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WPK General Secretary Kim Jong Un Makes Closing Address at Eighth Congress of WPK

Pyongyang, January 13 (KCNA) -- **Kim Jong Un**, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), made a closing address at the Eighth Congress of WPK.

The following is the full text of the closing address:

Dear delegates,

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

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

There have been many important Party-wide political meetings including congress so far and the participants have shown immense enthusiasm every time as they received the policies and ideas of the Party Central Committee, but I see for the first time such an extraordinary zeal for participation as in the Eighth Party Congress, in which all the participants are so interested and immersed in the discussion of issues.

Every delegate made a positive and serious study of all issues discussed as they racked their brains and felt anxious over the issues by combining them with the success and failure of our revolutionary work and the destiny of themselves and their children and enthusiastically participated in the strenuous work of the congress.

Always conscious of the expectations and hopeful gaze of millions of our Party members and tens of millions of other people who watched the congress and assuming heavy responsibility together for the progress and development of the revolutionary work, all the delegates have devoted all their mind to deciding on the most correct and powerful orientation of our struggle and the strategy and tactics. I feel deeply impressed and greatly encouraged by this, and I feel very grateful for this.

The revolutionary line and immediate fighting plans set by the Eighth Party Congress will instil a great hope in all the Party members and other people for our future, inspire the masses of the people to a new struggle and exploits and bring about a decisive turn in further strengthening our Party

organizationally and ideologically and improving its capability of leadership in overall revolution and construction.

Dear delegates,

The current Eighth Party Congress has powerfully demonstrated once again the might of unity and revolutionary passion peculiar to our Party and people, who firmly unite with a single ideology and purpose and make an uninterrupted advance and leap forward towards a new target of struggle even in the face of manifold challenges and ordeals.

All the Party members, service personnel and other people have strived hard at their workplaces and posts so as to defend the Eighth Party Congress and expressed their enthusiastic support and expectations for the Party congress by dint of their unprecedented successful work results.

In the name of the congress, I extend warm thanks to all the Party members and other people and service personnel for displaying boundless devotion and the revolutionary spirit as they maintained high alert to ensure the success of the Eighth Party Congress.

Dear delegates,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We should arrange the study involving the whole Party for implementing the decisions of the Party congress so as to thoroughly accept the tasks and duties of struggle fixed by the Party congress, and wage a determined struggle so as to develop socialist construction onto a new stage.

Therefore, Party organizations at all levels should organize intensive studies for firmly arming the people with the documents and decisions of the Party congress, effectively hold discussions and conduct organizational and political

work for implementing them, and work out elaborate tactics and wage a powerful struggle to implement the decisions of the Party congress.

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

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

Dear delegates,

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

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

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

Let us all advance dynamically towards a fresh victory of the revolution with strong confidence in the victory of the socialist cause, the revolutionary cause of Juche, and rallying rock-solid around the Party Central Committee.

Fully convinced that, thanks to the great fighting efficiency, power of unity, extraordinary patriotic enthusiasm and indomitable perseverance of the organizations and members of the entire Party, all other people and service personnel, the strategy and policies of struggle put forward by this congress will successfully be carried out and epoch-making progress will be achieved in the building of our own style of socialism, I declare the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea closed. -0-

WPK General Secretary Kim Jong Un Makes Concluding Speech at Eighth Congress of WPK

Pyongyang, January 13 (KCNA) -- **Kim Jong Un**, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), made a concluding speech at the Eighth Congress of WPK.

The following is the full text of the concluding speech:

Dear delegates,

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

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

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

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

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

That our Party at this congress, unlike the previous congresses, reviewed and analyzed its work from a critical viewpoint, not seeing only its merits, is of no

less significance than the successes it achieved during the period under review.

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

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

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

Dear delegates,

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

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

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

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

Dear delegates,

The current external environment of our revolution is still grim and acute, and our revolutionary work will not be all plain sailing in the future as well.

