

## Situation in DPRK and Korean Peninsula

**The Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un said that at the present stage in which the DPRK was successfully put on the position of world-level politico-ideological and military power, it is the strategic line of the Workers' Party of Korea to concentrate all efforts of the whole party and country on the socialist economic construction.**

### Socialist Construction in the DPRK

On the basis of the great victory of the line of simultaneously pushing forward the economic construction and the building of a nuclear force, the people in the DPRK dynamically carry out the economic construction under the unfurled banner of self-reliance.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un declared the great victory of the line of simultaneously pushing forward the economic construction and the building of a nuclear force at the 3rd Plenary Meeting of the 7th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and put forward a new strategic line of concentrating all efforts on socialist economic construction.

He declared that the historic tasks under the strategic line of simultaneously pushing forward the economic construction and the building of a nuclear force set forth at the March 2013 Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the Party were successfully carried out.

It was declared that the sub-critical nuclear test, underground nuclear test, making nuclear weapon smaller and lighter and the development of the super-large nuclear weapon and delivery means have been carried out in order and thus the work for mounting nuclear warheads on ballistic rockets has been reliably realized. And the important measure to discontinue nuclear test and inter-continental ballistic rocket test-fire was adopted.

The northern nuclear test ground was dismantled to transparently guarantee the discontinuance of the nuclear test in presence of the international journalists on 24 May, 2018. The DPRK's proactive and peace-loving efforts for the peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and the region was once again proved clearly by the dismantlement of the northern nuclear test ground which was done transparently.

The victory of the WPK's line was won, thus acquiring the powerful treasure sword for defending peace and providing firm guarantee under which the Korean people can enjoy the most dignified and happiest life generation after generation. And they are now able to accelerate economic construction to their resolution.

We are now able to contribute to the building of the world free from nuclear weapons in conformity with the common aspiration and desire of mankind on the basis of that the DPRK's might was put on the level wanted by it and it became possible to reliably guarantee the security of the state and the safety of the people.

The DPRK could perfectly accomplish the historic cause of building the state nuclear force in a short span of less than five years and could fairly become the centre of the international landscape thanks to the Supreme Leader's indomitable fighting spirit and veteran and experienced leadership and the might of the harmonious whole of the Party and people.

In economic construction the prospect for demonstrating the might of independent national economy is opened up and the overall economy of the country stepped on the developing track.

A strategic line to concentrate all efforts in socialist economic construction on the basis of the great victory of the line of simultaneously developing the two fronts was put forward.

The immediate goal of the struggle for realizing the new strategic line is to activate the overall national economy and markedly put into stride and the long-term goal is to build independent and modern socialist economy, knowledge-based economy.

In order to carry out the strategic line;

The overall Party and state affairs should be oriented into the socialist economic construction and all the human, material and technical potentials of the country should be mobilized.

All the fields and units should thoroughly rely on science and technology, steadily improve the self-development spirit and effect production surge and leap under the unfurled slogan of self-reliance and self-sufficiency.

The Supreme Leader put forward the line of bringing about a revolutionary turn in science and education in order to achieve the higher goal of socialist construction by thoroughly carrying out the new strategic line.

We should uphold the strategic slogan "Let us make a leap forward by dint of science and guarantee the future by dint of education!".

In order to dynamically push forward the building of sci-tech power, talent power.

The strategic concentration should be given in planning and guiding the development of the science and technology and the nation-wide network of dissemination of science and technology should be extended and the operation of the centre of science and technology should be radically improved.

In order to bring about a great revolutionary turn in education the teacher ranks should be strengthened and priority should be given to improving the quality and responsibility of teachers.

State investment in science and education should be definitely increased and the social climate of prioritizing science and technology should prevail throughout society.

## Situation in Korean Peninsula and the Region

A fresh climate détente and peace is being created on the Korean peninsula and the region thanks to the DPRK's proactive action and efforts and dramatic changes are being made in the international political landscape.

## Inter-Korean Relations

Thanks to the outstanding political knowledge, ardent love for his nation and broadminded decision of the Supreme Leader, the north-south summit meeting and talks were held and a new era of peace and reunification was unfolded putting an end to the history of division and confrontation.

