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Comrades,

Today, filled with fresh vigour and self-confidence, we are holding an important groundbreaking ceremony for a new street for the people in our capital city, a street symbolic of the era of further transformation.

First of all, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government, I would like to extend warm congratulations and greetings to the builders of the capital city and the service personnel who, at this grand groundbreaking ceremony for a project to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area true to the decisions adopted at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party, are marking the start of our grandiose endeavour in 2022.

This project is one of the major tasks facing the construction sector this year. It is the second such project for attaining the long-term goal of housing construction in Pyongyang which our Party had been desirous of achieving for a considerable time before launching it last year. It is also the first stage in building a new, modern urban district in this area.

The long-term plan for developing the capital city approved by our Party and the government envisages the creation in this area near the sacred place of the sun and adjoining September 9 Street of splendid streets and a new administrative district with tens of thousands of flats, as well as public buildings and welfare service facilities. It will be completed within three years or so.

If the goal of building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang, which includes this gigantic project, is attained with success, our Party will have fulfilled the most important promise it made to the people, and the housing problem for the capital's residents will have been fully solved.

This is why the Party and the government are pushing ahead so forcefully with the construction of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang every year, even though the conditions and circumstances at present are more challenging than ever before.

Comrades,

That we have been able to launch this important and gigantic project in the Hwasong area as planned in the second year of implementing the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress is entirely thanks to the efforts of the builders and service personnel who have

committed themselves to Pyongyang's development.

Last year the project to build 10 000 flats in the Songsin and Songhwa area was carried out, despite the tough conditions where the country's economic situation was harsh and difficulties were piling up.

Our builders pressed ahead bravely with the construction as planned, overcoming all the trials with an indomitable will and through a strenuous effort. In less than a year they built at Pyongyang's eastern gateway a splendid street lined with high-rise and super-high-rise apartment blocks.

As a result, we can now visualize, in the run-up to the Day of the Sun, numerous delighted residents of the capital moving into new homes on the new street.

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee expressed its great appreciation for this achievement.

Because this effort had resulted in such a major success, the Party Central Committee could confidently decide on and organize the construction of 10 000 flats at the next stage. So, today we are holding the groundbreaking ceremony to proclaim the official start of housing construction in the Hwasong area.

Our Party has never doubted that the tremendous enthusiasm for labour and the aggressive spirit of

progress witnessed last year will be displayed in this year's project, or that more inspiring and more significant successes will be achieved.

Our builders are proud artists and dignified trail-blazers possessed of miraculous powers. As such, they are writing a new chapter of prosperity and development in the era of the Workers' Party.

The Party's people-oriented policies are becoming the reality wherever the workers of the country's major construction units and the service personnel of the People's Army are dispatched. As a result, homes where countless people will live for generations to come are appearing and monumental creations symbolic of the civilization of the era are springing up year after year.

A fierce struggle for grand construction is under way, and in the course of it vacillation and lack of ability are being overcome, courage and wisdom displayed, backwardness and stagnation eliminated, progress and innovations achieved, and the power of our state and people to shape the future increased.

In short, the vigour of our advance and development is being demonstrated in practice, and every obstacle, in other words the challenges both objective and subjective, is being removed and

smashed to pieces. This represents a crushing blow to the forces that are hostile to us.

Herein lies the transformation, the revolution and the victory we aspire to.

And the masters occupying the vanguard of this revolution are you, the builders.

Our builders are the pioneers and dependable vanguard fighters of our era, who conceive of tomorrow while living today and are bringing forward the dawn of a beautiful future.

I am convinced that, thanks to our Party's sound policy on construction and to the builders' creative labour, our construction sector will change and develop to become more advanced and progressive while sustaining its socialist character, which is the original feature of our people-first architecture, of consistently serving the aim of promoting the people's wellbeing.

In building apartments in the Hwasong area this year as part of the grand construction project, we should push ahead with it in a more dynamic and detail-oriented way by making the most of the experience and lessons we learned from the construction of 10 000 flats in the Songsin and Songhwa area.

The grand construction project is a gigantic creative effort to bring new entities into existence by concentrating the country's human, material and technical resources on it. Therefore, whether it is a total success or not depends on how it is planned and commanded.

