demonstrated the steadfast will of the revolutionaries to achieve the prosperity and development of our style of socialism without fail, with self-confidence in victory and courage and by invariably holding aloft the banner of great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

The congress made a close analysis of the subtle changes in the situations at home and abroad and the subjective and objective environment they influence our revolution, and correctly reviewed the work of the last five years. Accordingly, based on the new environment and revolutionary situation, it put forward scientific and correct strategic and tactical policies for readjusting and developing the foundations of the national economy and consolidating the state and social system, thereby clearly indicating the direction of advance of the overall work of the Party and the state.

I am convinced that this has provided a fresh motive force for our advance and set up a clear milestone and, therefore, this congress marked a turning point in powerfully propelling our sacred cause.

The Eighth Congress of our Party is of great significance also in the strengthening and development of the Party.

Having gone through another great process in the course of strengthening and developing our Party, we are now filled with self-confidence and pride in our struggle more than ever before, and deeply feel once again the importance of the responsibility we have shouldered for ourselves.

The decisions of a Party congress are our Party’s strategy and tactics for achieving a fresh victory in the building of our style of socialism, a pledge the Workers’ Party of Korea makes for the revolution and people and, at the same time, a supreme order our great people give to the Party Central Committee.

Our Party members and delegates to this congress should approach the decisions of the Party congress from such a noble standpoint and accept it seriously and with honour.

The future of the socialist cause hinges on how the tasks set by this Party congress, including the five-year plan for national economic development, are carried out.

We should thoroughly carry out the highly important tasks set by the Party congress without condition so as to bring about another upsurge in our revolution and provide our people with better and more stable living conditions and environment as early as possible.

We should arrange the study involving the whole Party for implementing 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 develop socialist construction onto a new stage.

Therefore, Party organizations at all levels should organize intensive studies for firmly arming the people with the documents and decisions of the Party congress, effectively hold discussions and conduct organizational and political work for implementing them, and work out elaborate tactics and wage a powerful struggle to implement the decisions of the Party congress.

They should first galvanize Party members into action so as to make them lead others to new miraculous feats through their pacemaker role and make all the units and the whole country see the efforts for implementing the decisions of the Party congress.

It is needed to organize the Party-wide study on the newly-revised Party Rules, and Party organizations and members should thoroughly establish a climate of observing the norms stipulated in Party Rules in every process and on every occasion of Party work and life.

Dear delegates,

Innumerable trials and difficulties are still challenging us, but our determination is definite and our future is promising.

As in the past, so in the future, our Party will remain infinitely faithful to the people-first principle and do its best to continue to achieve fresh victory in socialist construction.

As the WPK holding aloft the great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as its ever-victorious banner is correctly leading the revolution and construction and there is the invincible might of the single-hearted unity of the Party and the masses, our revolution will make steady progress, overcoming every manner of difficulties.

Let us all advance dynamically towards a fresh victory of the revolution with strong confidence in the great strength of our revolution, the might of unity and the revolutionaries.

Fully convinced that, thanks to the great fighting efficiency, power of unity, extraordinary patriotic enthusiasm and indomitable perseverance of the organizations and individuals of the entire Party, all other people and service personnel, the strategy and policies of struggle put forward by this congress will successfully be carried out and epoch-making progress will be achieved in the building of our own style of socialism, I declare the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea closed.
Eighth WPK Congress draws to a close

The Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea closed on Tuesday after successfully finishing the discussion on its agenda items amid full support and expectations of all the Party members, other people and service personnel of the People’s Army.

The eighth-day meeting of the congress was held amid the full display of the delegates’ revolutionary will to remain boundlessly loyal to the idea and leadership of the Party Central Committee and dedicate themselves to implementation of the decision made at the congress and unconditionally serve the people.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, took the platform of the congress venue.

