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Congratulatory Speech at the Joint National Meeting of the Korean Children's Union Organizations Held in Celebration of the 66th Anniversary of Its Founding June 6, Juche 101 (2012)

Dear members of the Korean Children's Union across the country,

Dear delegates to the Joint National Meeting held in celebration of the 66th anniversary of the founding of the KCU,

I am very happy and pleased today to see you, our proud KCU delegates, who have come from various parts of the country, from as far afield as Jongilbong Secondary School at the foot of Mt Paektu and Chodo Secondary School on the front line of the country, and other model KCU members.

When I see your dignified appearances and dear faces, I feel as if I am seeing your friends and teachers, your parents, brothers and sisters who saw you off on your journey to Pyongyang.

I extend warm congratulations to you delegates and other KCU members across the country, who are greeting the KCU founding anniversary amid the great concern and blessing of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean people in this hope-filled period when the dawn of a thriving socialist country is breaking.

My warm greetings also go to your teachers and parents who are striving to bring you up as excellent persons.

June 6 is a special holiday not only for the KCU, but also for our Party and all our people.

Nowhere else in the world are there schoolchildren like our KCU members, the several million of whom, with red neckerchiefs around their necks, are all rallied behind their organization and are growing up to be dependable masters of the future.

Our KCU members boundlessly love the benevolent Party and their motherland that embrace them and are bringing them up; they are studying diligently, living in high spirits and exalting the honour of their country by dint of their outstanding talents.

To our Party and country, you dear KCU members are treasures more valuable than billions of tons of gold, and represent our hope and our future.

In the past, our dependable KCU members carried forward the revolutionary traditions of the Anti-Japanese Children's Corps and, flying proudly the flag of the KCU, fought bravely for their motherland and people and performed many laudable deeds.

The children's vanguard and child guerrillas were born in our country, and the heroic deeds performed by our KCU members such as defending the portraits of their leaders and saving forests from fire even at the sacrifice of their lives have never been seen anywhere else in the world. Our KCU members are patriots who have donated *Sonyon* (children's) tanks, aircraft and ships to the Korean People's Army and contributed to socialist construction and the development of their country's economy.

In the days of the Arduous March they overcame the trials, displaying patriotism as they zealously studied and briskly conducted such socio-political activities as schools assisting military units.

Former KCU members have now become heroes and labour innovators who are held dear and respected by people across the country, or officials responsible for major national affairs. They are here today to congratulate the KCU members of the new generation.

Our Party and people regard it as a source of great pleasure and pride to have such an excellent children's organization, and a bright, promising future is in store for Songun Korea with this large contingent of young revolutionaries numbering millions.

Today the KCU, nurtured in the benevolent embrace of the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il who were endowed with boundless affection for children, the future of the nation, has developed into a powerful organization of successors to the revolution that is demonstrating its dignity to the world.

Every trace on the path traversed by the KCU is associated with the warm care of the Generalissimos, who put forward new slogans for it in keeping with the progress of the revolution and guided its work at every step in order to train its members into true sons and daughters who are infinitely loyal to the Party and their socialist motherland. Our Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il were ever-victorious, iron-willed commanders who left the enemy shaking with fear; yet to the schoolchildren, they were benevolent fathers who loved them dearly and cared for their learning in every detail.

They made it an eternal policy of the DPRK to give free education to the children across the country and supply them with new school uniforms-the first such policy in the world; they had splendid palaces and camps built for them in the best locations in the country and were always anxious to provide them with better things.

The world knows no such leaders as our great Generalissimos who, calling children the kings of the country, ensured that caring for them was the most important of the affairs of the Party and state, and devoted their whole lives to the good of the children.

The KCU is truly the glorious Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il organization of children, which developed under their warm care, and membership of this organization is a source of great pride and glory for KCU members.

Dear KCU members,

You are successors to the Songun revolution and masters of the future.

The future of Korea is yours, and in your faces we see the future of the country.

Our Party is determined to hand down to you a thriving socialist country that will be the greatest in the world.

The prosperous and powerful Korea you will be in charge of will be a country where laughter fills every home, where everyone is living in harmony and which is the strongest in the world.

It is you who will take charge of this great country and make it even better.

