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of the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station

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Dear trustworthy young vanguard,

Dear guests,

Dear comrades,

Today, amid the warm congratulations of all the service personnel and people, we are announcing to the whole world the inauguration of the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station.

Construction of this gigantic power station demonstrating the indomitable mettle of the young people in the Songun era who follow our great Workers' Party of Korea is a great event that adds brilliance to the 70th anniversary of the founding of the glorious Party and promises a bright future for our dignified State.

Here, at this power station construction site at the foot of Mt Paektu, where a legendary tale of heroic youth has been created, our trustworthy young people have built this grand monument by shedding their patriotic sweat and blood in the spirit of death-defying implementation and raising the envy of the whole world; thus they have fully lived up to the expectations of the Party Central Committee.

Answering with their burning hearts the Party's militant call to build the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station before the 70th anniversary of the Party's founding as befits a grand youth monument in the Songun era, our young people have performed in the Paektu area feats of labour that are the most brilliant in the history of the youth movement of Korea.

Members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade, vanguard fighters of our Party, have unsparingly devoted the strength and passion of their precious youth, spending several years building dams in these deep, rugged mountain valleys far from the capital city of Pyongyang.

No words will be enough fully to describe the feats of labour

performed by the shock brigade members in building dams and digging waterway tunnels inch by inch, breaking rocks and moving mountains with sledgehammers and crow bars for several years in the face of the biting northern cold.

When even the means of transport were frozen due to the intense cold, they transported building materials on large and small sledges; the death-defying corps members held up the railway bridges with their bodies in the icy waters of the Sodu. Every one bows to the revolutionary, self-sacrificing and patriotic spirit they and other young people have displayed in building the power station.

In particular, they have completed within 120 days an amount of work equal to what they did in the previous ten years by working day and night with the youthful courage and mettle of Paektu which our Party instilled in them, and in this way built the dam for power station No. 1. This is a fruition of the patriotic devotion and loyalty of the builders including the young people of Paektu, who have all turned out to adorn our Party's history of building a youth power with proud labour successes; it is also a legendary tale of heroic youth that can be created only by the young people of Korea who have been educated and trained in the embrace of the Party.

In the course of building the dam for power station No. 1 our young people have grown up into heroes of the times, into giant artists of creation, and proved in practice our Party's history of attaching importance to young people.

The dam rising over there is the embodiment of the burning patriotism and loyalty cherished by our young vanguard, and the height of the dam at power station No. 1 is the height of the dignity of our country with heroic young people, a youth power.

Busy as they were with building the power station, the youth shock brigade members and young soldiers still built beautiful socialist villages for the people who were living in the districts to

be inundated, and planted trees and flowers in the area of the power station. This manner of working testifies to the ennobling world of loyalty of our young people, who defy death to implement every policy advanced by the Party.

All the monumental structures built on this land bear witness to the heroic feats of our young people, and many of them are named in honour of them.

There are no young people in the world as praiseworthy as ours, who volunteered to work in this remote mountainous area, not in the flourishing urban quarters, who find the worth of life in carrying out the Party's intentions, and who cultivate themselves in a revolutionary way by working out the curriculum of the "Paektu Youth University" and giving marks to their conscience every moment and every day.

When I saw the proud shock brigade members working, I felt deeply grateful to them and I felt like lifting them high up into the sky in my arms.

Whenever our revolution faced trials and difficulties, those who reassured me were the young people who volunteered to start their career at the construction site of this power station and earned a diploma from the "youth university" after working with patriotic devotion in the Paektu area.

The problem of young people is currently the most difficult one in the disputed areas of the world, but our young people serve our Party as its spiritual buttress, as its solid cornerstone.

The Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station has been built in conditions that are worse than for any other construction projects; when I think of the young people who have performed heroic feats in building it, I feel a soaring indomitable will to carry out the revolution for the sake of them, the future of the country.

Sure enough, our Party is blessed with young people, the greatest of blessings.

The Party Central Committee highly appreciates our trustworthy young people who have proved through their painstaking efforts and self-sacrificing struggle that our Party's determination automatically means the reality and materialization, and demonstrated to the whole world the might of the young vanguard of the Songun era.

Availing myself of this significant opportunity, I extend to all the builders, including the members of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade and the service personnel of the People's Army, who have performed great feats of labour in the building of the power station, warm thanks and militant greetings in the name of the Workers' Party of Korea, as well as the blessing of General Kim Jong Il, who valued young people and gave prominence to them.

