

***YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN, BE THE VANGUARD UNFAILINGLY LOYAL  
TO THE PARTY AND THE LEADER***

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A Letter to the Young People throughout the Country and the Workers of the League of Socialist Working Youth on the Occasion of the First Youth Day August 26, 1991

We are greeting Youth Day in great excitement and with great joy.

Our Party has decided to observe as Youth Day the historic day, August 28, 1927, when the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung formed the Young Communist League of Korea in the flames of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle. His founding of this organization was an epoch-making event in the development of the communist movement and of the youth movement in our country. With the foundation of the Young Communist League of Korea the Korean communist and youth movements that had grown from the roots of the Down-with-Imperialism Union acquired a powerful vanguard organization of the hard core of revolutionary young people and began to develop more vigorously. Marking the anniversary of this epoch-making event in the development of the Korean communist and youth movements as Youth Day is important in promoting our youth movement by carrying forward the glorious traditions of the Korean communist youth movement established by the great leader, in immortalizing the monumental achievements and exploits made by our young people for their country and nation, and in training the younger generation to be reliable heirs to the revolution.

The victorious and glorious course of our revolution which has advanced under the banner of the Juche idea is resplendent with the heroic exploits of our young people. Our young men and women have waged an arduous yet worthwhile struggle in enthusiastic support of the leadership of the Party and the leader. In the course of this, they have rendered immortal service that will be remembered long in the history of our country.

Under the leadership of respected Comrade Kim Il Sung during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, the young communists and other young patriots blazed the trail for the Korean revolution, defeated Japanese imperialism and accomplished the historic cause of liberating the country. In the course of the noble struggle for national liberation waged under his wise leadership, the Korean communist youth movement originated and its glorious traditions were established.

After liberation, under the leadership of the Party and the leader, our young men and women who inherited the brilliant traditions of the anti-Japanese revolution made a great contribution to the building of a new society of which the people are masters, combating the class enemies at home and abroad. In the trying years of the Fatherland Liberation War when the destiny of the country and nation was at stake, our young people, true to the Comrade Supreme Commander's orders, defended our revolutionary achievements with their lives and honourably safeguarded the freedom and independence of their country by displaying mass heroism. During the arduous years immediately after the war when everything had been reduced to ashes, our young people under the guidance of the Party and the leader worked with devotion in the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude and thus rendered distinguished service in building on this land a powerful socialist state which is independent, self-sufficient and self-reliant in defence.

Under the slogan, "When the Party is determined, we can do anything!" our young men and women are now displaying their youthful talent and courage in implementing the Party's plans. Through their heroic struggle and devoted efforts many great monumental structures that add lustre to the age of the Workers' Party have been erected on this land, and our socialist motherland is continuing to develop and prosper. The changes that have taken place in the urban and rural communities throughout the country, the greatest changes in any century, and the happy life of our people have been brought about by the sweat of the brow of our young people. Our Party and our people will not forget their brilliant achievements

and service, which will shine long in history.

In the course of their worthwhile struggle for the prosperity of the country and for the people's happiness, our young people's ideological and mental characteristics have changed beyond recognition. With unfailing loyalty to the Party and the leader, our young men and women are working with devotion to safeguard and implement the Party's lines and policies. They are living in the revolutionary age, in the age of struggle, and they regard it as the highest honour to dedicate themselves to the Juche revolutionary cause; they are devoting all their energies and talents to the fruitful struggle for their country and their fellow countrymen. Under the communist slogan, "One for all, and all for one!" they are working with pride, helping and leading one another forward, and setting great store by their society, collective, organizations and comrades. They are always confident and optimistic in their struggle, never hesitating or vacillating, whatever the trials or difficulties. Our young people are truly a heroic new generation. They are a source of great pride and pleasure for our Party and our people.

I would like to take the opportunity on this historic day, the first Youth Day, to congratulate and thank warmly, on behalf of the Party Central Committee and on my own behalf, all the young men and women throughout the country and the workers of the League of Socialist Working Youth who, with a high sense of honour and pride as young people of Korea, are following the Party's leadership loyally at all times.

Young people constitute the most vigorous force in a society, and they are the reliable heirs to the revolution.

Young people are full of energy and courage, responsive to the new and strongly enterprising. They are not afraid of any trial or difficulty in the struggle to realize their noble ideals and ambitions. Thanks to their excellent qualities, they constitute a powerful force that plays the most positive role both in the class struggle to overthrow the outmoded social system and establish a new one and in the work of transforming nature.

