THE WORKERS’ PARTY OF KOREA IS
THE PARTY OF THE GREAT LEADER
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Fifty years has elapsed since our Party was founded.

Greeting the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Worker's Party of Korea, and looking back with deep emotions upon the glorious road of struggle our Party has traversed, scoring a historic victory and effecting the greatest change by acclaiming respected Comrade Kim Il Sung as its head and under his leadership, our Party members and our people express the warmest gratitude and pay the highest respect to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, who founded and led the Party. Under Comrade Kim Il Sung's wise leadership, the Workers' Party of Korea was established as a working-class party of a new type and has developed in the flames of struggle for half a century into a trained and seasoned veteran revolutionary party, an unconquerable party enjoying the unqualified support and trust of the people. Under his leadership, our Party created a brilliant new history in the people's cause of independence, the cause of socialism, and made great, imperishable achievements in this cause.

The history of the Workers' Party of Korea is precisely the history of respected Comrade Kim Il Sung's great revolutionary activities. Both the thorny path of our Party's struggle and its road of glorious victory bear his sacred footprints. Both our Party's great achievements and its unbreakable strength and high prestige are associated with his respectful name.

The Workers' Party of Korea belongs to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. It is his great name and exploits that have made our Party's 50 years brilliant. His name and exploits will be immortal together with our Party's history.

The Workers' Party of Korea is glorious party, which under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has paved a new road of building a revolutionary party in the age of independence, setting a shining example in this
work.

Regarding party building as a fundamental question in the revolution, Comrade Kim Il Sung made strenuous efforts from the early years of his revolutionary activity to found the party that would lead our revolution. With an unshakeable belief that the popular masses are the motive force of the revolution, he waged the revolutionary struggle by organizing these masses. He also did the work of founding the Party, beginning with the laying of its basis in the grassroots, by going to the popular masses to train true communists from among them and forming grassroots Party organizations.

The organizational and ideological bases for founding our Party were laid and consolidated in the crucible of the 20-year-long arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung. The ranks of communist hard core were trained and toughened, true unity and cohesion were achieved in the revolutionary ranks centering around the leader, and the mass basis for the communist movement was solidly laid, through all manner of hardships in the dolor-die struggle.

In the course of organizing and leading the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle to victory, Comrade Kim Il Sung created glorious revolutionary traditions, the lasting corner-stone of our Party and revolution.

Thanks to the solid organizational and ideological bases for founding the Party and the glorious revolutionary traditions, which were prepared during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, our Party was founded opportunely even in the complex circumstances after liberation. It has been able to fulfil its mission successfully as the political General Staff that guides the building of a new country ever since its founding.

The establishment of the Workers’ Party of Korea enabled our people to shape their destiny successfully under the guidance of their reliable vanguard, their fighting General Staff. Its establishment unfolded a new history of the revolutionary party in the era of independence.

After founding the Party in an original manner, the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung gave wise leadership to the work of Party building and developed it into a great revolutionary party.

The history of our Party building is the history of brilliantly implementing the Juche idea and translating into reality the idea and theory of building the Party on
the basis of the Juche idea under Comrade Kim Il Sung's leadership.

Our Party is a Juche-type revolutionary party, built and strengthened, guided by the Juche idea.

The guiding ideology of a party defines its character, its aim of struggle and the basic direction of its development and activities, and decides its fighting efficiency and strength. Only a party guided by a great ideology can be a great party.

It is the most brilliant achievement of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung that he created the immortal Juche idea and thus showed the popular masses a correct way to shape their destiny independently and that he built a new, revolutionary party, guided by the Juche idea, for the first time in the history of the communist movement.

The Juche idea is a new scientific world outlook that correctly reflects the popular masses' desire for independence and the requirements of the times. It is a great idea that has brought about a historic change in the development of the revolutionary idea of the working class. The Juche idea is the ideological and theoretical basis of our Party building as well as the only guide to revolution and construction. Our Party has been guided consistently by the Juche idea in its building and activities. Therefore, it has become a powerful revolutionary party with a most durable foundation, a great, authoritative party capable of leading the revolution and construction triumphantly. The budding of our Party is characterized basically by the fact that it has built itself and conducted its activities, guided by the Juche idea.