The Supreme Leader put forward a magnanimous and generous proposal to bring about a radical turn in north-south relations in New Year Address 2018 and saw to send high-level delegation, delegation of the DPRK National Olympic Committee, cheering group and art troupe to the 23rd Winter Olympic Games, thus changing dramatically the north-south relations which was frozen with distrust and confrontation for a decade within a short period of less than 4 months.

He chose Panmunjom, the symbol of political and military confrontation between north and south, as the place for north-south summit and boldly went to the "House of Peace" in the south side portion on April 27, 2018 and thus made a turning-point in north-south relations and for peace and prosperity of Korean peninsula.

Thanks to the firm intention and outstanding political knowledge, boundlessly warm love for the nation and broadminded decision of the Supreme Leader who intends to build highly dignified and prosperous powerful reunified Korea by dint of the unified efforts of the whole nation true to the great leaders' instructions for national reunification, the 3rd North-South Summit was arranged and Panmunjom Declaration on Peace, Prosperity and Reunification of Korean Peninsula was declared.

The Panmunjom Declaration is a solemn signal flare fired by the north and the south at the starting line writing a new history and a historic milestone for connecting the broken vein of the nation and opening a new era of independent national reunification.

The Panmunjom Declaration has the ideal of By Our Nation Itself, the principle of independence as the main core and the most realistic and reasonable program common to the nation that confirms with the will and desire of the whole nation and the aspiration of international community for peace and reunification in the Korean peninsula.

It is a program for independent national reunification in the new era, Kim Jong Un's era which inherited the June 15 Joint Declaration and the October 4 Declaration.

It is a historic declaration which declared before the world that the north and south will unfold a new history of national unity, a new era of common prosperity by joint efforts of the north and south.

It is a great declaration that removed the danger of war and eased military tension on Korean peninsula and brought a new spring of peace and security desired by the whole nation.

It is an important declaration that made a new breach for peace and security of not only Korean peninsula but also the northeast Asia and the world and made great changes in the international political arena.

On May 26, 29 days after the declaration of April 27 declaration the north-south summit was held again at the historic place, Panmunjom, marking another historic milestone that opened up a new chapter in the development of the inter-Korean relationship.

At the talks there was an in-depth exchange of views on matters which should be resolved to quickly implement the Panmunjom Declaration, realize the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and achieve regional peace, stability and prosperity, those the north and south are faced with and the successful holding of the DPRK-US summit.

The Supreme Leader clarified his will to improve the DPRK-US relations and cooperate for the establishment of permanent and solid peace regime.

According to the agreement at the historic 4th north-south summit, the north-south high-level talks were held at the "House of Peace" in the south side portion on June 1, 2018.

At the talks were reconfirmed the principled stands towards the implementation of the Panmunjom Declaration and were agreed to set up a north-south joint liaison office in Kaesong area and to deliberate on the meaningful commemoration of the 18th anniversary of declaration of June 15 Joint Declaration.

They also arranged the date and place of north-south general-level military talks, sports talks, Red Cross talks, section meeting for the connection and modernization of the railways and roads along the eastern and western coasts of Korea and the working-level talks for the performance of our art troupe in south Korea.

They also arranged to regularly hold north-south high-level talks.

## DPRK-China Relations

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un promoted the DPRK-China friendship continued for centuries in accordance with the demand of the new era through his two visits to China.

The officials of Chinese party and state and people warmly welcomed and gave warm reception to the Supreme Leader who visited China regarding the DPRK-China friendship as a noble responsibility to value generation after generation.

The Supreme Leader had a historic and meaningful meeting with general secretary Xi Jinping and exchanged profound opinions about important issues including the development of the DPRK-China friendship and the issue of settling the situation in Korean peninsula.

He clarified the fixed determination of the Party and government of the DPRK to carry forward the precious tradition of the DPRK-China friendship and put it on a new high stage as required by the developing era. He stressed to meet often Chinese comrades including Xi Jinping to further deepen friendship and strengthen the strategic communication and strategic and tactical cooperation so as to consolidate the unity and cooperation between the two countries.