Revolution is a noble undertaking for the popular masses to realize their independence. It does not end in the lifetime of one generation; it continues down through the generations until its completion. In this sense it can be regarded as the process of the continual replacement of one generation by the next. Without the rising, younger generation, the advance of the revolution and its ultimate victory are inconceivable.

Historical experience shows that, when the lifeblood of the revolution is inherited reliably by the younger generation, the revolutionary cause initiated by the Party and the leader can be championed and safeguarded and completed, and that otherwise it cannot avoid setbacks and ultimate failure. Our revolution, which was pioneered by the great leader, is being carried forward successfully by the younger generation and is advancing vigorously along the road of victory. As long as the younger generation remains unfailingly loyal to the Party and the leader, our revolution shall weather any storm and trial and emerge victorious without fail.

Our young people are living in the age of the Workers' Party, the age in which the revolutionary cause of Juche is being carried forward and brought to a successful conclusion. The age of the Workers' Party is a glorious age in which our people under the guidance of respected Comrade Kim Il Sung, their first great leader in their history of thousands of years, and under the leadership of the great Party, are carrying out the cause of socialism and communism victoriously under the banner of the Juche idea. Our country has now achieved the single-hearted unity of the leader, the Party and the masses under the banner of the great Juche idea, and is promoting the revolution and construction steadily. Ours is the most durable and vital socialist country, and as such it is dignified and mighty. It is the greatest honour and happiness for our young people to be born, to live and to struggle in the age of the Workers' Party, the age of unlimited prosperity for our country and nation. They must cherish a high sense of honour and pride in living in the glorious age of the Workers' Party and fulfil all their missions and duties.

Today the most honourable duty which has been entrusted to our young people by the times and the revolution is to safeguard the people-centred socialism of our own style and develop it further.

Socialism and communism represent an ideal society for mankind in which the popular masses, free from every manner of exploitation and oppression, enjoy an independent and creative life; creating such a society is the highest aim of the struggle of true revolutionaries and communists.

The socialist cause in our country was pioneered by the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters, the young people of the first revolutionary generation, under the guidance of the great leader. It was inherited and developed brilliantly by the young people of the second revolutionary generation. The socialist cause which has been developed forcefully through the devoted struggle of the young people of previous revolutionary generations is being carried forward with credit by the young people of the third and fourth revolutionary generations. The young people of the first and second revolutionary generations rendered distinguished service in liberating the nation and in building the best, people-centred socialism of our own style in their liberated country; those of the third and fourth revolutionary generations must safeguard and develop this socialism with credit. There is no more important task for our younger generation today than to defend and safeguard our socialism from the moves of the imperialists and other reactionaries and to develop it further. In order to carry out their noble missions and duties to the times and the revolution, young people must prepare themselves as ardent revolutionaries, as a young vanguard. Young men and women, be the vanguard unfailingly loyal to the Party and the leader! This is the revolutionary slogan under which our young people today must advance. All young men and women must hold this slogan high and strive to train themselves into a reliable vanguard of the Juche revolutionary cause. When I say that our young people must become a vanguard, I mean that they must stand in the forefront of the struggle and act as a shock force that champions and safeguards the Party and the leader politically and ideologically, whatever the adversity even at the cost of their lives, supports their leadership loyally, makes the Juche idea their unshakable conviction and carries through the Party's lines and policies to the end.

Unfailing loyalty to the Party and the leader is the noblest political and ideological quality for our young people to possess. It is the natural duty and obligation of young people growing up into a new revolutionary generation under the care of the Party and the leader to fulfil their loyal and filial duty to the Party and the leader, who ensure the most precious political integrity for them and enable them to add lustre to it. Bearing in mind that fulfilling their loyal and filial duty to the Party and the leader is the way for them to uphold their precious political integrity, young people must make loyalty to them their revolutionary conviction and obligation. They must acquire a clear understanding of the greatness and benevolence of the Party and the leader and learn zealously from the living example of loyalty to the Party and the leader that has been displayed by the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters and by our people.

The Juche idea is the sole guiding ideology of our revolution and the lifeblood of our nation. The whole revolutionary struggle of our Party and our people is the struggle to implement the Juche idea. Guided by the Juche idea, our Party has provided leadership for the revolution and construction, and in this way it has achieved the single hearted unity of the revolutionary ranks and established an excellent, people-centred socialism of our own style. Only when they are equipped fully with the Juche idea can young people become a vanguard in its true sense and creditably fulfil their missions and duties as reliable heirs to our revolution. They must study the Juche idea harder, understand it in greater depth and implement it thoroughly in and out of work. Young people must deal with all matters in a Korean way as required by the Juche idea. They must not be infected with any trace of a heterogeneous ideology or way of life.