Based on the great Juche idea and the rich experiences in his leadership of the revolutionary struggle at different stages, Comrade Kim Il Sung newly elucidated the fundamentals and basic principles of building a working-class party and the ways to implement them, and fully systematized the Juche-orientated idea and theory of Party building.

This idea and theory are, in a nutshell, the people-centred idea and theory of Party building on the basis of the fundamental principles of the Juche idea. Solving all problems in Party building and activity by centring on people and through work with people is the essence of this idea and theory. The solidity and strength of the party and all the success in party building depends on how the cadres and other members of the party are educated and bound together organizationally and ideologically and how the masses, the socio-class basis of the party, rally behind the
party. Work with people is the basis of party building, the essence of party work and the mode of activity proper to the working-class party which regards ideology as a weapon. Only when it lays the primary emphasis on work with people, can the working-class party build up its ranks firmly, strengthen its mass foundation and lead the revolution and construction successfully.

The Juche-oriented idea and theory of party building shed fresh light on the fundamental principles of building the working-class party, based on the principles of the driving force of revolution. This force is an integral whole of the leader, the party and the masses. Only under the guidance of the party and the leader can the people hold their position as the driving force of revolution and play their role satisfactorily. In the driving force of revolution, the leader is the top brain and the centre of unity, and the party is a political organization that materializes the leader's idea and guidance. The party as a political leadership body is inconceivable apart from the leader's idea and guidance. Separated from the masses, the party cannot lead the revolution and construction to victory. The unbreakable unity of the leader, the party and the masses centering around the leader constitutes the soldest and most powerful revolutionary force, as well as a great motive force of the revolution and construction. Therefore, the working-class party must be built up into the leader's party, the political organization which realizes the leader's idea and guidance, and must achieve inseparable unity with the masses. This is a basic requirement for the existence and development of the working-class party and a fundamental principle that must be constantly maintained and carried forward in party building.

Comrade Kim II Sung's idea and theory on party building expound the absolutely scientific and revolutionary principles, basic rules and ways which the working-class party must implement thoroughly in its building and activity; therefore, they have become a powerful ideological and theoretical weapon with which to consolidate our Party organizationally and ideologically, strengthen the unbreakable ties between the Party and the masses and steadily enhance the leadership role of the Party.

The great leader Comrade Kim II Sung built our Party into a revolutionary party with a firmly established monolithic ideological system. The monolithic ideological system of the party is the leader's ideological system and his leadership system. Establishing the monolithic ideological system is the
basic way to build the party as the leader's party. Only when the monolith of ideology and leadership is ensured through the establishment of the leader's ideological system and his leadership system is it possible to achieve the ideological unity and organizational cohesion of the party ranks and make the party play its role satisfactorily as a political leadership body. The working-class party must be an ideological purity and organizational integrity, the entire party being dyed in its leader's idea and moving as one under his unified leadership.

Our Party's struggle to establish the monolithic ideological system has been a struggle to equip Party members thoroughly with the leader's ideas and unite them firmly behind the leader in ideology and purpose; at the same time, it has been a struggle to overcome the heterogeneous ideas and factional elements which conflict with the leader's idea and guidance and disturb unity and cohesion. Under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, our Party has steadily intensified ideological education to equip all the Party members with the Juche idea, the revolutionary idea of the Party, and has conducted a powerful ideological struggle against flunkeyism, dogmatism, revisionism, factionalism and other unsound ideas, as well as factional elements. As a result, it eradicated factionalism, which had greatly harmed our revolution through history, and prevented modern revisionism and all other opportunist trends from infiltrating into our ranks. That our Party overcame factionalism and flunkeyism in the Korean communist movement and prevented the infiltration of any opportunism, including modern revisionism, was the historic victory achieved in the struggle to ensure the unity and cohesion of the Party ranks and its purity and establish the monolithic ideological system of the Party.

Through the struggle to establish the monolithic ideological system, the unity and cohesion of our Party developed into the unity of the entire Party in ideology and purpose, reinforced by morality and loyalty, based on the leader's idea and centring on the leader. Today all our Party members are armed solidly with the monolithic ideology of our Party, the revolutionary idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung; they know no other ideas but his revolutionary idea. They resolutely defend and carry out the lines and policies of the Party, cherishing loyalty to the Party and the leader as their revolutionary faith and obligation. That all Party members are united rock-solid behind the leader with one idea and faith and with comradely love and revolutionary loyalty underlies the solidity and unbreakability of the unity and
cohesion of our Party.