All the delegates raised stormy cheers of “hurrah!” in reverence for the general secretary who put up a signpost for a new great victory of the Party and revolution and glorified the Party congress as a revolutionary one for progress and innovation with his extraordinary ideological and theoretical wisdom and seasoned leadership.

Kim Jong Un made an important conclusion related to the Eighth Party Congress.

He said the congress which held as the eighth one in the history of the Party brought up the immediate agenda items “The review of the work of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea”. He solemnly swore that he would do his best to implement the fighting programme set forth at the congress with the sacred mission that he represents the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and is responsible for it, and devote himself to serving the people as befitting their true servant, believing in the great people as in Heaven.

He clarified the main idea and the main spirit of the congress and specially stressed the need for the whole Party to deeply cherish again and uphold the three ideas—“The people are God”, “single-minded unity” and “self-reliance.”

Saying that we should be ready for more difficult offensive for making a breakthrough head-on to win a fresh victory and make a brilliant advance in accomplishing the cause of socialism, he ardently appealed to everyone to make a more dynamic struggle for successful fulfillment of the struggle programme advanced at the Eighth Congress of the Party, for the development of the glorious WPK and victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche and for the great people.

As soon as he finished his conclusion, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers and applause, expressing their absolute support for his important conclusion.

The congress entered into procedures for adopting a resolution on the first agenda item “The review of the work of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea”.

It examined the creative and constructive opinions summed up by the resolution drafting committee at the sectoral consultative meetings and decided to reflect them in the resolution of the Eighth Party Congress.

The delegates unanimously admitted that the scientific, realistic and dynamic goals and tasks in line with the demand of the developing revolution were reflected in the resolution.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK solemnly adopted with unanimous approval of the participants the resolution on the first agenda item “On thoroughly carrying out the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the Seventh Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea”.

General Secretary of the WPK Kim Jong Un made a closing address at the Eighth Congress of the WPK.

Highly appreciating that the unity and revolutionary enthusiasm peculiar to the Party and people making steady advance and leaping forward towards the goal of fresh struggle, united close in the one idea and purpose despite manifold challenges and trials were erupted once again with the Eighth Congress of the Party as a momentum, he sent warm thanks to all the members of the Party, other people and service personnel of the People’s Army who have kept highly strained attitude and displayed great devotion and revolutionary spirit to ensure the successful congress.

Saying that the decision of the Party congress is the strategy and tactics of the Party to win a fresh victory in Korean-style socialist construction, its pledge before the revolution and people and a supreme order given by our great people to the Central Committee of the Party, he said earnestly that the Party members and delegates should receive the decision made at the congress heavily and honorably from such noble viewpoint.

Expressing the belief that the strategy and policies for struggle advanced at the congress would be successfully carried out and signal progress made in the construction of the Korean-style socialism thanks to high fighting efficiency, might of unity, extraordinary patriotic enthusiasm and indomitable efforts of all the organizations and members of the Party, other people and service personnel of the People’s Army, he declared the Eighth Congress of the WPK closed.

The song “The Internationale” was solemnly played.

At the end of the congress, all the participants raised long enthusiastic cheers in reverence for Kim Jong Un, the great head of the WPK, the dignified Party, and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, in token of their overflowing pledge of loyalty and iron will.

Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the delegates who joined him for taking the heavy responsibility facing the Party and devoted themselves for the sake of success in the congress, always aware of the expectation and eyes of millions of Party members and other tens of millions of people during the whole period of the congress.

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...
and role as the driving force of national defence in the face of any form of threat and emergency.

We must raise the defence science and technology to a higher level and carry out the goals and tasks of munitions production without fail, so as to guarantee the historic onward march of our Party with the strongest military strength during the new five-year plan period.

In order to successfully carry out our responsible and important revolutionary tasks facing us today, we must, first of all, strengthen the Party and enhance its leadership role.

A great heyday of the development of the Party and the revolution will be ushered in when the organizations of the whole Party are built up into loyal vanguard ranks, work in a revolutionary and enterprising manner and satisfactorily perform their role as the political general staff of the relevant units.