Our Party's lines and policies are the strategy and tactics of our revolution, the application of the Juche idea; they are an absolutely correct guideline for the revolution and construction. Young people must study the Party's lines and policies in depth and make them their flesh and bones. They must work and live in line with the great leader's instructions and the Party's policies at all times and in all places, and champion them and carry them out.

The glorious revolutionary traditions established in the anti-Japanese revolutionary

struggle are the historical roots of our revolution and the lifeblood ensuring its continuity. It is particularly important for the younger generation with no experience of revolutionary trials to arm themselves fully with our revolutionary traditions. In order to gain ultimate victory for our revolution, the young people, the heirs to our revolution, must equip themselves fully with our Party's revolutionary traditions. They must closely study and learn these traditions in various forms and by various methods such as by studying the revolutionary history of the great leader and the reminiscences of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters, as well as by visiting revolutionary battle sites. They must take the greatest pride in the glorious revolutionary traditions established by the leader, defend them firmly and enrich them continually.

A high degree of class consciousness and a firm working-class standpoint are basic qualities of a revolutionary. A man without a high level of class consciousness and a firm working-class standpoint cannot fight in the interests of the working class and the other working masses. Young people must see and judge all social phenomena from the point of view of the working class and on socialist principles; they must clearly understand the aggressive nature of imperialism and the reactionary nature of the exploiting system, and combat them without compromise. They must be staunch particularly in the fight against the US imperialist aggressors who, having occupied the southern half of our country, are imposing the tragedy of national division upon our people and bringing the dark clouds of a nuclear war over the Korean peninsula.

Our young people must arm themselves fully with socialist patriotism and become genuine patriots who devote their all in order to bring honour to their socialist fatherland. Our socialist fatherland is a glorious country established by the great leader and developed by our Party; it is the cradle for the life of our people. There is no greater happiness than that of living in the bosom of our socialist fatherland, and no pride can be greater than that of fighting with devotion for this fatherland. An honourable life dedicated to the fatherland will live for ever with the fatherland. Our young people must clearly understand how dear their socialist fatherland is and ardently love it; they must fight with single-minded devotion for the prosperity of the fatherland. The Korean-nation-first idea conveys pride and confidence in the greatness of the Korean nation; it represents a high degree of consciousness and a strong will to add lustre to this greatness. The greatness of a nation lies in the greatness of the leader and of the party, and the superiority of the guiding ideology and social system. Only a people who have a great leader, are led by a great party and live under an excellent social system, guided by a great guiding ideology, can become a great people who shape their destiny independently and creatively. Ours is a proud people who have their great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, are led by their great Party and live under the best socialist system, guided by the immortal Juche idea. Our young people must take great pride in being part of the Korean nation which is blazing the trail for the socialist cause honourably under the banner of the Juche idea; they must uphold the leadership of the Party and the leader faithfully, defend the Juche idea firmly at all times and in all places and work hard to display the superiority of our socialist system to the full. Our young people should sing songs about our leader, our Party and our socialism, our songs which overflow with national sentiments, and they must live in accordance with the national feelings and preferences of our people.

Collectivism is an intrinsic requirement of man, the social being. It is only in a social community that a man can shape his destiny independently and creatively and lead a worthy life with honourable socio-political integrity. Our young people must set great store by their organization and collective and love them; they must work with complete devotion in the interests of the collective. They must combat the slightest practices of individualism and bourgeois liberalism and eliminate them promptly. In addition to fully preparing themselves politically and ideologically, young people must play the vanguard role in the practical struggle for creation and construction, the struggle which is aimed at defending and developing socialism. Under the unfurled banner of the three revolutions—ideological, technical and cultural—our young people must devote their youth to the work of creation and construction to develop socialism still further. His youth is the most valuable period

in a person's life. In this period a person begins his struggle to realize his noble ideals and hopes, displaying great ambition and enthusiasm. Whether one leads a valuable and worthy life or wastes one's life depends on how one spends one's youth. Once one's youth has passed, it will never return. If one is to live honourably without remorse, one must work hard for the Party and the leader, for the country and the people in the days of one's youth.