But now there cannot be hardships insurmountable for our Party and people who have achieved great victories, which others would not dare achieve, in the worst conditions and difficulties.

With fresh confidence and courage, we must quickly take the road of sustainable advance and development by vigorously waging the struggle for consolidating the strength of our Party, revolutionary ranks and state in every way possible.

Achieving a great fresh victory on all fronts by remarkably increasing our own strength, our internal force, in socialist construction—this is the main idea and main spirit of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

In other words, it is the revolutionary will of the Workers' Party of Korea reaffirmed at this congress that our internal force must be readjusted and rearranged in a comprehensive way and, on the basis of this, we must make a frontal attack against all hardships to open up a road of new advance.

The historic heavy tasks facing our revolution require the entire Party to cherish the ideals of "The people are God," single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again and adhere more strictly to them.

Whereas the ideal of "The people are God" reflects our Party's consistent demand that the entire Party must hold fast to the revolutionary Party trait of regarding it as the starting point and absolute and invariable principle of its building and activities to serve the people, the ideals of single-hearted unity and self-reliance embody in a concentrated way the ideological and

theoretical viewpoint and political requirements concerning the lifeline and motive force of our revolution.

The ideals of "The people are God," single-hearted unity and self-reliance—herein lie the fundamental key to enhancing the leadership abilities of our Party, the fundamental method for it to strike its roots deeper among the masses and the fundamental and sole guarantee for us to survive and open up our way ahead.

I would like to suggest substituting cherishing our Party's ennobling three ideals of "The people are God," single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again as the slogan of the Eighth Party Congress for putting up a high-sounding slogan.

The entire Party must make a historic, courageous advance in the direction indicated by the Party congress with unexcelled preparedness, self-confidence and enthusiasm for setting out on a new journey.

Above all, we should launch a do-or-die struggle to implement without fail the new five-year plan for the national economic development.

The socialist economic construction is the most important revolutionary task on which we should focus our all-out effort at present.

In order to break through the current difficulties facing us, stabilize and improve the people's living standards as early as possible and provide a firm guarantee for self-prosperity, we must resolve the economic problems, the knottiest problems, as soon as possible.

First of all, we should fix the right direction for major thrust on the economic front and concentrate our efforts on it.

The central task of the new five-year plan for the national economic development is to substantially promote economic revitalization by holding fast to the metal and chemical industries as the main link in the whole chain of the economic development and consolidating the organic ties among the key industries, and improve the people's living standards onto a new, higher level by enhancing the material and technical foundations of agriculture and increasing the proportion of domestically-available materials in light industry.

We must follow the road of focusing our efforts on definitely putting the metal and chemical industries first back onto their normal track, the track of revitalization, and, based on it, shoring up other sectors all together.

We must efficiently organize nationwide economic work on the principle of giving priority to the development of the metal and chemical industries.

It is important to intensify economic operations and guidance in such a way as to make the most rational use of the national economic capabilities for radically increasing the capacity of steel and chemicals production, instead of dispersing them here and there without any calculation.

We must orient all economic work towards achieving balanced stability and improvement of the people's living standards.

What is important here is to continue to direct effort to agricultural production and thus solve the food problem of the people in the main.

During the new five-year plan period, the agricultural sector must rise up with redoubled effort and the state must increase its investment in it, so as to attain the target of grain production without fail.

In particular, in the coming two to three years, the plan for compulsory procurement by the state must be set on the level similar to that in 2019 and implemented without fail and the amount to be procured must be increased in a prospective way, so as to make it possible to put the grain supply to the people on a regular basis.

During the new five-year plan period, the light-industry sector must increase the output of consumer goods by regarding it as the main link to obtain available raw and other materials domestically and recycle wastes, and thereby bring about a fresh advance in the effort for improving the people's living standards.

The state should take strong economic and technical measures so that all the sectors supplying the light-industry sector with raw and other materials can normalize their production.