By directing their main efforts to their internal work, all Party organizations must put the ranks of their cadres and members on a streamlined basis and develop them into an elite force and intensify the guidance over Party life more than ever before, thereby steadily building up the organizational and ideological foundations of the Party.

We must establish a well-knit system and fresh method of Party work throughout the Party so as to make it a working party, a fighting party, a militant party.

Party organizations must brace themselves to launch organizational and political work in a brave, high-spirited manner to carry out the new line of struggle and strategic and tactical policies, and properly play the role of helmsman in their relevant units’ work.

They must eliminate such tendencies as taking administrative affairs upon themselves as they are engrossed only in economic work, and regard it as an iron rule to resolve all problems arising in the revolution and construction strictly in a Party-oriented, political way of giving full play to the spiritual strength of Party members and other working people.

In particular, the Organizational Leadership Department, Information and Publicity Department and other departments of the Party Central Committee should intensify Party-oriented, political leadership meticulously and offensively to implement the decisions of the Party congress.

Officials, the commanding personnel of the revolution, must fully discharge their responsibilities and duties in the vanguard of the advancing ranks.

Their abilities and role decide the destiny of their units and sectors.

The manifold difficulties and trials facing our revolution at present and the great cause of building a powerful socialist country assigned to our generation demand that officials shoulder all the burdens and display extraordinary working ability, enthusiasm and devotion.

This is the very time which badly needs those officials who make painstaking efforts to reduce, even a bit, the concerns and worries of the Party and state, know nothing but the revolution and work and strive to do something for the good of the people, and expedite any tasks.

All officials, with a determination to prove their fidelity to the Party, revolution and people with working ability and results in practice, must make completely new arrangements from the start of the grand journey after the Party congress.

Always remembering the expectations of the people, they must make redoubled efforts so that they can review their everyday result with pride and conscience.

They must learn with open mind what they do not know, improve their insufficient ability even burning the midnight oil and make increasingly exacting demand on themselves without allowing complacency and inertia, and thus bring about revolutionary improvement in their fighting spirit and working style.

All the Party members must play the core, pacesetter role in the effort for implementing the tasks set forth by the Party congress.

If they turn out with redoubled efforts to brave today’s hardship in the vanguard, there is no difficulty we cannot surmount nor fortress we cannot seize.

All Party members must play their part in the most difficult and labour-consuming work sites by carrying forward the soul and spirit of the preceding generations who won a great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War with indomitable spiritual strength and heroic struggle and advance that vigorously propelled the historic march for ushering in a period of fresh upsurge.
Kim Jong Un visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun with new Party central leadership members

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on Tuesday, together with the newly-elected members of the Eighth Party central leadership body.

Accompanying him were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, first vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and president of the Presidium of the Supreme People’s Assembly; Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and secretary of the Party Central Committee; Ri Pyong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, vice-chairman of the Party Central Military Commission and secretary of the Party Central Committee; and Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The visitors were filled with solemn emotion as they visited the supreme temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance as the sun after being entrusted with heavy responsibilities as members of the Party central leadership body at the Eighth Congress of the WPK, an important political event in the development of the Party and the revolution.

A basket of flowers in the name of the WPK Central Committee was laid at the statues of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il. General Secretary Kim Jong Un, together with the members of the Party central leadership body, paid high tribute to the great leaders at their statues.

At the halls of immortality where the great leaders lie in state, he made deep bows to them with deepest reverence for them, the eternal leaders of the WPK and the Korean people and peerlessly great sages who always live in the hearts of the people, providing them with inexhaustible power for victory and strong will for struggle and strengthening the pillar of their faith.

The members of the Party central leadership body made a firm resolve to cherish the decision of the historic Eighth WPK Congress as a solemn pledge made before the people and a supreme order given by them and achieve a new victory in the revolution by fulfilling their important responsibilities entrusted by the Party, the country and the people, true to the leadership of the General Secretary of the WPK.