Young people must be the vanguard and the shock brigade in socialist economic construction.

Socialist economic construction is a noble undertaking to defend and develop socialism and provide a still happier life for our people. Our young people are the main force in socialist economic construction, and the sites of grand socialist construction are the field of action for our young people. Only when our young people are in high spirits will the factories, rural communities and construction sites bubble over with enthusiasm, and only when our young people take the lead in production and construction will a continuous upsurge and continual innovations take place in socialist economic construction. The West Sea Barrage, the Sunchon Vinalon Complex, Kwangbok Street and the northern railway, as well as many other monumental structures, have been erected to bring honour to the era of the Workers' Party. This has been possible because our young people have come out as one in hearty response to the call of the Party and fulfilled their role with credit as the vanguard and shock brigade in socialist economic construction.

It is a matter of honour and pride for our young people to volunteer to work in difficult and arduous fields of socialist economic construction, to undertake to work on the main fronts of production and construction and to play the role of a vanguard and shock brigade. When called on by the Party, the young people must take the lead in undertaking a task, however difficult it may be, even going through fire and water. Recently our young people, true to the Party's intention, have gone by groups to work in difficult and arduous fields. Such laudable deeds are evident only among our young people. Our young people should volunteer for work in difficult and arduous sectors of the national economy such as at coal and ore mines, construction sites and tree-felling areas, as well as in the rural and fishing villages, and they should perform great feats in production and construction.

It is the natural duty and proud tradition of our young people to undertake and carry out the construction of major projects planned by the Party. With the strategic goal of scaling the high peak of the complete victory of socialism in the 1990s by carrying out the grandiose Third Seven-Year National Economic Plan, our Party is concentrating great efforts on grand construction projects, giving precedence to rail transport and improving the basis of the key industries such as the power, mining, metal and chemical industries; it expects young people to play a large part in these efforts. Our young people must fully display the heroic mettle of the Korean youth once again by taking an active part in the great efforts to erect lasting, monumental structures which will bring honour to the era of the Workers' Party and by performing fresh exploits.

In order to play the role of the vanguard and shock brigade in the building of the socialist economy, our young people must develop vigorously the youth shock brigade campaign and various other types of mass movement.

The youth shock brigade campaign is a campaign of loyalty which is aimed at enhancing the role of young people in the effort to implement our Party's plan of socialist economic construction and at training them through practice to be reliable successors to the revolutionary cause of Juche. Young people must participate widely in the youth shock brigade campaign and thus make a positive contribution to socialist economic construction and harden themselves in a revolutionary manner.

The main aspect of the youth shock brigade campaign is to intensify the activities of the high-speed operation youth shock brigade. The high-speed operation youth shock brigade is a regular, militant labour detachment which stands at the forefront of the implementation of our Party's plan for socialist economic construction; it is an excellent revolutionary school which trains young people into a dependable vanguard for our Party in the course of making worthwhile practical efforts. It has travelled a glorious road under the leadership of our Party and has now grown into a

force of young people who are unfailingly loyal to the Party and the leader. The organizations of the League of Socialist Working Youth must further strengthen the high-speed operation youth shock brigade and continually intensify its activities as the developing situation demands. The high-speed operation youth shock brigade must display its greatness to the full by carrying out a larger number of major projects to implement our Party's plan for grand socialist construction in a better way and at a higher speed; it must make itself the young vanguard unfailingly loyal to the Party and the leader.

The LSWY organizations must steadily enhance the role of the youth shock brigade by improving the guidance they give to it. At the same time, they must form many new youth shock brigades and send them to major construction projects and other difficult and important production and construction projects so that the young people will perform great feats in the building of the socialist economy.

The youth workteam movement is a form of collective labour aimed at encouraging the young people to play a leading role in production and construction. We must improve the existing youth workteams, youth workshops and youth enterprises and help them to play the leading role in the effort to ensure steady production and create 'the speed of the 90s'. At the same time, we must organize more such groups wherever they are needed as the developing situation requires.

We must direct close attention to strengthening the youth sub-workteam movement and the youth workteam movement in the rural communities. These workteams are communist units of production and life which fully embody the collectivist principle in the rural communities. Strengthening these movements is important in encouraging young people to live in the rural communities and thus in consolidating the rural position of socialism and stepping up the three revolutions—ideological, technical and cultural. The LSWY organizations must improve the youth sub-workteams and the youth workteams in the rural communities which have been taken loving care of by the great leader so that they become model units. They should organize many new youth sub-workteams and youth workteams in the rural communities to suit the specific situation at the given unit so that the young people will play a leading role in carrying out the three revolutions and in implementing the Juche farming method.