Next, all sectors and units must identify their concrete tasks and ways for executing the new five-year plan for the national economic development, and implement them without fail.

By drawing on the lessons we learned during the period under review, this Party congress made an objective and strict examination of this plan and set new feasible fighting tasks by bringing them to the reality as close as possible.

It is very important that all sectors and units first set out well-worked-out plans by stage and by year while foreseeing the conditions and environments that can be created in the future.

Once their plans are set out, the relevant units must execute them without fail by conducting scientific and concrete operations and command, and the state must establish rigid discipline of strictly grasping, propelling and reviewing the implementation of the national economic plan in all indices.

The success or failure of the new five-year plan for the national economic development depends on how economic management is improved.

The economic departments of the Party Central Committee, the Cabinet, the State Planning Commission, factories, enterprises and all other sectors must work in concert to take decisive measures for improving economic management.

We must push forward energetically with the research and perfection of the economic management methods, which are both suited to our specific situation and geared to optimization and best effectiveness, for example, by combining the methods, which have been developed and introduced on a trial basis, and the experiences of the units, which are effective in their business and enterprise management.

During the new five-year plan period, the Party and state must direct their effort to restoring and strengthening the system and order by which the economy runs under the unified guidance and management of the state.

Strict sanctions must be imposed on whatever the units concerned if they hamper the unified guidance of the state, claiming special importance even after this Party congress.

The Cabinet and the State Planning Commission must intensify organization and guidance of economic work so that sectors, factories and enterprises achieve full ties and cooperation in production with a view to strengthening the independence of the national economy and increasing production.

Science and technology must fully guarantee economic construction and improvement of the people's standard of living with its practical development.

Science and technology is the engine of socialist construction and major driving force for the national economic development.

The sector of science and technology must set as their targets the high-priority tasks and other research projects aimed at accomplishing the new five-year plan for the national economic development, and concentrate its efforts on implementing them.

During the new five-year plan period, we must raise the level of the country's science and technology to a higher level and strengthen the creative cooperation among scientists, technicians and producers so as to solve one by one the sci-tech problems arising in economic construction and improving the people's standard of living.

We must lay the foundations for developing the local economy and improving the local people's living standards by promoting the independent and diversified development of the cities and counties.

Now the living standards of the people in the local cities and counties including the rural communities are very low and backward.

We intend to pay attention from now on to developing the local economy and improving the local people's standard of living.

The state must press ahead with the work of providing 10 000 tons of cement to every local city and county on an annual basis.

While taking preferential measures for ensuring that the local cities and counties have reliable economic foundations of their own and develop in conformity with their own characteristics, state economic guidance organs must provide them with accurate guidance and assistance.

We must vigorously step up the three revolutions—ideological, technological and cultural—in the rural communities and increase state support so as to decisively strengthen our rural position, consolidate the material and technical foundations of agricultural production and transform the socialist countryside into a civilized and rich one.

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

We must give precedence to vigorous education and strict discipline in the entire Party and the whole country and amongst all the people, so as to staunchly suppress and control all forms of anti-socialist, non-socialist practices revealed in all fields of social life and all sorts of criminal acts such as the abuse of power, bureaucratism, corruption and imposition of extra economic burdens on the people.

We must regard it as an important task to further strengthen the national defence capability both in quality and quantity.

We must further strengthen the nuclear war deterrent while doing our best to build up the most powerful military strength.

We must continue to give fresh spur to making the People's Army elite and powerful armed forces, so that it is thoroughly prepared to fulfil its mission and role as the driving force of national defence in the face of any form of threat and emergency.

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

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

A great heyday of the development of the Party and the revolution will be ushered in when the organizations of the whole Party are built up into loyal

vanguard ranks, work in a revolutionary and enterprising manner and satisfactorily perform their role as the political general staff of the relevant units.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All Party members must play their part in the most difficult and labour-consuming work sites by carrying forward the soul and spirit of the preceding generations who won a great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War with indomitable spiritual strength and heroic struggle and successfully carried out postwar rehabilitation in a short span of time, even tightening their belts.