Resolution of Eighth WPK Congress adopted

The Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea, on the basis of an in-depth discussion of the important matters facing the WPK and revolution, adopted, with the unanimous approval of all its participants, the resolution “On thoroughly implementing the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the Seventh WPK Central Committee”.

The resolution appreciated that the “Report on the Work of the Seventh WPK Central Committee” given by General Secretary Kim Jong Un of the WPK at the congress correctly reviewed the brilliant victories and successes achieved by the Party and people in the period under review and scientifically specified the orientation and ways of the struggle for making an epochal advance of the cause of Korean socialism in the coming five years.

Reflected in the resolution are new goals of struggle to be attained in all fields, including the economy, national defence, culture and management of state and society, to lead socialist construction to the next stage of victory on the basis of the valuable successes, experience and lessons of the revolution under the prevailing internal and external situations, and innovative ways for implementing them.

The resolution, which was deeply studied and discussed through sectoral consultative meetings of delegates, comes to be the most important practical programme which comprehends the organizational intention and determination of the entire Party with its scientific accuracy, feasibility and dynamism fully guaranteed.

The resolution noted that the congress made a comprehensive, all-round, anatomical analysis and review of the mistakes manifested in the implementation of the decision made at the Seventh Congress of the Party for the past five years and their reasons, and discussed in depth the practical ways for setting them right, true to its nature as the congress for work, struggle and advance.

It expressed the unshakable intention of the Eighth Congress of the WPK to correct and overcome the mistakes by raising the intensity of struggle throughout the Party and bring about an epochal advance in the development of the Party and socialist construction.

It also specified the goals for socialist construction to be attained in the coming five years, which reflect the revolutionary aspiration and determination of all delegates and the entire Party members to thoroughly implement the militant tasks set forth by the respected General Secretary in his report on the work of the Seventh Party Central Committee.

The adoption of the resolution, which made clear the correct signpost for the state and people to the eminence of great power and prosperity at the crucial time of linking the glorious 75-year-long history of the WPK to the one of 80 years, is a manifestation of the revolutionary will of millions of Party members to achieve a new victory of socialism by deeply cherishing once again the idea of “The people are God” and the ideas of single-minded unity and self-reliance.

The resolution adopted by the Eighth Congress of the Party at a time when all Party members and other people across the country started their advance in the first year of the 2020s, full of confidence and optimism, will serve as an inspiring militant banner which will lead the new-stage historic struggle for comprehensive development of Korean-style socialism to great creation and changes.

The resolution will be distributed to the Party organizations at all levels as a text for internal use.
Grand art performance celebrates Eighth WPK Congress

The performance instilled into the entire audience the iron truth that the fighting goals and tasks set forth at the Eighth Party Congress will surely be achieved and the cause of socialism will win victory after victory as long as there are the wise leadership of the General Secretary, the symbol of mightiness of Juche Korea, and the steel-strong single-hearted unity that has been consolidated in the long course of struggle. It ended with the finale consisting of orchestral music, chorus and dance "Hurrah!" burst forth again in reverence for the General Secretary, Warmly waving back to the enthusiastically cheering people, he expressed satisfaction with the successful performance that gave a grand epic portrayal of validity and invincibility of the ideology and cause of the ever-victorious WPK. The grand performance demonstrated the iron faith and stamina of all the Party members.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un has photo session with delegates to Eighth WPK Congress

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, had a photo session with the delegates to the Eighth Congress of the WPK on Thursday. Present there were Choe Ryong Hae, Jo Yong Won, Ri Pyong Chol and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and other delegates to the Eighth Party Congress. The performance, in which the vocal music, instrumental music, dance and mass gymnastics were coordinated with original 3-D multimedia, distinctive lighting and vertical flash-card background to display the aspect of development of Juche art, unfolded the majestic and fascinating world of art to be acclaimed by the audience.