Xi Jinping stressed that it is the strategic option and unshakable will of the Chinese party and government to attach importance to and steadily carry forward and develop the Sino-DPRK friendship.

The Supreme Leader's visit to China is a historic event of great significance in lustering the century-old tradition of the DPRK-China friendship and finely developing the relations between two countries generation after generation.

The common will to firmly consolidate the socialist systems of two countries and provide happiness and future to the people in two countries was clarified.

Thanks to the energetic diplomatic activities of the Supreme Leader the value of the DPRK-China friendship was once again proved and the DPRK-China friendship was put on a new higher stage required by the new era.

## DPRK-US Relations

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un made a strategic decision to put an end to the awkward relations between the DPRK and US and met the US secretary of State who was on a visit to the DPRK and took magnitude and broadminded measures for the peace and stability of the Korean peninsula and the world.

He said that the coming DPRK-US summit would be a historic meeting for the excellent first step toward promotion of the positive situation development in the Korean peninsula and building of a good future.

The Supreme Leader saw to hold the historic 4th north-south summit with blitz on May 26, 2018 and expressed his firm will for the historic DPRK-US summit and mentioned about the positive cooperation between the north and south for the establishment of permanent and solid footing for peace on Korean peninsula.

The first historic DPRK-US summit meeting and talks were held on Sentos Island, Singapore on June 12, 2018 thanks to the broadminded determination and firm intention of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, who intends to put an end to the extreme hostilities between the DPRK and US that lasted for a long time, and write a new history of world peace and security.

At the summit meeting Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and President Trump conducted a comprehensive, in-depth and sincere exchange of opinions on the issues related to the establishment of new DPRK-US relations and the building of a lasting and robust peace regime on the Korean peninsula.

Joint statement of the Singapore Summit was adopted.

**In the joint statement Chairman Kim Jong Un and President Trump stated as follows:**

- The DPRK and the US commit to establish new DPRK-US relations in accordance with the desire of the peoples of the two countries for peace and prosperity.
- The DPRK and the US will join their efforts to build a lasting and stable peace regime on the Korean peninsula.
- Reaffirming the April 27, 2018 Panmunjom Declaration, the DPRK commits to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.
- The DPRK and the US commit to recovering POW/MIA remains, including the immediate repatriation of those already identified.

Having acknowledged that the DPRK-US summit, the first in history, was an epochal event of great significance in overcoming decades of tensions and hostilities between the two countries and for opening of a new future, Chairman Kim Jong Un and President Trump committed to implement the stipulations in this joint statement fully and expeditiously.

And they committed to hold follow-on negotiations led by the US Secretary of State and a relevant high-level DPRK official, at the earliest possible date, to implement the outcomes of the DPRK-US summit.

They also committed to cooperate for the development of new DPRK-US relations and for the promotion of peace, prosperity, and security of the Korean peninsula and of the world.

## DPRK-Russia Relations

The Supreme Leader met Russian foreign minister who visited Pyongyang on May 31, 2018. The Russian foreign minister conveyed President Putin's personal letter to Kim Jong Un.

There were talks between Ri Yong Ho, the DPRK foreign minister and Lavrov.

At the talks both sides exchanged the intentions and views of the top leaderships of the DPRK and Russia on the development of the situation on the Korean peninsula and beyond

that is in the limelight worldwide and the prospect of the situation. They also discussed how to bolster up bilateral political and economic ties and promote cooperation.

Highly appraising the DPRK's proactive and practical actions for the improvement of the north-south and DPRK-US relations that developed the situation on the Korean peninsula and the region to enter on a new phase of stability, the Russian foreign minister Lavrov said that Russia fully supports the DPRK's resolutions for and stand towards the DPRK-US summit which was on the agenda and denuclearization on Korean peninsula.

At the meeting were agreed to frequently make high-level visits this year that marks the 70th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between the DPRK and Russia and activate exchanged and cooperation in different fields, especially the realization of meeting of the supreme leaders of both countries for the continuous development of the strategic and traditional DPRK-Russia relations in conformity with interest of both countries and the new era.