The great leader Comrade Kim II Sung built our Party into a militant Party with a strong sense of organization and discipline.

This sense of organization and discipline is the intrinsic requirement of the socialist, communist movement based on collectivism, as well as the basic guarantee for the fighting efficiency of the revolutionary and militant party. The monolith of ideology and leadership is ensured by organization and discipline, and apart from them there can be no unity or cohesion. A working-class party with no organization or discipline will not only be unable to lead the revolution, but will itself be reduced to a lethargic, nominal existence.

By correctly embodying the principle of democratic centralism in Party building and its activity, Comrade Kim II Sung firmly established the monolithic system of leadership and a revolutionary and voluntary discipline within the Party. For our Party the principle of democratic centralism is its organizational principle, whereby democracy is brought into fully play on the bases of firmly establishing centralized discipline. Centralism is revolutionary discipline and order according to which the entire party acts as one under the monolithic leadership of the leader. Without this, neither the unity of the party nor concerted action can be ensured. Democracy means formulating the party's line and policy by incorporating the will of the party members and giving full play to their voluntary enthusiasm and creativity in the struggle to implement them. When centralized discipline is weakened and unprincipled "democracy" is tolerated, disorder is created in the party, and the party will be torn asunder. As a result of the correct application of the principle of democratic centralism in our Party, the guidance of the leader is effected smoothly from the Party centre down to the lowest echelon and a revolutionary tone has been firmly established: all Party organizations and Party members accept the Party's line and policy as their own and implement them to the letter by displaying a high degree of enthusiasm and creativity.

Enhancing the function and role of party organizations and intensifying the party life of the members is a major factor in improving organization and discipline in the party. By strengthening all its organizations and enhancing their function and role in every possible way, our Party has ensured that they carry out their activity strictly in accordance with the Party's organizational principle and
system of Party work, and always work vigorously full of vitality. At the same
time, it has channelled great effort into intensifying the Party life of its members.
Party members are linked with the leader through the Party organization and
accept the leader's ideas and guidance and draw the breath of the Party through
Party organizational and ideological life. Party life is a revolutionary school
that arms Party members with the leader's ideas, tempers their Party spirit and
fosters the sense of organization and discipline. The unity of the ideology and action
of millions of Party members is inconceivable apart from Party life. A well-organized
system of Party life and a revolutionary tone of Party life have now been firmly
established in our Party; all members belong to a particular Party organization,
regularly leading their life in accordance with the unitary norms of
Party life and taking part in it of their own accord as the masters. As a result, the
Party life of the members has been put on a regular basis and has become a part of
their daily life, and the organization and discipline of the Party have been
strengthened markedly. Thus our Party has become a most highly organized and
disciplined party; all the Party members breathe and act as one, based on a high
degree of awareness and consciousness; the Party thus fully displays its might as a
militant organization.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung built our Party into a mass party firmly
rooted in broad sections of the population.

A working-class party can be invincible only when it welds itself to the masses
and enjoys the active support of the wide sections of the population. As a matter of
principle, the demand of the working class represents the fundamental interest of
the working masses, and the historic mission of the working class is to achieve social
emancipation, not only for itself, but for all toiling people. Ours is an era of
independence, in which the popular masses have emerged as the masters of
history; the cause of the masses for independence can advance victoriously only
through the energetic struggle of the working class and other broad strata of the
people.

By correctly reflecting the fundamental interests of the working class and other
toiling masses, as well as the demand of the era of independence, and proceeding
from the specific situation in our country, respected Comrade Kim Il Sung set the
line of building a mass party of the working people comprising workers, peasants
and working intellectuals, and put this line into effect with success. The flag of our
Party, inscribed with a hammer, sickle and brush, is a graphic symbol of a revolutionary party in the era of independence, the first of its kind in history. It is the banner of unity and victory of the popular masses, who are independently shaping their destiny.

In accordance with the line of building a mass party, our Party enlisted into itself many progressive elements from among workers, peasants and working intellectuals, and properly combined the quantitative growth and qualitative consolidation of the Party ranks. Thus it continually expanded and strengthened itself, while firmly maintaining its working-class and revolutionary character. Our Party was built as a mass party and the mass line was fully implemented in its activity. As a result, it has grown in strength and developed into a party that defends and represents the interests of the working masses and their demand for independence. It has become a revolutionary party of the working class rooted among the broad popular masses and inseparably united with them.