KCU members should always remember the great trust in and care for them shown by the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and, just as sunflowers turn towards the sun, make positive efforts to learn from the glorious childhood of the Generalissimos. You should steadfastly carry on the line of the revolution, flying the flags bearing the immortal smiling images of the Generalissimos in front of the KCU flag.

The KCU is the dependable reserve of the KPA and the youth league, which are the vanguard of the Songun revolution in carrying out the cause of our Party.

KCU members should become genuine young revolutionaries and the vanguard in the Songun era who defend the Party to the death, just as Kim Ki Song and Kim Kum Sun, heroic members of the Anti-Japanese Children's Corps, did and the child guerrillas did during the Fatherland Liberation War, and they should advance straight ahead along the road indicated by the Party.

What is important for KCU members at present is to prepare themselves as able revolutionaries who are knowledgeable, morally sound and physically strong, and pillars of a thriving Korea.

The future of a thriving Korea will be represented first in their academic records.

In our country, where now space rockets are launched and CNC machines produced in large quantities and which will be at the forefront of development in the future, schoolchildren with poor academic records are good for nothing and cannot keep up with the country's progress.

Schoolchildren should hold high the slogan, "Learn for a thriving Korea," and study zealously without idling even a moment.

The ranks of the KCU should produce inventors and scientists who will distinguish themselves worldwide with their great achievements.

Schoolchildren should, in a spirit of patriotism, study well, observe socialist ethics, love their organizations, collective and fellows, respect their teachers and elders, take an active part in sport and do-good-deeds movements, and thus become model KCU members.

It is in the KCU that people experience a political life for the first time in their lives.

The red KCU neckerchief has been inherited from the Anti-Japanese Children's Corps and is also a part of the red flag of the Workers' Party of Korea.

KCU members, bearing in mind that the honour of Party membership and the gold medal of Hero start from the red neckerchief and badge of the KCU, should take part in an organizational life voluntarily and sincerely.

They should acquire the habit of treasuring their organizations, taking a voluntary and active part in an organizational life and implementing without fail the tasks assigned by their sub-branch organizations.

Standing behind them are their KCU school instructors and their class teachers-their KCU sub-branch instructors-who are their most intimate mentors and the protectors of their political integrity. Our Party places great trust in the KCU school instructors and its sub-branch teachers.

It hopes that they will follow in the footsteps of the instructors of the Anti-Japanese Children's Corps and take care of and love our priceless KCU members like parents, becoming the roots and genuine teachers that bring their talents into full bloom and lead them to a genuine life.

Our Party and the government of our Republic, true to the noble spirit of the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il of loving the rising generations, will give top priority to work with them over all other affairs, and make every effort to bring our beloved KCU members up as the happiest children in the world and excellent pillars of Songun Korea.

Dear KCU members across the country,

I once again extend warm congratulations to you as you celebrate your holiday, June 6, amid the blessing of our Party and people.

I once again offer warm greetings to your teachers and parents who are devoting themselves to a brighter future for our powerful country, our socialist motherland.

May a bright future be with you, rising generations of Kim II Sung's and Kim Jong II's Korea!

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Dear Korean Children's Union delegates,

Dear Korean Children's Union members across the country,

First of all, as we mark June 6, a special holiday for KCU members, who are a source of pleasure, pride and hope for the socialist country and are its future, I extend warm congratulations to all KCU members, reflecting the best wishes of people across the country.

I also feel very pleased that the Eighth Congress of the KCU is being held in such a splendid manner amid the great concern and expectations of our Party and people, and I offer warm greetings to the KCU delegates to the congress and all other members of the KCU.

My greetings also go to the KCU school instructors, its sub-branch teachers and parents who are making efforts to train KCU members into stout pillars of the country.

The Eighth Congress of the KCU is a significant

occasion in powerfully demonstrating the daring mettle of its members, who are growing up full of spirit, bringing their beautiful dreams and happiness into bloom under the care of the Workers' Party of Korea, and in developing the KCU into the eternally glorious children's organization of Kim II Sung and Kim Jong II.