The project headquarters should conduct a detailed assessment of the existing construction workforce, the building materials production capacity and the transport capabilities, as well as seasonal factors. Based on this, it should draw up a well-thought-out plan for each process of the design and building work, and push ahead with it forcefully.

In construction we should try to give definite precedence to building materials supply. We should also aim to ensure both the quality and speed of construction by enhancing the role of the building units and supervisory bodies.

In this, it is important to eradicate the short-sighted view of stressing only the immediate building tasks in planning and commanding construction projects. To this end, we should steadily execute scientific proposals and plans aimed at developing the construction sector on a long-term basis.

The grand construction project, including the

development of Pyongyang, is a matter of national importance and hardly something that can be completed in a year or two. It is a long-term undertaking to be continued at an increasingly higher level even when all our people are living in good houses and even after the whole country has undergone a facelift.

Therefore, there should be no delay or slowdown in anything related to the construction sector, whether in consolidating its material and technical foundations in terms of both quality and quantity, in producing various kinds of building materials domestically, in raising the proportion of work done by machines, or in widely introducing advanced building methods and architectural technology.

All these issues should, throughout the whole course of construction and at every stage of the building work, be addressed, carried out and reviewed in the planning and design, the materials supply and in the observance of the quality requirements. And new initiatives, reasonable technical proposals and audacious endeavours should be actively encouraged and put forward.

In this way, if a new street of 10 000 flats is built every year, not only will the appearance of the capital

city and, beyond that, the whole country be transformed, but also our construction workforce will grow in strength and a fresh advance will be recorded in our approach to construction.

Ultimately, by promoting the successful construction of houses and the modernization of our construction sector, we will be ready to carry out more gigantic and ambitious construction projects in the future.

Our Party regards the great enthusiasm, sense of responsibility and sincere efforts of every official and builder for construction as the key and decisive factor that is vital to its success.

This is why our socialist construction sites are brought to life by inspiring slogans, fluttering red flags, and resounding marches.

Novel and inspirational political work encourages everyone to cherish ennobling ideals and beautiful hopes, to take a sense of honour and pride from their enthusiasm and endeavours becoming a source of great strength for their collective, and to learn from the positive examples and merits of others. This work is a source of dynamism unique to socialism, which trains ordinary working people into innovators and performers of feats and which works miracles,

whatever the circumstances.

You should conduct vigorous frontline political work so that all the builders feel a sense of mission and pleasure in creating with their own hands the ever-growing happiness and development of our times, and so that they take great pride in bringing forward the dawn of a more cultured future through their efforts.

You should stir up a hot wind of collective emulation for overtaking and learning from one another and give fuller play to your patriotic enthusiasm. By doing so, you can build, here in the Hwasong area and before the eyes of the world, a flourishing socialist living space which is permeated with a great generation's indomitable perseverance and untiring spirit of creation, and which is filled with people's happy laughter.

Comrades,

Today our grand construction front covers not only this construction site of 10 000 flats in the capital city, but also the whole country.

Numerous construction projects designed for the sake of our great state's prosperity and development and for the people's well-being are being planned or are under way at major metallurgical and chemical

industry bases, at the construction sites of new power plants, at tideland reclamation sites, in the Komdok and Ryonpho areas, and in rural communities across the country.

All these construction projects constitute a powerful engine for the comprehensive development of socialist construction. Among them, the housing construction project in the Hwasong area is the main theatre, and it should take the lead.

In implementing the Party's policy on construction in a perfect and thoroughgoing way and conducting intense and energetic campaigns in high spirits, the construction units deployed in the Hwasong area should naturally become standard-bearers and models for all the other theatres of construction.

I firmly believe that all the builders and service personnel present here will feel an extraordinary sense of glory and pride in building a new street for the people, and will, through their redoubled wisdom, enthusiasm and fortitude, complete with credit and on schedule the construction project in the Hwasong area.

For the great new era of the development of our own style of socialism,

For our Pyongyang, and

For bringing earlier the happy day when our

parents, brothers, sisters and children will move into new flats in the dramatically-transformed Hwasong area,

Let us all wage a dynamic struggle!

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