The validity and vitality of our Party line on building itself into a mass party were verified more clearly as the building of socialism developed in depth. The process of building socialism is the process of transforming all members of society on the pattern of the working class, the process of assimilating all society to the working class. The line of building a mass party fully conforms to the law that governs the building of socialism. By implementing the line of building a mass party, our Party was able to maintain its working-class character and at the same time continually increase its ranks, strengthen its mass foundation and accelerate the process of assimilating the whole of society to the working class.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung built our Party in a far-sighted way to carry on its cause down through the generations.

The cause of the popular masses for independence is the cause of the leader, the cause of the Party. It is a historic cause that is carried on through many generations. It is only when the working-class party firmly carries forward the ideas and guidance of the leader down through generations that it can invariably maintain its revolutionary character and appearance as a leading political organization and carry out its honourable mission. If a party is to correctly carry forward the ideas and guidance of the leader, it must fully ensure the continuity of its own development. Otherwise, the line of the revolution discontinues and renegades from the revolution appear to ruin the cause of the leader, the cause of the party.
This is a serious lesson of history.

Respected Comrade Kim Il Sung not only founded our Party and developed it to be an invincible one, but, with his extraordinary far-sightedness of many years, standing, laid a solid foundation for a brilliant continuation and accomplishment of the cause of the Party. Looking into the distant future, Comrade Kim Il Sung clarified the way to be followed by your Party and our revolution, laid firm organizational and ideological bases for the Party and established the leadership system for the continuation and accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

The ideas and leadership of respected Comrade Kim Il Sung are an unshakeable inheritance of our Party. Today, as a revolutionary party with high prestige and indestructible might, our Party enjoys full support and trust from the people and is confidently leading revolution and construction.

The working-class party is the weapon for the revolution. The foundation of the party and its organizational and ideological strength are aimed at realizing the popular masses' cause of independence.

In the past 50 years since its foundation, our Party has led the popular masses, winning a great victory in revolution and construction, and gaining rich and valuable experience.

Since national liberation through a bloody revolutionary war against the Japanese, our revolution has advanced through an unprecedentedly complex situation and an arduous struggle. The division of the country by foreign forces, the Fatherland Liberation War against the invasion of the allied forces of imperialism, the ceaseless manoeuvres for aggression and sabotage by imperialism, the turbulent international situation and the collapse of socialism in several countries, and the subsequent intensification of anti-socialist, anti-DPRK machinations by imperialists and reactionaries in the face of all these events, we carried out the two stages of social revolution successfully, reconstructed the country twice, built a form of socialism centred on the masses, and added lustre to our socialism while defending staunchly the sovereignty of the country and the achievements of the revolution. The revolution and construction have been promoted with vigour in spite of innumerable difficulties and hardships, bringing about great changes in the life of the country and its people.

Our socialism defends and ensures the independence for the popular masses and
satisfiestheir demand for independence to the full. All the members of society exercise equal rights to independence in political, economic and cultural lives, and enjoy valuable and worthwhile lives free from all manner of social unrest and worry.

Our society is a most stable and durable one, in which all the people are united singleheartedly around the Party and leader, forming one great, harmonious family. Our entire society is overflowing with health and vitality and is full of revolutionary mettle. The communist morality, now being displayed to a high degree among our people, of devoting one self to society and the collective, and of helping and leading one another in a comradely way demonstrates the advantages and might of the socialist system in our country and graphically shows the ennobling ideological and spiritual traits of our people.

Under the leadership of the Party, our people have traversed the road of victory, braving the difficulties and obstacles in their way, and are working energetically for fresh victory, full of confidence in and optimism for the future. Even in the present complicated situation, our socialism continues to win one victory after another without vacillation, and our socialist motherland is demonstrating its dignity and honour far and wide.

The imperialists and reactionaries have often resorted to various machinations to check the advance of our Party and people, and to stifle our socialism, but they have failed in every attempt.

The practical experience of our revolution patently proves that the people, who are united as one under the leadership of their great leader and the great party and fighting for their just cause, are unconquerable, and that the present age is a new, historic age, the age of independence, when the popular masses, have emerged as masters of their own destiny. Guided by our Party, our people have paved anew path to accomplishing the masses cause of independence, the path to genuine socialism, and built and developed a socialism ventrad on the popular masses, thus dealing decisive blows at reactionary propaganda that vilifies socialism, and confirming in practice the scientific and genuine nature of socialism, its advantages and its invincibility.

