

Successes Made by the Eighth Congress of Workers' Party of Korea on the Basis of Juche Idea

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The period from January 5 to 12, 2021 was the pulsating days in which the people in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea kept their paces with the Eighth Congress of the WPK. This important historic event enabled the delegates representing the DPRK people to meet in Pyongyang to bring about fresh vitality in the overall development of the country under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Jong Un, genuine successor to the revolutionary cause of Juche started by President Kim Il Sung and developed by Chairman Kim Jong Il.

The review of the work done before the Eighth Party Congress according to the program put forward by the Seventh Party Congress was positive indeed in politics and ideology, the economy and security. The politico-ideological strength based on the tradition of Mt. Paektu was cemented. The Republic possessed of an invincible nuclear shield and its defence was placed on the front rank of the world military powers. The DPRK strengthened bilateral relations with the People's Republic of China, Russia and Cuba and held summit meetings with the USA. Level of its people's public and economic life was improved

in quality. Nevertheless, Marshal Kim Jong Un advanced a new methodology for the new era at the Eighth Congress of the WPK. As a matter of fact, the Eighth Party Congress was held in the direction of making strict criticism in every field of the state life in order to rectify the latent shortcomings, instead of being satisfied by positively reviewing the efforts channeled by the state after the Seventh Party Congress. I believe that this is the main spirit of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism that enables to make redoubled efforts and strive with high ideological consciousness and in the spirit of self-reliance and creativity while finding good points, as stressed frequently by the great leader Kim Jong Il who told to live not merely for today but for tomorrow. With this methodological feature the delegates' patriotic zeal, the spiritual enthusiasm for the Juche idea became higher.

Modification of the rules of the WPK enabled the Party to exceptionally strengthen its leadership ability and fighting capabilities. That Marshal Kim Jong Un was elected the General Secretary of the Party was a vivid expression of the DPRK people's absolute trust in their respected leader and their determination to intensify the Party's leadership with the unquenchable strength of the single-hearted unity.

Some important decisions such as the one of establishing a new discipline inspection system were made so that the Party and the state could increase the might, the guarantee for constant development and progress in order to win greater victory in all fields of the people's life in the future as well as at present, by strengthening independent internal motive forces on the strength of "The People are God," single-hearted and self-reliance.

All sectors of the state activities were examined in detail so as to

work out the new five-year plan for the national economic development that not only guarantees sure success but reflects all conditions which accord with requirements of the times and the Korean people's lawful desire.

The Eighth Party Congress stressed the need to develop science and technology in order to promote the economic revitalization, enhance material and technical foundations in agriculture, increase proportion of domestically-available materials, further develop the metallurgical industry, chemical industry and other sectors and strengthen the national defence capability both in quality and quantity. To this end, the congress decided to map out plans according to stages and put an end to such evil practices as the abuses of power, bureaucratism and corruption, while channeling efforts into the scientific organizational and guidance work.

We are convinced that the action programs reflected in the new five-year plan for the national economic development put forward by the Eighth Party Congress are lucky to be successful as they were elaborated effectively on the basis of the profound examination and strict and positive criticism and the detailed calculation of every field and stage.