After the performance was over, stormy cheers of “Hurrah!” burst forth again in reverence for the General Secretary.

Warmly waving back to the enthusiastically cheering people, he expressed satisfaction with the successful performance that gave a grand epic portrayal of validity and invincibility of the ideology and cause of the ever-victorious WPK. The grand performance demonstrated the iron faith and stamina of all the Party members.

Glory to General Kim Jong Un.

The moment the General Secretary appeared in the venue amid the welcome music, stormy cheers of “Hurrah!” burst forth. The performance which was performed by creators and artistes of army and civil art troupes including prestigious major art troupes and art educational institutions, athletes and youth and students was divided into two parts. It started with the overture consisting of instrumental music and song We Sing of the Party, Put on the stage of Part One “The Party is Our Guide” were the famous music pieces sung heartily by the people and service personnel in reverence for the great Party which has vigorously led the cause of Juche along the one road to victory and honour glorifying each historic Party congress as the starting point for a new leap in the revolution and a watershed in the building of a prosperous country.

When the immortal hymn Cantata to Marshal Kim Il Sung, which had stirred the era in the stern year 60-odd years ago when the Third Congress of the Party took place, was played as an orchestral music and song, the audience was full of profound feeling of respect for President Kim Il Sung who pioneered the new era of independence and created the epoch-making example of building a revolutionary party, state and armed forces.

Part One which ended with mass gymnastics “Happy Tomorrow” and “Let’s Defend Socialism” impressively represented the immortal feats of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il who created the new history of building Korean-style socialism, which is dignified with independence, self-sustenance and self-reliance in defence, by developing the WPK into the strong guiding force of the revolution.

Put first on the stage of Part Two of the performance “Following Our Party Forever” were juvenile chorus March of Children’s Union and congratulatory poem We Sing of Our Motherly Party which reflect the bold spirit of Children’s Union members growing lively to become masters of prosperous Korea while realizing their beautiful dreams and hopes in the embrace of the Party.

Through the male vocal trio and chorus Hymn to the Party, an all-people hymn to the Eighth Congress of the WPK, the performers fully represented absolute trust in the Party which created the grand flower garden of people-first principle and put the dignity and national power of socialist Korea on a remarkably high level by confidently leading the country and the people along the straight road to victory even in the face of unprecedentedly arduous trial.

When the General Secretary appeared at the venue of the photo session amid the playing of welcome music, all the delegates broke into stormy cheers of “Hurrah!”, extending the highest glory to him who glorified the Eighth Congress of the WPK as a congress of struggle and progress for enhancing the leadership ability and fighting efficiency of the great Party in every way and hastening a new victory of the revolution with confidence.

He posed for a picture with the delegates, expressing his belief that they would break through all challenges and obstacles in their advance with the revolutionary spirit of Paektu, the spirit of self-reliance and fully discharge their revolutionary duty in the struggle for implementing the decision made at the Eighth Congress of the WPK as the core of the Party and the pioneers of the era, under the uplifted red flag of the Juche-type Party.
Eighth WPK Congress celebrations topped off with military parade

A military parade took place in splendour at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on Thursday evening to commemorate the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

The band of the State Affairs Commission and the central military band of the Ministry of Defence took the distinctively-decorated bandstand to play parade music.

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 mechanized units which would demonstrate the inexhaustible might of the armed forces of the DPRK lined up on the avenues leading to the square.

Air squadrons were also waiting for an order of sorties in high spirits.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, appeared on the platform of the square amid the playing of the welcome music.

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 of January.

The platform was taken by Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, first vice-chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and president of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People’s Assembly, Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, Ri Yong Chol, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee, and Pak Sung Ho, Jon Hyon Chol and Ri Son Gwon.

Also seen on the platform were commanding officials of the military, including Pak Jong Chon, Kwon Yong Jin and Kim Jong Gwan.