For our Party, which is entrusted with the responsibility for the destiny of the country and nation, national reunification has been the supreme task since the first day of its founding. Our Party has consistently followed the policy of national reunification, a policy based on the three principles of independence, peaceful
reunification and great national unity. Reflecting the aspiration for reunification of the whole nation in the north, south and abroad, it put forward the most reasonable, fair and realistic proposal of reunifying the country through confederation, and is now striving for its implementation. It is also making every effort to realize the great unity of the nation under the banner of national reunification. Our Party’s policy of national reunification is truly patriotic and it enjoys the unanimous support and approval of the whole nation. Thanks to the impeccable policy and consistent effort of our Party for national reunification, the national aspiration for reunification has mounted higher as never before and the national unity of all compatriots in the north, south and abroad has grown stronger. The ever-growing reunification force of our nation will defeat the divisive forces at home and abroad and realize the cause of national reunification without fail.

Our Party has led the popular masses’ cause of independence to brilliant victory, making great achievements along the way, because it has applied Juche principles and methods of leadership in the revolution and construction in a thoroughgoing way.

In leading the revolution and construction, our Party has always safeguarded the demands and interests of the popular masses, relied on them and carried out its fight by forming an integral whole with them.

That the popular masses are the masters of the revolution and construction and that they have the power to promote them—this is the fundamental principle of the revolution, as elucidated by the Juche idea. The policy that defends and realizes the masses’ demands for independence and their interests is the most revolutionary and scientific, and relying on the popular masses and giving full play to their strength and wisdom is the basic demand of revolutionary leadership. If one believes in the people and relies on them one will always emerge victorious; and if one is divorced from them and is forsaken by them, one will always fail—this is the concept of “The people are my God,” the motto of respected Comrade Kim II Sung, and this has become the basic starting-point and supreme principle in all the activities of our Party.

Respected Comrade Kim II Sung was the great leader of the people and their father. His ideology, leadership and virtue were based on love for, and trust in, the people. All his life he was among the people, shared joy and sorrow with them and devoted his all to them. He placed deep trust in the strength, wisdom and excellent
qualities of our people and solved all problems by relying on them and by giving reinto their revolutionary zeal and creative force.

Our Party has fully applied in all its activities the noble idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, "The people are my God," and his revolutionary method of leadership. It has always formulated its lines and policies by reflecting truthfully and incorporating the opinions and requirements of the popular masses, and implemented them by enlisting their efforts and resourcefulness. It has given definite priority to ideological work, namely, the political work of awakening the popular masses ideologically and rallying them organizationally, over all other undertakings; it has also worked tirelessly to oppose abuse of authority and bureaucratism and establish a revolutionary method and popular style of work among officials. The iron rule in the activities of our Party and in the work of our officials is to go among the people, breathe the same air with them, work devotedly for them and execute revolutionary tasks by relying on them under the Party's slogan, "We serve the people." Our Party is a motherly party, which takes care of the destiny of the popular masses under its charge, and its politics is a benevolent one in that it is the politics of love for the people and trust in them.

Because of their genuine comradeship and their inseparable relationship, in which the Party and leader trust and love the people and the people place unqualified trust in them and support them with loyalty, the single-hearted unity of the leader, Party and masses has been strengthened and developed and the revolutionary enthusiasm and creative force of the popular masses have been fully displayed on a high plane. Relying on the popular masses and welding itself to them in the struggle—this is the secret of how our Party has been able to promote the revolution and construction with vigour in such complicated circumstances and trying ordeals, and has won victory after victory by turning misfortune into a blessing and unfavourable conditions into favourable ones.

In leading the revolution and construction, our Party has established Juche with all consistency and firmly adhered to the line of independence.

Independence is man's intrinsic desire and the lifeblood of a country and nation. The revolution and construction are conducted with a country and nation as a unit, and they are the very struggle against all manner of domination and subjugation. They are for the independence of the country and nation, the independence of the popular masses. The party and people of each country must become masters of the
revolution and construction in their country and wage them independently and creatively. It is only when the working-class party establishes Juche firmly and strictly adheres to the line of independence that it can defend the dignity of the country and nation, ensure their independent development and lead the masses' cause of independence to victory. Owing to the circumstances in which our country found itself and the historical characteristics of our revolution, establishing Juche was presented as an all the more pressing and important task to our Party.