The heaviest are the duties entrusted to the newly elected members of the central leadership body of the Party and all the delegates here in carrying out with credit the sacred fighting goals and tasks set forth by the Eighth Party Congress.

The newly elected members of the Eighth Party Central Committee must remember the precious trust and expectations of Party members and other

people at all times and at all places, and produce substantial results of their work by displaying a high sense of responsibility and devotion in the struggle for implementing the tasks set forth by the Party congress.

All the delegates must throw themselves heart and soul into and stubbornly struggle for making sure that the tasks set by the Party congress, which they personally discussed and decided on, are carried out without fail at their posts and workplaces.

The delegates, who know better than anyone else about the urgent requirements of the Party and the revolution, must deeply implant the idea and spirit of the Party congress in the hearts of the masses and arouse them by setting personal examples, so as to bring about a remarkable development in the work of their sectors and units.

Dear delegates,

We must be prepared to wage a more arduous frontal attack in order to achieve a fresh victory and brilliant advance of our socialist cause.

The hostile forces will try to check our advance more frantically, and the world will watch how the political declaration and fighting programme of our Party are realized.

As long as there are the burning loyalty and invincible might of the single-hearted unity of all Party members and other people and service personnel who support the ideas and decisions of our Party with their consistent actions and practices, we are sure to emerge victorious.

Let us all fight on more vigorously for the brilliant fulfillment of the fighting programme put forward by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, for the development of the glorious WPK, for the victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche, and for our great people. -0-

Let's Achieve New Victory of Our-Style Socialism, Deeply Cherishing Noble Idea of "Believing in People as in Heaven", "Single-minded Unity" and "Self-Reliance"

8th Congress of WPK Closes

Pyongyang, January 13 (KCNA) -- The 8th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) closed on Tuesday after successfully finishing the discussion on its agenda items amid full support and expectations of all the Party members, other people and service personnel of the People's Army.

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

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

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

Kim Jong Un made an important conclusion related to the 8th Party Congress.

He said the congress which held as the eighth one in the history of our Party brought up the immediate plan of struggle for opening up a period of fresh upsurge, a period of great changes in the revolution and construction and important issues arising in developing the Party, and sincerely discussed them.

Saying that he hardly repressed his grateful and heavy feelings while receiving the greatest honor of being entrusted with the duty of the supreme leader of the dignified WPK again by all the delegates and other Party

members, he solemnly swore that he would do his best to implement the fighting programme set forth at the congress with the sacred mission that he represents the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and is responsible for it, and devote himself to serving the people as befitting their true servant, believing in our great people as in Heaven.

He clarified the main idea and the main spirit of the congress and specially stressed the need for the whole Party to deeply cherish again and uphold the three ideas - "believing in people as in Heaven", "single-minded unity" and "self-reliance."

Saying that we should be ready for more difficult offensive for making a breakthrough head-on to win a fresh victory and make a brilliant progress in accomplishing the cause of socialism, he ardently appealed to everyone to make a more dynamic struggle for successful fulfillment of the struggle programme advanced at the 8th Congress of the Party, for the development of the glorious WPK and victorious advance of the revolutionary cause of Juche and for our great people.

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

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

It examined the creative and constructive opinions summed up by the resolution drafting committee at the inter-sector consultative meetings and decided to reflect them in the resolution of the 8th Party Congress.

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

The 8th Congress of the WPK solemnly adopted with unanimous approval of the participants the resolution on the first agenda item "On thoroughly carrying out the tasks set forth in the report on the work of the 7th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea".

General Secretary of the WPK **Kim Jong Un** made a closing address at the 8th Congress of the WPK.