Invited to the platform were Kim Yong Nam, Choe Yong Rim, Yang Hyong Sop, Kim Ki Nam, Choe Thae Bok, Kim Kyong Ok, Ri Yong Mu and Pak Yong Ju who had worked for a long time in the Party, the government and the military.

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 Defence of the DPRK, made an address.

Then, there was a ceremony of hoisting the national flag.

Korean People’s Army Marshal Pak Jong Chon, chief of the General Staff of the KPA, made a report to KPA Marshal Ri Yong Chol that the parade units lined up to undergo preliminary inspection for the parade.

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The vice-chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission inspected the parade units and then courteously 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 the chief of the KPA General Staff, amid the playing of dynamic march music.

The column of the honour cavalrymen ran past the square, followed by the column of loyal lifeguards.

The columns of the first and second corps marched past in fine array, demonstrating their pride as the eldest corps of the KPA and the unit where “a match for a hundred” was coined.

Then the columns of the fourth corps standing guard over the gate to the southwestern part of the DPRK and the fifth corps, backbone corps of the KPA, strode past gallantly.

They were followed by the columns of the Air and Anti-Aircraft Force.

The columns of the Strategic Force, the reliable nuclear armed force of the WPK, was greeted with enthusiastic cheers of the audience.

The columns of the coast artillery corps and the anti-aircraft artillery corps, both 91st corps and 3rd corps standing guard over the capital city of Pyongyang and those of the corps tightly defending the coasts and border gateways of the country.

The columns of tank units and mechanized infantry divisions rolled past the square, demonstrating the might of the revolutionary armed forces.

They were followed by the columns of mountain warfare infantrymen and reconnaissance and such special arms as electronic jamming unit and then the column of armed mobile unit for public security which marched past demonstrating heroic spirit.

The Supreme Leader warmly acknowledged the marchers.

Following the formation of guard planes, the red hawks of the Party, in the pattern of the Party emblem, flew past the sky above the square letting off the fireworks to brighten the sky.

The columns of mechanized units began their procession led by the column of armoured vehicles.

The columns of mainstay tanks began their procession.

They were followed by the procession of ultra-modern self-propelled artillery pieces to demonstrate strong fire strike capabilities, grandly showing off the might of the artillery force.

The columns of rockets with powerful striking capability of thoroughly annihilating enemies in a preemptive way outside the territory roared past.

Seeing the mainstay equipment of the latest type, spectators keenly realized the strength of the DPRK, the strength of a powerful country, which stockpiled the entity of force majeure.

Submarine-launched ballistic missiles entered the square in succession, being greeted with cheers of the audience.

The spectators extended the highest glory and warmest congratulations to Kim Jong Un who ushered in a new era of self-existence and prosperity by raising the DPRK into a worldwide nuclear power.

At the end of the military parade, fireworks were shot off again amid the thunderous cheers.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un warmly waved back to the enthusiastically cheering crowds.
Fireworks display adds festive mood to Party congress

A dazzling fireworks display followed the military parade held in Pyongyang on Thursday evening in celebration of the Eighth Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

Fantastic fireworks were set off around the Tower of the Juche Idea amid the playing of songs Glory to General Kim Jong Un and People’s Jubilation. Citizens gathered at Kim Il Sung Square and on the banks of the River Taedong and raised shouts of ecstasy, feasting their eyes on the fireworks.

They also had a huge dancing party at the square. Fireworks were shot off in succession to the tune of such songs as Glory to Our Great Party and Our Leader Beloved of People, representing the profound reverence for the Party Central Committee that exalts the dignity and might of the country and the people on the highest level by dint of the great idea and unity in the face of the stern historical trials.

Colorful fireworks in different shapes were displayed in the nocturnal sky, exciting the dancing citizens at the square. Watching the gorgeous explosion of fireworks, the participants in the congress and citizens renewed their will to remain true to the leadership of the great Party Central Committee and bring earlier the prospering tomorrow by advancing along the road of victory indicated by the Party congress.

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