Dear KCU delegates,

The KCU is a Juche-oriented revolutionary children's organization, which the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il founded and developed with utmost concern; it is also a mass political organization of Korean children, who are fully preparing themselves to be successors to the revolution and to the WPK and the youth league.

The glorious and proud history of the KCU is a history replete with the brilliant victory of the idea on the Juche-oriented children's movement and leadership of the great Generalissimos, who valued and loved KCU members most and devoted their all for the rising generations.

The great Generalissimos were benevolent fathers of our KCU members, the rising generations, who mingled with the children throughout their lives and spared nothing for nurturing the country's future. As it was led by them, the Korean children's movement could advance along a straight path following our Party, just as sunflowers turn towards the sun, and KCU members could grow up happily with no one to envy in the world, as successors to the revolution who will shoulder the future of the country.

Over the past four years since the Seventh Congress of

the KCU, its organizations across the country and its millions of members have lived up to the pledges they made before its flag, keeping pace with their vibrant motherland which is advancing by leaps and bounds to the wonder of the world.

The KCU's organizations have developed into lively and innovative revolutionary organizations that lead their members to cherish gratitude to the Party and their socialist country, to appreciate how precious are their organizations and collectives, and to excel at studying and in their organizational life.

Many KCU members have the untainted loyalty with which they hold the great Generalissimos in high esteem for ever; they have performed laudable deeds in devoting themselves to society, their collectives and fellows, which have moved the people and added to the country's storehouse of pride.

Today our dear KCU members are studying hard and training themselves physically and mentally, harhouring beautiful dreams and hopes for tomorrow; they are, by actively conducting various socio-political activities and do-good-deeds movements, preparing themselves to be revolutionary personnel who will exalt the brilliance of socialist Korea.

When they see the dignified appearance of the KCU's members, the precious wealth of the country, who are enjoying boundless happiness and growing up as ardent young revolutionaries and the masters of the future, our Party and people feel the greatest pleasure and pride in waging the revolution.

Because the KCU is steadfastly carrying forward the soul of Paektu, a bright, promising future is in store for the Juche revolution, Kim Il Sung's nation and Kim Jong Il's Korea.

In the name of the WPK and on behalf of all our people, I once again offer warm congratulations to KCU members across the country who are growing up as stout pillars of a powerful socialist nation by adding lustre to the KCU's glorious traditions from one generation to the next, as well as to the KCU school instructors and its sub-branch teachers who are devoting themselves heart and soul to the bright future of our motherland.

Proud delegates and all other members of the KCU,

Today our Party, army and people, by tightening their belts, are braving every manner of trial to increase the country's strength; this death-defying, vigorous struggle is ultimately aimed at ensuring that our rising generations enjoy all the benefits of socialism in the finest country that is admired by the world.

When our dear KCU members grow up cheerfully, staunchly and valiantly as dependable pillars who will shoulder the everlasting future of our country, the inexhaustible strength of Juche Korea will increase to the maximum and the victorious advance of socialism will be accelerated.

With this Eighth Congress of the KCU as the occasion, you should swap with one another the fine experience gained in your studies, organizational life, socio-political activities and do-good-deeds movements, and make a fresh resolve and redouble your efforts. Developing the KCU into the eternal children's organization of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and of the WPK, and training all its members into true sons and daughters, young revolutionaries, of our socialist country-this is the basic task facing KCU organizations at present.

KCU members should become ardent young revolutionaries who are fully conversant with how great are the Party and the leader and how precious is their motherland, and devote their all for the good of the country and the revolution.

They should always bear in mind the benevolent care the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il showed to ensure that they live happily with no one to envy in the world, and display infinite loyalty in holding them in high esteem as the eternal Sun of Juche.

Fully aware that the red KCU neckerchief is part of the flag of the WPK and that their dreams and ideals will come true only under this flag, they should think and act at all times and in all places true to our Party's intentions.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters and the heroes of the Fatherland Liberation War and of the present Mallima era are models of a true revolutionary from whom our KCU members should learn.

By following the ennobling examples set by these revolutionary forerunners and heroes, KCU members should themselves all become fervent revolutionaries and heroes.

The basic revolutionary task facing KCU members is to prepare themselves as capable revolutionary personnel who

are knowledgeable, morally sound and physically strong, pillars in the building of a powerful socialist country.