The LSWY organizations should further develop the socialist emulation movement, the movement for having machines named after the LSWY, the movement for assisting socialist construction and other mass movements.

The good conduct movement is a communist movement conducted by young people of their own free will to aid the country's economic life and make the living environment pleasant; it is a patriotic movement for the society and collective, for the country and the people. Bearing in mind that they are the masters of the country, young people should work energetically to launch a variety of good conduct movements so as to render an active contribution to the prosperity and development of the country and an improvement in the life of the people.

Young people should be roused as one to the effort to make their socialist fatherland a people's paradise which is a more beautiful and better place in which to live. They should work hard to make the cities and villages, the streets and their work places clean and tidy and maintain them in a healthy and modern state. Our people made tireless efforts to build on the war debris pleasant cities and rural communities, factories and villages; however, there is still a lot of work for us to do if we are to establish communist working conditions and a communist living environment. Young people should work hard to make the cities and villages, the streets and work places neat and tidy and provide communist working conditions and a communist living environment in a better way. In particular, they should wage an extensive campaign to plant flowers and trees and reafforest the land so that all the cities and villages, mountains and fields of our country are ablaze with every kind of flower and covered with thick foliage. They should develop an active campaign to keep the roads in our country modern and thus make all the roads more serviceable and maintain them in a good state of repair.

Fulfilling the national economic plan without fail is a duty for our young people.

The national economic plan is an order issued by the Party and a law of the state. It

is shameful for vigorous young people to fail to carry out the national economic plan. No matter how unfavourable and difficult the circumstances are, they should unfailingly carry out their national economic plan by days, months and quarters, as well as in terms of items produced, by fully displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and hard work.

To work is the noble duty of a citizen, and it is most honourable. Through work people create conditions for leading an independent and creative life and train their ideology and willpower as well as their bodies. Young people should acquire a correct standpoint on labour and at all times and in all places participate in creative labour for the society and collective of their own free will and with sincerity. They should work for the sake of their socialist fatherland without wasting even a single minute and perform any task in a scrupulous and assiduous fashion. They should ensure that everything they make is good and serviceable so that it will be perfect even in the distant future. When young people are working faithfully at the head of all sectors with an attitude befitting masters, our socialist fatherland will be a people's paradise in which it will be still better to live. Ours is the era of science and technology; the successful building of a socialist economy is guaranteed by highly-developed science and technology. It is only when we develop science and technology that we will be able to free the working people from the need to do hard and backbreaking labour and consolidate the foundations of our independent national economy by making the national economy Juche-based, modern and scientific. The science and technology of the country will be developed onto a higher level only when the young people who are burning with creative passion and have a strong enterprising spirit rise to the occasion. Young people should carry out the technical revolution with vigour so as to render an active contribution to the development of our country's science and technology.

The campaign for the promotion of science and technology is a mass campaign for speeding up the technical revolution, a campaign that should be undertaken by our young people to develop our country in the shortest possible time to the level of those countries which are leading the world in the field of science and technology. Young people should always be responsive to trends in scientific and technological development and make energetic efforts to learn new, modern science and technology; they should also be well-versed in the science and technology of their own fields and work hard to raise their levels of skill and workmanship. Young scientists and students should have a firm determination to support our Party and the fatherland with the science and technology they know and should put their energies into scientific research and study.

Young people should develop an intensive mass technical innovation campaign. The rapid development of science and technology and the replacing of outdated technology with new technology will be promoted only when the inexhaustible creative strength and wisdom of the masses are brought into play. Young people should set ambitious targets for making technical innovations in their own respective sectors with an innovative eye and with courage, and step up the mass technical innovation movement so that every one of them puts forward valuable and original ideas and produces new technical inventions. The strengthening of cooperation between young workers and young scientists and technicians is an important way of improving the role of young people in the mass technical innovation movement. LSWY organizations should promote the youth shock brigade movements for technical innovation and for automation among the young skilled workers and young scientists and technicians who are working at production sites so that they find solutions to the pressing scientific and technical problems which have arisen in making the national economy Juche-based, modern and scientific.