Highly appreciating that the unity and revolutionary enthusiasm peculiar to our Party and people making steady advance and leaping forward towards the goal of fresh struggle, united close in the one idea and purpose despite manifold challenges and trials were erupted once again with the 8th Congress of the Party as a momentum, he sent warm thanks to all the members of the Party, other people and service personnel of the People's Army who have kept highly strained attitude and displayed great devotion and revolutionary spirit to ensure the successful congress.

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

Expressing belief that the strategy and policies for struggle advanced at the congress would be successfully carried out and signal progress made in the construction of the Korean-style socialism thanks to high fighting efficiency, might of unity, extraordinary patriotic enthusiasm and indomitable efforts of all the organizations and members of the Party, other people and service personnel of the People's Army, he declared the 8th Congress of the WPK closed.

The song "The Internationale" was solemnly played.

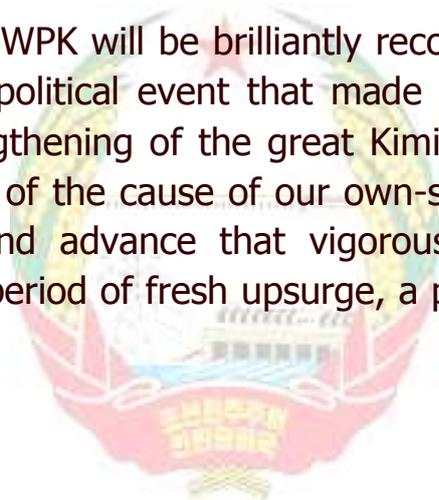
At the end of the congress, all the participants raised long enthusiastic cheers in reverence for **Kim Jong Un**, the great head of the WPK, our dignified Party, and outstanding leader of the Juche revolution, in token of their overflowing pledge of loyalty and iron will.

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

All the participants in the congress were full of high enthusiasm to wholeheartedly uphold the leadership of the great Party Central Committee, become the source kindling the flames of revolution and standard-bearer and pioneer of progress in every campaign site for implementing the decision made at the 8th Party Congress and thus make practical change and achieve substantial successes.

The 8th Congress of the WPK, which took place at a crucial and important time in the development of our revolution, fully demonstrated the revolutionary features and militant spirit of the WPK which forms a solid integral whole and makes ceaseless creations and innovations, as it set forth the correct orientation to be followed by our Party and people at the present stage and scientific strategic and tactical policies and secured the strong traction power for their materialization.

The 8th Congress of the WPK will be brilliantly recorded in the history of our Party and country as a political event that made a great watershed in the militant course for strengthening of the great Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Party and overall development of the cause of our own-style socialism, and as the congress for struggle and advance that vigorously propelled the historic march for ushering in a period of fresh upsurge, a period of great changes in the revolution. -0-





WPK General Secretary Kim Jong Un Visits Kumsusan Palace of Sun

Pyongyang, January 13 (KCNA) -- **Kim Jong Un**, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun on Jan. 12, together with the newly-elected members of the 8th Party central leadership body.

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

Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The visitors were filled with solemn emotion as they visited the sacred temple of Juche, where President **Kim Il Sung** and Chairman **Kim Jong Il** lie in state as the sun, after being entrusted with a heavy duty as members of the Party central leadership body at the 8th Congress of the WPK, an important political event in the development of our Party and the revolution.

A floral basket in the name of the WPK Central Committee was laid before the statues of **Kim Il Sung** and **Kim Jong Il**.

The respected General Secretary, together with the members of the Party central leadership body, paid high tribute to the statues of the great leaders.

At the halls where the great leaders lie in state, **Kim Jong Un** made deep bows in token of his deepest reverence for them, the eternal leaders of our Party and people and peerlessly great sages who always live in the hearts of the people, providing them with inexhaustible power for victory and strong will for struggle and strengthening the pillar of their faith.

They hardened their will to cherish the decision of the historic 8th WPK Congress as a solemn commitment before the people and a supreme order given by them and achieve a new victory of the revolution by fulfilling their important responsibilities entrusted by the Party, the country and the people, true to the leadership of the general secretary of the WPK. -0-