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Officers and men of the three services and strategic rocket force of the heroic Korean People's Army and officers and men of the Korean People's Internal Security Forces,

Members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and Young Red Guards,

Working people from across the country and Pyongyang citizens,

Compatriots in south Korea and abroad,

Comrades and friends,

Today, with great national pride and dignity, we are holding a military parade in celebration of the centenary of the birth of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

This military parade, unprecedented in scale in the history of the KPA, is a grand festival of victors, arranged according to the noble intention and personal proposal of the great Comrade Kim Jong Il to glorify the immortal exploits of the great Comrade Kim Il Sung in building the army and to demonstrate to the whole world the might of socialist Korea.

Availing myself of this significant opportunity, I would like to extend, reflecting the boundless feelings of all the service personnel and people, the highest respect and greatest glory to Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, the banners of all our victories, who founded and built up our revolutionary armed forces.

My respect also goes to the fighters of the anti-Japanese revolution and soldiers of the KPA who dedicated their precious lives to the independence and sovereignty of their country and the freedom of their fellow people.

I warmly congratulate the officers and men of the KPA and the KPISF, members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and Young Red Guards and all other people who have greeted the

meaningful anniversaries of this year with proud achievements in strengthening our combat capability and bringing about a great revolutionary upsurge by displaying an unexcelled heroic spirit and devotion at their posts of national defence and the construction sites of a thriving country.

I extend warm greetings to our compatriots in south Korea and abroad who are devoting their all to the patriotic cause of reunification and the prosperity of their motherland, and express gratitude to the foreign friends who are rendering active support and encouragement to the just cause of our people.

Comrades,

The 100-year history of the great Kim Il Sung's nation is a history that clearly proves the iron truth that an outstanding leader guarantees the self-respect and prosperity of a country and nation.

The Korean nation, though proud of its 5 000-year history and brilliant culture, was forced to regard sycophancy to big countries and national ruin as its fate because it did not have a proper leader and did not have the strength to defend itself. This was the image of our nation a century ago, the image of a miserable colonial country.

However, the 100-year history of Kim Il Sung's nation brought the curtain down on the history full of vicissitudes, and has raised the dignity of our country and nation to the highest level in their history.

The geopolitical position of our country is the same as ever, but the weak country of yesterday which was trodden underfoot as a theatre where the big powers fought to expand the sphere of their influence, has now been turned into a proud political and military power and our people are demonstrating their dignity as an independent people whom no one dares to provoke.

This miraculous transformation in the destiny of our nation is no fortuitous event which resulted from the passage of time but an inevitable historical outcome brought about by the great President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il, who pioneered and led the Songun revolution.

Our country and people, because they were led by their peerlessly great leaders who built up the elite revolutionary armed forces, regarding giving priority to arms as fundamental to the revolution, have been able to bring about radical changes in their destiny and see today's grand festival which will demonstrate to the whole world the strength of Songun Korea.

President Kim Il Sung, having clarified in his early years the iron truth that arms are the lifeline of a nation and the source of the victory of the revolution, founded in the forests of Paektu 80 years ago the Korean People's Revolutionary Army formed of the fine sons and daughters of the people, the first Juche-type revolutionary armed force in Korea.

With the founding of the KPRA, our people had their own genuine army for the first time in their history, and this marked the beginning of the glorious history of the Korean revolution which would advance based on strength of arms.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, who gave priority to strengthening the revolutionary armed forces throughout his revolutionary career, worked a military miracle of the 20th century by defeating two imperialist powers, the most ferocious forces in the world, developed the KPA into a match-for-a-hundred revolutionary army and accomplished the aims of arming all the people and fortifying the whole country. Thus he provided a solid military guarantee for ensuring the sovereignty of the country and everlasting prosperity of the nation.

General Kim Jong Il regarded carrying forward and accomplishing the Juche-oriented revolutionary cause of Songun

pioneered by Comrade Kim Il Sung as his life-long mission, and ushered in the golden age of the development of our revolutionary armed forces by dint of his uncommon wisdom, outstanding military leadership and matchless courage.

In the grimmest period ever witnessed in our revolution, he developed the KPA into an elite force, ensured successive victories in the unprecedented struggle to defend socialism and performed the huge historic exploit of raising the status of our country to that of a world-class military power by enforcing the ever-victorious Songun politics.

Under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il, our armed forces gave full play to their dignity as an army with a distinct revolutionary character and unparalleled militant temperament and might.