In order to develop the science and technology of our country to the world standard at the earliest possible date we must introduce modern techniques from other countries on a wide scale. Introducing what is good from other countries does not contradict the establishment of Juche; on the contrary, it renders it possible to establish Juche more firmly. Young people should have a full knowledge of world trends in science and technology which are developing at an uninteruptedly high speed and introduce the recent achievements in the science and technology of the

world in conformity with the requirements of our people and the actual situation in our country so that they prove their worth in socialist construction.

Young people should fight against conservatism, empiricism, mysticism concerning technology and all other traces of outdated ideas which hinder the development of the country's science and technology, and they should boldly introduce new science and technology. Young people constitute the main force for national defence; defending the socialist fatherland is the noble duty of young people. They should always maintain their alertness and readiness so as to cope with the aggression of the enemy and turn out in high spirits to defend their socialist fatherland, even at the risk of their lives, should the enemy invade us. The People's Army is a communist school which brings up young people and trains them into revolutionaries who are unflinchingly loyal to the Party and the leader. In the course of their military service in their young days young people develop their senses of organization and discipline and fully acquire strong willpower and communist traits. Young people should regard their military service not only as a citizen's duty but also as their greatest pride and honour, and they should volunteer for the People's Army and serve in the army with good faith. In the course of their military service they should fully prepare themselves politically and ideologically, in military technology and physically. At all times and in all places they should study military matters in real earnest and prepare themselves effectively for labour and national defence. Young people and students should take an active part in the training of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and the Young Red Guards and prepare themselves still better politically and militarily.

Sound and revolutionary traits are what our young people living in the age of revolution and struggle should acquire. Young people are the face of a country and the appearance and morale of a society depend largely on the way its young people live and work. It is only when young people live and work in a sound and revolutionary fashion that a sound and revolutionary morale will pervade the whole society. Young people should oppose indolence and slackness, always work and live in a revolutionary manner and observe the laws, regulations and order of the country voluntarily. They should build a noble communist moral character and behave with courtesy; they should conduct a varied and sound cultural and emotional life in conformity with the feelings of our people and the requirements of the age of revolution. Sound and revolutionary traits are inconceivable apart from the struggle against the imperialist ideological and cultural infiltration and the bourgeois way of life. The imperialists start their machinations to destroy socialism with ideological and cultural infiltration which affects the young people before anybody else. In order to disrupt and destroy from within our country which is advancing under the unfurled banner of socialism, the imperialists and reactionaries are now viciously trying to spread a reactionary ideology and culture and a degenerate way of life. Young people should be on the alert against the schemes of the imperialists and reactionaries and fight strongly against the decadent bourgeois ideology, culture and way of life so as to make sure that not the slightest trace of them makes an inroad into our country.

Reunifying the divided fatherland is the greatest national desire of our people and the most pressing task facing our young people—the new generation.

Young people are the standard-bearers of national reunification. Only when brave and stalwart young people are roused can the barrier of division be pulled down and the historic cause of national reunification be expedited. Our people have been suffering because of national division for nearly half a century. To live divided because of foreign forces is a great misfortune for our nation which had been living with one and the same blood using one language on the same territory for five thousand years. Our young people who were born in the divided fatherland and are experiencing national misfortune and suffering at first hand should not bequeath a divided country to the next generation. Bearing in mind the noble duty they have assumed before the nation, they must work hard to achieve national reunification. Young people should resolutely smash the 'two Koreas' plot of the US imperialists and their south Korean stooges, develop an energetic struggle to carry out our Party's policy on national reunification, and thus reunify the country in the 1990s at all costs.

In order to reunify the country as soon as possible, all Korean young people in the north, south and abroad should unite solidly as one. Our people, always holding unity dear, liberated the country, safeguarded its independence through a united effort and built up a prospering socialist country by united effort. National reunification which our people aspire to so ardently is unthinkable without great national unity; it will be accomplished without fail through great national unity. Korean young people, be they in the north, in the south or abroad, must unite solidly and fight as one under the banner of reunification to accomplish the cause of national reunification.

Frequent mutual contacts and visits, joint festivals and campaigns by young Koreans of the north, of the south and abroad are very important in realizing their unity. If they meet frequently through mutual visits, discuss the matter of national reunification and organize various joint functions on many occasions, they will come to understand one another deeply, build up confidence and unite firmly with the one desire for reunification. The great reunification festival of young people and students conducted on August 15 this year was an important event in achieving the unity of the young people of the north, of the south and abroad and in accelerating national reunification. In future the young people of the north, of the south and abroad should conduct contacts and exchange visits more frequently and organize many festivals of various types for reunification.