From the first days of his revolutionary activity, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung blazed the trail of independent development of the Korean revolution, holding aloft the banner of independence. He made it a fundamental principle to establish Juche and maintain independence in the revolution and construction, then led the effort to implement it. The line of Juche in ideology, independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in defence, as advanced by Comrade Kim Il Sung, is a revolutionary line of independence run through with the principle of Juche and the spirit of independence. Our Party has staunchly safeguarded this line and implemented it to the letter.

Our Party has solved all problems arising in the revolution and construction, as dictated by its ideology and faith, on its own responsibility and on the principle of self-reliance, doing things in our own way to suit our situation and the interests of our revolution. It has been opposed totally to the worship of big powers, dogmatism and all other ideas of relying on foreign forces, and rejected categorically any pressure and interference from outside. Free from established theories and formulas, it has analysed and judged everything solely from the point of view of the interests of the revolution and hewed out the road of the complicated and arduous Korean revolution by its own efforts, as dictated by its faith and determination. By conducting energetically among its members and the working people the education in Party policies, revolutionary traditions and socialist patriotism, with an emphasis on the education in the Juche idea, it has imbued them with the revolutionary ideology, lines and policies of their Party, instilled in them high national dignity and pride and given full play to their revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and the revolutionary tone of living our own way.

Since they strictly adhered to the Juche stand and the line of independence, our Party and people have not vacillated in the raging wind of modern revisionism and all other opportunist trends, and in the trying situation in which socialism
collapsed in several countries, they have been able to defend and add lustre to their style of socialism. Our political and ideological strength, the powerful socialist independent economy and the unconquerable self-reliant military power, which our Party and people have consolidated rock-solid through the implementation of the revolutionary line of independence, self-sufficiency and self-reliant defence, are the sure guarantee for defending the sovereignty of the country and the achievements of the revolution, advancing the revolution and construction victoriously and thwarting the aggression and interference of imperialism and dominationism. The fact shows that the political and diplomatic pressure of imperialism, its attempts to disintegrate us ideologically and culturally, its economic blockade and military threat—none of these are able to infringe upon the sovereignty of our country, nor can they demolish or suffocate our socialism.

The independence of a country and nation is the basis for fair international relations, and an independent foreign policy is the justest and most principled foreign policy. All countries and nations, whether they are large or small, developed or less-developed, have the rights to independence and equality as equal members of the international society. When they all maintain independence and respect each other's independence, they can develop fair international relations and build a truly peaceful and friendly new world where independence prevails. By following a foreign policy based on the ideals of independence, peace and friendship, our Party and Government have developed the relations of friendship and cooperation with many countries in the world, consolidated the country's international position, strengthened international solidarity without our revolution and rendered an active contribution to the cause of independence throughout the world.

The Juche stand and independent line, consistently maintained by our Party in revolution and construction, have clearly demonstrated their correctness and great vitality in practice.

Our Party has resolutely adhered to its revolutionary principle and invariably implemented the revolutionary line and policy in leading the revolution and construction.

Consistently adhering to the revolutionary principle in accomplishing the cause of the popular masses for independence, the socialist cause, is an important question affecting the destiny of the revolution. Maintaining the revolutionary principle means defending the fundamental interest of the revolution and leading it...
victory without any deviation, whereas falling back from the revolutionary principle means betraying the fundamental interest of the revolution and leading it to failure. The history of the revolutionary movement shows that if one retreats even a single step from the revolutionary principle, one will retreat two steps, and once this happens, one will go back ten steps, and thus will eventually make a mess of the revolution. Opportunism of all hues is characterized by a lack of revolutionary principle and by inconsistency in line and policy. The revolutionary principle in carrying out the socialist cause is guaranteed by the working-class party's loyalty to and faith in the socialist cause as well as by its will to carry this cause to completion.

Respected Comrade Kim Il Sung was a great communist revolutionary and a genius of revolution and construction. With unshaken revolutionary faith and steel-like revolutionary will, he led our arduous and tortuous revolution along the straight road to victory, with unfailing loyalty to the cause of the popular masses for independence, the socialist cause of Juche. Comrade Kim II Sung led our Party and people by setting a brilliant example of the art of leadership. He defended the revolutionary principle under all circumstances and conditions, and skillfully combined principle and adroitness in revolution and construction.