The course of proud struggle travelled by our revolutionary armed forces has been marked by do-or-die showdowns with the imperialist powers and grand construction campaigns for laying the lasting foundations of the country's prosperity.

In the course of this, our revolutionary armed forces have remained boundlessly faithful to their first and foremost mission as a genuine army of the leader and the Party, and lived up to the expectations of the country and people with credit.

The noble spirit of defending the leader unto death created by the anti-Japanese guerrillas has been the enduring motto of our army and the fundamental source of its mental strength and combat efficiency, as well as a precious tradition for later generations to inherit.

The KPA is at the forefront in holding up the banner of death-defying defence of the leaders and has taken the lead in staunchly safeguarding the lifeline of the Juche revolution in

the days of both glory and trials; this constitutes the greatest exploit it has performed for the revolution.

The history of our army, which started out with two pistols and has developed into a matchless force that strikes terror in the hearts of the imperialist aggressors, is unprecedented in the world history of army building.

In the long period from its founding to the present day, it has fought a guerrilla war, a regular war and a showdown without gunshot; in the course of this, it has embraced all-powerful, Juche-oriented combat methods and accumulated experience in winning victories, and it has developed into a powerful armed force equipped with our unique means of both attack and defence so that it is fully capable of coping with modern warfare of any type.

The military and technological edge is no longer the monopoly of the imperialists, and the era is gone forever when the enemy would threaten us with atomic bombs. Today's grand military parade will provide clear proof of this.

Since the very day when it was named after the people, the KPA, as the defender of the country and creator of people's happiness, has left an outstanding mark on the building of a prosperous and powerful country.

The monumental edifices that have sprung up in all parts of the country and the numerous socialist assets that contribute to people's livelihoods are all permeated with the precious blood and sweat of our service personnel.

The powerful revolutionary army of Mt. Paektu, with great pride in being the army of the leader, the Party and the people and with its invincible might, is the most important legacy bequeathed by the great generalissimos to their beloved country, and to have such a valuable inheritance is a great blessing and a source of pride for our Party and people.

The heroic and ever-victorious KPA has guaranteed the glorious 100-year history of Juche Korea, and this constitutes a sure guarantee for the everlasting history of Kim Il Sung's nation, Kim Jong Il's Korea.

The sacred revolutionary careers and immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il, who opened the new history of national independence by blazing a trail fraught with hardship for the sake of the Songun revolution and laid a solid basis for the prosperity of the country and the happiness of all the generations to come, will shine for all eternity in the history of our motherland.

Comrades,

Today we are at a historical watershed marking the start of a new century of Juche era.

This is an important time when those of us who learned the revolution from General Kim Jong Il are required to be more energetic than at any time before.

The 4th Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and the 5th Session of the 12th Supreme People's Assembly, historic meetings held a few days ago, acclaimed General Kim Jong Il as the eternal leader of our revolution, as the eternal General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and the eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of our Republic.

This is an expression of the unshakeable will of our Party, army and people to inherit and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered on Mt. Paektu without any deviation and without any concession, as the President and the General did, holding aloft the great banner of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

The permanent strategy of our revolution and its final victory lie in marching straight along the road of independence,

the road of Songun and the road of socialism, as indicated by President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il.

If we are to add eternal glory to the dignity of Songun Korea and bring the cause of building a thriving socialist country to a successful conclusion, we should, above all else, comprehensively strengthen the KPA.

The KPA should remain the reliable vanguard and solid cornerstone of the Songun revolution, ready to blaze a trail under the leadership of the Party and firmly guarantee its cause by force of arms.

What can never change even though time may change and one generation may be replaced by another, is the original revolutionary form of our army which bears the characteristics of President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il and the fighting spirit of the revolutionary army of Mt. Paektu which advances, holding high the red flag of the Workers' Party as its leading banner.

The KPA should intensify the movement for winning the title of O Jung Hup-led 7th Regiment, as required by the developing situation, so as to turn itself into today's 7th Regiment which is fully equipped with the spirit of becoming human rifles and bombs, the spirit cherished by the anti-Japanese guerrillas.

It should thoroughly apply our Party's Juche-oriented military ideas and lines in its military and political work and establish more firmly the revolutionary command system, so as to become an integral whole which is ideologically pure and highly organized and which shares the Party's ideology, draws breath with it and keeps pace with it.