Unity will be genuine only when everyone encourages, supports and helps one another. Young Koreans of the north, of the south and abroad must encourage, support and give active assistance to one another on the common front of national reunification. At present the young people and students of south Korea, particularly the one million students under ‘°Chondaehyop’± (the National Council of Student Representatives of south Korea), are waging a determined struggle for independence against the US, for democracy against fascism and for national reunification, not fearing imprisonment or death. Their heroic struggle is inspiring the people of all walks of life in south Korea to conduct a powerful struggle and is keeping the whole of south Korea bubbling over with enthusiasm for reunification. All young Koreans must support and encourage the young people, students and other people of south Korea who are fighting undauntedly for national reunification. Our young compatriots abroad, including the young Koreans in Japan, must invariably inherit the spirit of the nation and fight energetically for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, cherishing the honour of being members of the Korean nation who have the motherland of Juche. The youth movement of the young Koreans in Japan is a part of the Korean youth movement and a model young compatriots’ movement abroad. The young Koreans in Japan must continue to develop their youth movement in conformity with the requirements of the development of our revolution and prepare themselves to be reliable heirs to our Korean compatriots in Japan who continue to fight staunchly, whatever the adversity. In the future the young Koreans in Japan must fight more strongly in defence of their democratic national rights and dignity, for the independent, peaceful reunification of the country and for the prosperity of the socialist fatherland.

The Korean youth movement is linked closely with the youth movement of the world. In order to develop our youth movement further to meet the new requirements of the times and the developing revolution and thus expand the ranks of supporters of, and sympathizers with, our revolution it is necessary to strengthen solidarity with the young people of the world. Our young people must work hard to strengthen their militant friendship and solidarity with the progressive young people throughout the world under the banner of anti-imperialist solidarity, peace and friendship, and launch a powerful joint struggle against imperialism and for global independence. They must also render active support to the progressive young people of the world in their struggle for national independence and the building of a new society, and cooperate closely with them.

We must strengthen the LSWY and further enhance its functions and role.

The LSWY is a mass organization for young people which unites broad sections of young men and women from all walks of life. Only when we strengthen the LSWY and enhance its functions and role can we train our young people into a dependable

young vanguard that can fight with complete devotion for the Party and the leader, for the country and the people.

LSWY cadres are the hard core of the LSWY; they are in charge of the work of the LSWY. The qualitative consolidation of the ranks of the LSWY and success in the work of the LSWY depend a great deal on the preparedness of LSWY cadres and on the role they play. LSWY organizations must appoint as their officials promising young men and women who are loyal to the Party and the leader, have been tempered in revolutionary practice, are full of spirit and ardour and are equipped with a broad knowledge and practical qualifications. We must give regular education and re-education to active LSWY officials and, on a planned basis, work to improve their qualifications steadily through practical LSWY work. We must train a greater number of LSWY officials who are unfailingly loyal to the Party and the leader and well-qualified politically and practically, by singling out hard-core elements of young people, giving them systematic education and training and improving the work at LSWY official-training centres.

LSWY committees at all levels are collective guidance organs which are directly responsible for organizing and directing the work of the LSWY in the units concerned. It is only when these committees are built up and their functions and role enhanced that the LSWY can become a living organization which works with vigour and the Party's policy on youth work can be implemented properly. Good LSWY committees must be formed on the principle of properly combining LSWY workers who are loyal to the Party, skilful in organizational work and popular with the masses, young hard-core elements working at production sites, and officials in the sector of child and youth education; also a balance between localities and different spheres should be ensured and the responsibility and role of the committee members enhanced. These committees must discuss collectively all important matters relating to LSWY work and to the implementation of revolutionary tasks and conduct all work accordingly. The role of the departments of LSWY committees at all levels must be enhanced. These departments must regulate all their work according to their revolutionary functions, organize and conduct their work in a responsible manner and be efficient in effecting coordination and cooperation among departments. In particular, the role of the organization and propaganda departments, the major departments of LSWY committees, must be improved.

Establishing revolutionary discipline based on democratic centralism is a major requirement for enhancing the functions and role of LSWY organizations. These organizations must establish within the league strict discipline in carrying out the decisions and directives of the higher echelons, and they must not tolerate the slightest undisciplined practice in the work of officials.

LSWY organizations and officials must thoroughly observe the requirements of the league's rules in all their work and activities, and ensure that their members never fail to implement the decisions of the organizations and always work and live as required by the standards of league life.