The first and foremost task for KCU members is to study well. The excellence of their school records represents the excellence of our country's future national strength.

KCU members, bearing deep in mind the earnest request of their motherland, teachers and parents, should study hard so as to build higher the tower of knowledge, and become world-class scientists and inventors.

They should possess beautiful socialist moral traits.

They should ardently love their country and fellow people, and devote their all for the sake of society, their collectives and fellows. They should respect their teachers and seniors and approach them politely, observe social order and public morality voluntarily, and be honest and upright in their daily life.

The healthy bodies of KCU members are an asset of the country. Only when KCU members grow up stoutly in good health can the country be full of vigour and become stronger.

KCU members should conduct brisk sporting activities to build up their physique and foster their courage and gallantry, and they should be skilled in more than one sporting event.

They should, by taking an active part in art group activities, improve their cultural attainments and bring their artistic talents into full bloom by singing songs, reciting poems and playing musical instruments.

They should devote their all to adding brilliance to the

socialist system of our country.

They should not become self-indulgent sons and daughters who seek only their own happiness, but young patriots who, cherishing Kim Jong II's patriotism, treasure all the assets our revolutionary forerunners created on this land at the cost of their sweat and blood, and who tend every tree and every blade of grass in their country with earnest devotion.

They should step up their various socio-political activities and do-good-deeds movements so as to encourage their fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters in their heroic struggle to build a powerful socialist country and contribute to their country's economic development.

They should hate the imperialists and other class enemies, maintain sharp revolutionary vigilance against their schemes, and prepare themselves mentally to fight, if the enemy dares to invade the country, as bravely as the Children's Corps members did during the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the children's vanguard members in the Fatherland Liberation War.

They should, through an organizational life, improve their sense of organization and discipline and exalt the honour of being members of the glorious children's organization of Kim II Sung and Kim Jong II.

The pledge they took in front of the KCU flag is the first vow they made to their motherland, and in a KCU organization they conduct the political activities through which they keep this pledge.

They should always love and treasure their organizations, observe organizational discipline on a

voluntary basis and implement without fail the tasks assigned by their organizations.

It is important in training KCU members into true sons and daughters, young revolutionaries, of the socialist country to enhance the role of KCU organizations and improve the guidance over its work.

KCU organizations should ensure that their members conduct the movement to learn from the glorious childhood of the great Generalissimos and the five-point educational work effectively so that they become revolutionary organizations that are unfailingly loyal to the Party.

They should make great efforts to heighten their members' spirit of collectivism, independence and creativity, thus preparing them all to be masters who will shoulder the future of a powerful socialist country.

The youth league assumes the heavy responsibility of properly guiding KCU members who have taken the first step towards an organizational life.

It should give scrupulous guidance to the work of the KCU by taking into account its members' preparedness and psychological features; in particular, it should render positive assistance to KCU school instructors and its sub-branch teachers so that they can steadily improve the work of the KCU with a high sense of responsibility and practical qualifications.

It should build up the ranks of KCU activists and lead them to do KCU work in an independent and creative way and to become models for other members to emulate in studying and life.

All Party members and the other working people should

treasure and love the KCU's members as assets of the country and, as their educators and parents, pay close attention to their education and edification. In this way, they can ensure that all KCU members grow up as dependable pillars of the country amid the concern and care of the whole society.

Party organizations at all levels should regard KCU work as an important undertaking that has a bearing on the destiny of the country and nation and the future of our revolution, and give Party-oriented guidance to it.

Dear KCU delegates,

The future of the KCU's members is endlessly bright, and a powerful socialist country, in which the song *We Are the Happiest in the World* resounds loudly, is reserved for them.

Our Party, which foresees the bright future of the Juche revolution in the KCU's members' beautiful traits and courageous and cheerful appearance, will spare nothing for them and defend their happy laughter and bright future.

I firmly believe that all KCU members will live up to the expectations of our Party and all the people by advancing dynamically straight ahead along the path indicated by the Party, flying high the flag of the KCU.

May happiness and glory on the road await KCU members, our reliable successors and the future of our powerful motherland, socialist Korea.