It should make its training more intensive, as the anti-Japanese guerrillas did on Mt. Paektu, so as to ready all its officers and men as fully-prepared combatants who have

acquired the ever-victorious Kim Il Sung's and Kim Jong Il's strategies and tactics, spirit of bold attack and all-round practical abilities, and perfect its regularized features as befits an elite revolutionary force which is strong in discipline and outstanding both internally and externally.

The entire army as an entity of comrades-in-arms, and all the service personnel and people as a harmonious whole around the Party—this is the real might of the KPA, and herein lies the key to strengthening its military strength.

Upholding the slogan “Let all service personnel become true comrades-in-arms!” the KPA should give fuller scope to the traditional trait of unity between officers and men, and the entire army should become a unit of comrades-in-arms, who share their life and blood on the road of the Songun revolution.

The officers and men are all priceless comrades-in-arms of the Supreme Commander. What I believe in is not the modern military hardware, like guns or rockets, but the dear rank-and-file soldiers; the Supreme Commander, as well as the officers, exists for them.

All officers should take warm care of their men with the feeling of being their eldest brothers and sisters and as their true comrades-in-arms, and make it their habit to work with devotion for them until their shoes are worn out.

Army-people unity is the root of our society and the great foundation of the Songun revolution.

By inheriting the traditions of the anti-Japanese guerrilla army, the KPA should always take the lead and be a forerunner in consolidating great army-people unity.

It should continue to hold high the slogan “Help the people!” presented by General Kim Jong Il.

The officers and men of the KPA should fulfil their duty as the army of the people by doing many more things for the

benefit of the people with the feeling that they are doing them for their own parents and brothers and are taking care of their own homes.

It is the firm determination of our Party to ensure that our people, who are the best in the world and who have remained faithful to the Party in the face of all manner of difficulties, do not have to tighten their belts again, but enjoy all the benefits of socialism.

We should cultivate with care the valuable seeds of an economic power and an improved life for the people, which the great General sowed, and bring them to brilliant fruition.

Single-hearted unity and invincible military might plus the industrial revolution in the new century together make a thriving socialist country.

By making the flames of the industrial revolution in the new century and the flames of Hamnam blaze more fiercely, we should take the road of building an all-round economic power.

The officers and men of the KPA should at all times display the might of a powerful revolutionary army, which does not know the word *impossible*, on all the major fronts for building an economic power and improving the people's standard of living, and achieve breakthroughs in the great upsurge.

All officials, Party members and other working people should raise the wind of achieving great innovations and an upsurge for leaping forward from one decade to the next on all fronts of socialist construction, taking their cue from the fighting mettle and creativity of the KPA that never fails to see what it does through to the end.

Peace is very valuable for our Party and the government of the DPRK as they work to attain the general goal of building a thriving nation and improving the people's living standards.

But, even more valuable to us are the nation's dignity and the country's independence.

In order to safeguard the dignity and independence of our Republic and assure genuine peace and the country's security, all the officers and men of the KPA should firmly defend, by force of arms, our Party's cause of building a thriving nation, always preserving its revolutionary nature and maintaining full combat readiness.

It is, indeed, heartrending that, having lived as a homogeneous nation on the same territory for thousands of years, compatriots have suffered the pain of division for nearly 70 years.

Our Party and the government of the DPRK will join hands with anyone who sincerely wishes the reunification of the country and the peace and prosperity of the nation, and make responsible and persevering efforts to realize the historic cause of the country's reunification.

Comrades,

Our cause is just, and the strength of Korea fostered by truth is inexhaustible.

President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il, who live in the hearts of all the service personnel of the KPA and the people across the country, wish a bright future for us and we have the matchless revolutionary army of Mt. Paektu, the invincible great army-people unity and a faithful people who support the cause of the Party with conscience and a sense of obligation, and because of all this we are sure to emerge victorious.

I will always stand shoulder-to-shoulder with my comrades, sharing the same destiny with them on the sacred road of the Songun revolution and true to the behest of General Kim Jong Il, fulfilling the responsibility I have assumed before the country and the revolution.

Let us all fight vigorously, united firmly in one mind and one will as befits the descendants of President Kim Il Sung and the soldiers and devoted followers of General Kim Jong Il.

The flags bearing the smiling images of President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il will flutter forever in the vanguard of our revolutionary ranks that achieve only victory and glory, always inspiring us to fresh victories.

Forward towards final victory!