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## KCNA Report on Successful Completion of Large-Scale Irrigation System in South Hwanghae Province

Pyongyang, May 23 (KCNA) -- The Korean Central News Agency Friday released a report on the successful completion of the large-scale irrigation system in South Hwanghae Province.

Builders and people in South Hwanghae Province have performed heroic feats by completing the second-stage waterway project in a little more than three years in the spirit of self-reliance and fortitude, true to the instructions of Chairman **Kim Jong Il** and the Party's policy, the report said, and continued:

The successful completion of the second-stage waterway project made it possible to fully supply irrigation water to the vast Western coastal granary, providing a firm foundation for decisively increasing the grain production.

The construction of the peculiar irrigation network of our own style in the western area of the country also makes it possible to save tens of millions kWh of electric power for pumping facilities every year and get a number of pumping equipment out of use, protect land by preventing flood damage in the area along the lower River Jaeryong and River Ryesong and spruce up the appearance of the land of the socialist country.

The completion of the waterway is the clear demonstration of our Party's great idea of the frontal offensive to accomplish the great cause of prosperity by dint of self-reliance by overcoming all sorts of challenges of history, the validity of its policy of agricultural irrigation system and the

inevitable might of our state bringing about great changes by evoking the inexhaustible creative power of the popular masses.

The waterway is a monumental edifice in the era of the Workers' Party which was completed thanks to the instructions of **Kim Jong Il** and the far-reaching nature-remaking plan and energetic guidance of Supreme Leader **Kim Jong Un**.

In April Juche 100 (2011), **Kim Jong Il** issued an order of the chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission to commence the waterway project in two stages.

After seeing through the significance and importance of the project in decisively increasing the agricultural production in South Hwanghae Province, which takes lion's share of domestic agricultural production, he aroused the entire Party, the whole country and all the people to the grand nature-remaking project.

The waterway project began in January 2012 when all the people started their advance for the new century of Juche amid the fierce flames of devotedly implementing the instructions of the leader and upholding the policies of the Party.

The construction of waterway was a big construction campaign for building a gravity-fed irrigation network, the largest one, during which over 11 800 000 cubic meters of bedrock and earth should be excavated, dozens of waterway tunnels cut and over 190 km-long waterway with at least 770 structures of different kinds and huge siphons built.

The fierce hot wind of leap forward was raised from the beginning of the first-stage project.

Through 5 year-long arduous struggle for bringing nature under control with the spirit of self-reliance and self-development, the builders successfully completed the first-stage waterway project in South Hwanghae Province in the meaningful year when the Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea was held.

The second-stage waterway project began from January 2017.

The second-stage project was also a difficult and huge task to carry out gigantic amount of work for laying the foundation, which was as big as that of the first-stage project, such as removing earth, excavating bedrock

and tamping concrete, and build a reservoir dam, over 80 km-long waterway, tunnels and hundreds of structures like siphons and culverts.

A fierce hot wind of creating new standards and new records was raised in the construction of Pongchonho Dam, the major front of the waterway project.

The building of spillway, which was said to take over 2 years, was finished in a short span of one year.

The building of reservoir dam with over 1 400 000 cubic meters of sand, stone and mud was carried out in three-dimensional way, and finally the dam with large letters "Self-Reliance" on its body took its shape in April, 2019.

The fierce hot wind was also witnessed at the construction sites of tunnels and waterway.

Thanks to the efforts of shock brigade members true to the Party's noble intention for the people, socialist fairylands for the people evacuated from submerged areas came into being and good species of trees and flower trees were planted in nearby mountains and fields to add beauty.

The completion of the waterway project in South Hwanghae Province proved once again truth that there is nothing impossible in the world as long as there are the leadership of the great Party and the inexhaustible might of people opening a broad avenue for leap forward under the uplifted banner of self-reliance, the report stressed. -0-

## **Spokesperson for Ministry of People's Armed Forces of DPRK Blames S. Korean Military for Its Reckless Military Provocation**

Pyongyang, May 8 (KCNA) -- A spokesperson for the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made public the following statement on Thursday:

On Wednesday, the south Korean military staged a joint military drill in the hotspot waters in the West Sea of Korea with the involvement of more than twenty fighters of F-15K, KF-16, F-4E and FA-50 belonging to the air

combat command of the Air Force and storm boats under the Navy's 2nd Fleet and others.

Such reckless move of the military warmongers of the south side is the height of the military confrontation which would leave tongue-tied even their master, who responded to every military drill staged by us with words like halt and regretful, saying it does not help the efforts to defuse tension on the Korean peninsula.

Everything is now going back to the starting point before the north-south summit meeting in 2018.

The recent joint drill was staged in the air and sea in the biggest hotspot area in the West Sea of Korea in which military conflicts occurred between the north and the south in the past, and it was openly launched, assuming that there were a "strange sign" and "provocation" from us.

What merits more attention is that the south Korean military staged the said military drill while calling us their "enemy."

This is a grave provocation which can never be overlooked and this situation demands a necessary reaction from us.

It is no more than the deliberate pursuit of confrontation the excuse for which can never be made.

The south Korean military did not hide the fact that the joint military drill aimed at improving its capability to cope with the north's firepower and surprise "provocation" and at striking the base of the "enemy's provocation" and repelling the forces supporting it.

The reckless military provocation by the south Korean military is a total denial and an open perfidy to the north-south agreement in the military field in which both sides promised the whole Korean nation to stop all the hostile acts against the other party on the ground and in the sea and air, to turn the West Sea zone into the peaceful waters, in particular.

The recent drill served as an opportunity which awakened us once again to the obvious fact that the enemies remain enemies all the time.

Should we remain a passive onlooker when the enemy gets zealous while openly calling for an attack on us? -0-