Comrades,

Attending this inauguration ceremony of the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station today, I feel a yearning desire to see General Kim Jong Il. It seems to me that he is bestowing warm praise on us for our laudable deed from the faraway Kumsusan Palace of the Sun.

The Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station is associated with his ardent love for young people, the future of the country, a proud structure demonstrating the might of our Party's policy of attaching importance to young people.

He was steadfast in his revolutionary faith that there is nothing in the world that we cannot achieve if we enlist the strength of the young people, the dependable successors to the revolution and the most vigorous of social forces. Because he trusted them so much, he charged the youth league with the entire project of building the power station.

He said on several occasions that he could have the People's Army or the Cabinet take charge of the project, but he decided to entrust our young people with the whole of it, because the youth

league is a powerful combat unit that implements our Party's plans unconditionally and, more importantly, because he intended to educate and train them in the course of carrying out the project.

He saw to it that the shock brigade was given a significant name reflecting the aspirations of our young people who would faithfully support the Party's cause as they gaze up at Mt Paektu, the sacred mountain of revolution. He also solved all the problems arising in building the power station, even ordering a special plane to carry quilted coats for the members of the shock brigade.

He was seriously ill during the final years of his revolutionary career, but on his return from a foreign trip he visited the construction site of the power station in the rugged mountains before dealing with important Party and State affairs. He spoke highly of the young people for the notable progress they had made in the project and inspired them to perform new heroic exploits. It is very moving to speak about our General's painstaking efforts of patriotic devotion that permeate every nook and cranny of the power station.

That the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station has been built as a grand monument by young people to mark the 70th anniversary of the Party's founding shows how wise the leadership of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and our Party has been in preparing them as stalwart successors to the revolution.

In reviewing the course of building the power station, the Party is particularly pleased about the fact that our young people have armed themselves with one ideology and achieved more solid unity, as intended by the great General, even more so than it is about the construction of the dams and the possibility of easing the strain on electric power in the Mt Paektu area. This is most important, and it is the greatest achievement for us.

The fierce ten-year struggle with Nature has produced many young heroes of our era, the young hard core, who are determined to defy death in defending the Party with revolutionary faith, sharing their destiny with its Central Committee.

As they have cultivated themselves mentally and physically with the clean waters and air of Paektu and tempered their courage and faith in the blizzards of Paektu, our young vanguard are the most reliable successors for our Party and dependable pillars of our socialist country.

With the Party's trust and affection this large contingent of warriors with a strong sense of organization and discipline, as well as enthusiasm for the revolution and struggle, has been trained to carry forward the revolutionary cause of Juche—this is a great victory that cannot be compared to obtaining millions of kilowatts of electricity.

Because we have such an army of young people, our Party is powerful and our country is widely recognized as a youth power without parallel in the world.

What have been created in the course of building the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station are the charging spirit and culture of young people that are representative of the Songun era, which constitute a precious asset for promoting the youth movement in our country.

The charging spirit of young people in the Songun era created at the site of this grandiose nature-remaking project, where Mt Paektu, the sacred mountain on which the Korean revolution started, is within calling distance, is the spirit of rushing straight ahead after pushing aside other things in hearty response to the Party's call, the powerful attacking spirit of levelling a mountain and blocking a river course at a stroke like exploding dynamite, and the spirit of self-reliance and self-development for tiding

over indescribable difficulties by dint of comradeship and the might of the collective.

The Songun-based culture of our young people is the wholesome culture of developing our own good things, not adopting the gaudy ones of others, the militant culture of advancing full of vigour, singing revolutionary songs loudly in the face of difficulties, and the typical socialist cultured approach in the Songun era of leading an assiduous, meticulous and cultured life in all situations.

When the ranks of young people across the country are brimming over with this spirit and culture, as pure as the limpid waters of Lake Chon and as straight as the larches on Paektu, the Paektusan youth power will grow ever stronger.

Our Party intends to erect a monument to the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade members here and an exhibition hall highlighting their feats so as to hand down their achievements to posterity. Then, everyone who comes on a study tour of the revolutionary battle sites in the Mt Paektu area can learn from the spirit and culture of the young people of Paektu.

The inauguration of the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station powerfully demonstrates to the whole world the greatness of our Party that has provided such a brilliant solution to the problem of educating young people, the biggest challenge in the revolution and construction, and established a youth power.