Proceeding from the fundamental interests of the revolution, our Party has always adhered to the principle of independence, and to the principles of the working class and socialism in revolution and construction, and thoroughly carried out the revolutionary line with consistency. Our Party accelerated the revolution and construction with continuous creative efforts and innovation to meet the demands of the developing reality. While dealing with the rapidly changing situation actively and shrewdly, it has never taken a single step back from the fundamental interests and principles of the revolution and firmly maintained the revolutionary principle and line. Highly creative attitude and adroitness based on the revolutionary principle and consistency in its line and policy—these are the important principles and art of leadership our Party adheres to in the revolution and construction, as well as being the characteristics of our Party's revolutionary line and policy.

Throughout its leadership of the revolution and construction, our Party has never deviated from the revolutionary principle, never allowed itself to be swayed
to right or left without principle, and never made a mistake in its line. Thanks to our Party's revolutionary principle and the consistency of its line and policy, our revolution has been able to advance victoriously along the road to socialism with no twists and deviations, even in the most arduous conditions. And also our own style of socialism, ventilated on the popular masses, has become a firm conviction of our people and taken root deeper in the people's life. Our people place unqualified trust in our Party, the Party that has confidently led the revolution and construction. They entrust their destiny entirely to it and are fighting indomitably to complete the revolutionary cause of Juche under the leadership of the Party.

Our Party's great exploits and precious experience in Party building and Party activity, as well as in revolution and construction, are the brilliant fruition of the revolutionary idea and revolutionary leadership of the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. They are the eternal treasures of our revolution, which we must defend, inherit and develop through generations to come.

Our revolution has emerged victorious under the leadership of our Party, and in future, too, it will advance in triumph and will be carried forward to brilliant completion under its leadership.

We still have a long way to go, and our revolution is beset with as many hardships and trials as ever. No matter how long and thorny the road ahead for our revolution, pioneered and led by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, we must steadily follow this way in accordance with the behest of Comrade Kim Il Sung. This is the unshakeable faith and will of our Party.

We must safeguard the people-centred socialism of our own style, established by respected Comrade Kim Il Sung, bring honour to it and complete the socialist cause of Juche. We must unfailingly achieve national reunification, the vital demand of the entire nation, on the principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity set forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung. Upholding the lofty ideal of Comrade Kim Il Sung, our Party must strengthen solidarity with the progressive people of the world and work hard to realize the cause of independence for mankind.

In order to carry forward the sacred cause of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the revolutionary cause of Juche, from generation to generation, we must further consolidate our Party, which organizes and guides all the victories of our people.

We must hold in high esteem beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung as the eternal leader
of our Party and revolution, and develop our Party as the glorious Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung for ever.

We must defend his great ideas, theories and revolutionary methods of leadership, and thoroughly apply them in Party building and activities. We must do all the work of revolution and construction just as Comrade Kim Il Sung planned and intended and showed in his personal example, and we must conduct everything in the same way as Comrade Kim Il Sung. This is the way to develop our Party as the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the way to brilliantly inherit and complete the revolutionary cause of Juche.

We must resolutely safeguard the revolutionary idea of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and thoroughly put it into effect.

The revolutionary idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Juche idea, is the sole guiding ideology of our Party and the banner of victory for our Party and revolution. It would be impossible to speak about the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung or to think of the victory of the Party's cause separately from his revolutionary idea.

Holding high the banner of modelling the entire Party on the Juche idea, we must further strengthen education in the Juche idea, so that the Party is imbued with only one ideology, the Juche idea, and make the whole Party breathe and pulsate with the Juche idea. We must train all Party members to be communist revolutionaries of the Juche type, firmly equipped with the Juche-oriented revolutionary outlook on the world and thinking and acting at all times as demanded by the Juche idea.

We must defend the purity of the Juche idea and ceaselessly develop it in depth. Degeneration of ideology brings about degeneration of the Party; it leads the revolution and construction to ruin. Adherence to the purity of the Juche idea means keeping our Party's revolutionary character and defending the Party's cause. We must ceaselessly fight against the infiltration of bourgeois reactionary ideas, revisionism and all other ideological trends of opportunism so as to prevent the heterogeneous ideological trends from getting even the slightest chance of gaining ground and growing in our ranks. While defending the revolutionary essence and purity of the Juche idea, we must add lustre to its greatness and develop and enrich it as required by the times and the developing realities.