The primary organization is the lowest basic organization of the LSWY and the basis for league life. Only when the functions and role of the LSWY's primary organizations are enhanced can the whole league be strengthened, can their fighting efficiency be increased and will they be able to unite their members closely behind the Party. These primary organizations must organize and direct the league life of their members in keeping with the requirements of LSWY rules so as to give them revolutionary education and organizational and ideological training and to mobilize them energetically in the carrying out of their revolutionary tasks.

The model young vanguard primary organization movement is a mass loyalty movement aimed at training primary organizations into a young vanguard that strongly supports the Party's cause and at encouraging young people to play the vanguard role in the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions. LSWY organizations must intensify their guidance of this movement and thus expand its ranks constantly so that all primary organizations become a loyal young vanguard. The establishment of a revolutionary work system in the LSWY is an important guarantee for enhancing the functions and role of this organization.

LSWY organizations must establish within the league a strict revolutionary work

system for supporting the leadership of the Party loyally. The Party's leadership is the lifeblood of the LSWY and the source of its invincibility. Without this leadership, the LSWY cannot maintain its revolutionary character and fulfil with credit its mission and duty as the youth organization of the Party. LSWY organizations must regard an unshakable principle in their activities to be to support the Party's ideas and leadership wholeheartedly and establish in the league the strict spirit of accepting without reserve and fully implementing the Party's lines and policies and making the whole league act in unison under the monolithic leadership of the Party Central Committee. The Party's leadership over the LSWY is realized through Party organizations at various levels, and LSWY organizations at all levels must act under the guidance of the Party's organizations at the units concerned. They must faithfully carry out the tasks assigned by Party organizations for the implementation of Party policy and report their work regularly to Party organizations.

A well-planned system for controlling and directing LSWY organizations must be established. These organizations must be regularly informed of the situation and activities of their subordinate organizations and must supervise them. In order to implement organizational control and supervision effectively, LSWY officials must make it a rule to go to visit their subordinate organizations. LSWY officials must visit them periodically to examine how they are implementing the Party's policies and how they are directing LSWY members in their life in the league. On this basis they must render them active assistance before they return to review their work, and must reequip themselves with the Party's policies, plan fresh operations and then visit their subordinate organizations again.

LSWY officials must steadily improve their work method and work style. They must learn in detail from the great leader's method of work and embody it thoroughly in their life and work. They should refrain from conducting their work among the young people monotonously according to a set formula and pattern but do it originally in a variety of forms and ways to meet the demands and sentiments of the young people. They must plan any undertaking boldly and carry it out militantly. They must display a high sense of responsibility and all their energies in their work, and work independently and creatively by rejecting dependence upon others. They must always have warm feelings, be full of stamina and enthusiasm, and live and work cheerfully with youthful joy and optimism. They must set an example in all respects, and be modest and simple without putting on airs. They must also be honest and healthy in their economic and moral lives.

In order to enhance the functions and role of LSWY organizations it is necessary to show more public concern for their work. All Party organizations and administrative and economic bodies should give active assistance to the LSWY in its work and ensure it good conditions so that it can make dynamic headway in its work. They must hold young people in public esteem and recognize their merits so that they take great pride in being the successors to the revolutionary cause of Juche, and work with complete devotion.

The Children's Union is the successor to the LSWY. It is only when CU activities are strengthened to train its members better that the ranks of the LSWY can be reinforced and its members be brought up to be the reliable young vanguard of our Party. LSWY organizations must guide CU activities in a responsible manner, regarding the guidance of these activities as a concern of their committees. These organizations must establish a proper system of ideological education and organizational life to suit the preparedness and mental state of CU members, and they must give substantial guidance to them. They must conduct energetic organizational and political work for the implementation of the slogan, 'Study First', so that they all become excellent and honour pupils. LSWY organizations must ensure that CU members take an active part in various good conduct campaigns and socio-political activities to help to improve the nation's economic life and to promote the building of socialism.

Today our young people form a worthy generation living and working in an age of revolution, an age of struggle. Our revolution has not been completed; it is continuing down through the generations. We must continue with our revolution until we have reunified our divided country and accomplished the revolutionary

cause of Juche, the socialist cause. This heavy yet honourable task rests on the shoulders of our young people, the successors to the revolution and the standard-bearers in our struggle.

All our young people and LSWY officials must prepare themselves as the young vanguard unfailingly loyal to the Party and the leader and thus fulfil their mission and duty as the successors to the Juche revolutionary cause with greater credit.

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