The cheers for the success in attaching importance to young people that are resounding far and wide in this meaningful October will roar like thunder over the enemy who are scheming to undermine our socialism by degenerating and numbing young people, and be a loud gun report signalling a fresh spurt in the all-people general advance for final victory.

Comrades,

It is the unshakeable determination and will of our Party to

place young people in the vanguard of the ranks of the general onward march as masters of the times and help them be the first to hang the doorplate of a thriving country.

The Party Central Committee firmly believes in them as reliable comrades-in-arms who will advance shoulder to shoulder with it in the effort to shape a beautiful future for our country, our motherland.

Our Party, believing in the inexhaustible strength of the millions of young people, has unfolded a bright blueprint for beating the world, and they now duly occupy the central position in executing all the operations planned by the Party Central Committee.

The Party's leadership is the lifeblood of the youth movement of Korea, and the might of the large contingent of young people is guaranteed by the Party's leadership.

All the young people should at all times advance vigorously straight ahead, following the Party with unstained loyalty and conscience.

“Let us rush ahead along the course of the Korean revolution, sailing with the blizzards of Paektu!”—this is a slogan of trust advanced by our Party. This militant slogan should be upheld wherever young people are living and working.

The whole country will be stirred when the young people are in high spirits, and a prosperous future will be achieved earlier when their steps are faster.

Our great country, as it takes a leap forward with youthful vigour, is calling our young people to various theatres where a thriving nation is being built and fresh feats created.

Young people should turn out in high spirits in the sacred struggle to translate the Party's plans and determination into reality and erect structures named after them in various places, so that they would not suffer the regret for having failed to add brilliance to their youth, the most precious period in their life.

When young, one should cherish a great ambition and enterprising spirit to present world-startling research results or work at the speed of a supersonic plane.

All young people should take part in dynamic movements of the youth shock brigades, young guards, youth workteams and youth subworkteams in every theatre of the revolutionary struggle so as to make youthful vigour pervade it.

A vigorous campaign should be waged across society to emulate the charging spirit of the young people in the Songun era and their culture created in the Paektu area.

The undertaking to emulate the example of the Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade members is a wide-scale ideological offensive to bring about a turn in the education of young people and freshen the atmosphere in our society, as demanded by the developing reality, and resolutely to thwart the imperialists' moves for ideological and cultural infiltration and defend our ideology, our spirit and our culture.

All the working people of the country, not to say the rising generation, should keep in mind how the shock brigade members created the legendary tale of heroic youth and how invaluable the patriotic sweat and blood they shed in the days when they were working against all the odds, and live and struggle the way the young people of Paektu did.

The Party's information network and mass media should give wide publicity to the ideological and spiritual world, fighting mettle, assiduous work style and revolutionary optimism of the shock brigade members, and make the whole country seethe with enthusiasm for learning from them.

Bearing in mind that developing the youth movement is particularly important in strengthening the Party and the State and it is a strategic demand of the revolution, Party and youth league organizations at all levels should bring up young people

into a reserve force, advance group and wing of our Party and thereby add eternal brilliance to its exploits in building a youth power.

Immovable is our Party's determination to ensure that the cheers in celebration of the victory in building a thriving country ring out first in the Paektu area where the Juche revolution originated and which is the spiritual mainstay of our people.

The Paektusan Hero Youth Shock Brigade members and all other builders should harden their resolve to build on the successes already gained and conduct a continuous offensive, continuous advance and continuous innovations.

With a firm belief in our heroic young people the Party Central Committee orders them to complete the building of the Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station No. 3 by next Youth Day without fail.

And they should take the lead in speeding up the laying of a broad-gauge railway between Hyesan and Samjiyon, sprucing up Samjiyon County as befits the cradle of the Korean revolution and building Ryanggang Province into a model unit for other provinces to follow in potato farming and all other economic affairs and in improving the people's living standards.

Let us all charge forward towards a bright future, the Party Central Committee believing in young people and they believing in it on the worthwhile onward march to achieve the prosperity of our country, our motherland, a precious inheritance of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il that is associated with their lifelong struggle.

The painstaking efforts of patriotic loyalty made by the young people in the Paektu area will live for ever in the memory of our Party, our motherland and our people.

Glory to the young vanguard who are unfailingly loyal to our Party, the masters of the dignified Paektusan youth power!