True to the Party's slogan, "Let us meet the requirements of Juche in ideology, technology and culture!" we must deal with all work of revolution and construction
as required by the Juche idea. We must thoroughly implement the Juche idea in building the Party, the army, the economy and culture, to further strengthen the political, economic and military power of the country, bring about development and the flowering of socialist national culture, and fully display the advantages of our own style of socialism centred on the popular masses.

We must defend and cherish the unity and solidarity of our Party created by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, and cement this cohesion more solidly.

The unity and cohesion in the party ranks means its lifeblood and strength. Our Party's unity and cohesion is the purest and most durable, based on the monolithic ideological system, and a guarantee for the indestructible might of our Party.

We must consistently hold fast to the work of establishing the Party's monolithic ideological system as the basic line of Party building, and defend and strengthen further the unity and cohesion of our Party, which is firmly united in ideology and will as well as in morality and loyalty based on one ideology and one centre. All the cadres and Party members must make loyalty to the Party their faith, conscience, morality and the creed of their lives, and follow the Party's leadership firmly, united in mind and will.

We must oppose all kinds of unsound elements detrimental to the Party's unity and cohesion and ensure the purity of the Party ranks. Our Party's unity and cohesion has reached a high level, but we must not rest content. The unity and cohesion of the Party can be maintained and consolidated only through constant ideological education and ideological struggle. We must not tolerate nepotism, parochialism, factionalism and other elements that undermine and hamper the Party's unity and cohesion. We must overcome them promptly so that the Party is always permeated with the spirit of unity, the atmosphere of unity.

We must thoroughly put into effect the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's idea, "The people are my God," so as to further cement the inseparable ties between the Party and the people and ceaselessly strengthen and develop the single-hearted unity of society.

Our Party exists for the people and regards it as its duty to fight to meet the interests of the people and their desire for independence. Taking loving care of the people, serving them and forming a harmonious whole with them—these are the intrinsic nature and basic characteristics of the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Our people are a great revolutionary people, who were brought up by respected
Comrade Kim Il Sung and who braved the tempest of the revolution under his leadership; they are an ex-cellent people equipped with noble ideological and mental traits under our Party's benevolent politics and the socialist system of our country. Our Party strongly believes in our people, who are boundlessly loyal to the Party and revolution; it overcomes all difficulties and hardships by relying on their unrivalled hero-ism and unquenchable creative force. Our people's unquestioned trust in and unanimous support for our Party are a source of invincible strength for the Party. Serving our fine people is a great honour and pride for our Party.

We must thoroughly implement the consistent ideas and policies of our Party, which takes loving care of the people, champions their demands and interests and fights for their independent and creative life. We must build more effectively our Party as a genuinely motherly party that leads and takes care of the destiny of the people on its own responsibility, and must enhance the spirit of service for the people among officials so that they might put the benevolent politics of the Party into practice more efficiently. We must ensure that all the officials serve the people devotedly, acting as their servants and the champions of their interests.

We must fully implement the Chongsanri spirit and Chongsanri method, as created by Comrade Kim Il Sung, and hold high as ever the Party's slogan, "Let the whole Party go among the masses!" All the officials must acquire more firmly the revolutionary and popular style of work: they should always go deep among the masses, share good and bad times with them, teach them and at the same time learn from them, and carry out the revolutionary tasks by giving rein to their revolutionary enthusiasm and creative zeal. We must resolutely oppose and reject abuse of power, bureaucracy, irregularity and corruption among officials, and ensure that they acquire modest and unpretentious traits and establish a frugal and upright way of life.

The Party must believe in the people and the people in the Party, striving vigorously as one, thus further consolidating the single-hearted unity of society as a whole. As we have advanced in the past by braving difficulties on the strength of the single-hearted unity of the Party and the people, so we must in future, too, pave the way of victory and glory by relying on the might of single-hearted unity.

Today our Party and people have embarked on the road of new historic advance. Our Party will inherit and develop faithfully the idea and achievements of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and accomplish his cause down through generations.
The Workers' Party of Korea will shine forever as the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung.