

A New Strategic Line

April 2018 saw the holding of the Third Plenary Meeting of the Seventh Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

In March 2013 the Democratic People's Republic of Korea adopted a line of simultaneously conducting economic construction and building up the nuclear forces.

The above plenary meeting declared the successful execution of this line and advanced a new strategic line of concentrating all national efforts on promoting socialist economic construction.

This strategic line accords with the requirements of the changed situation in the present era.

The DPRK has been known worldwide for its politics of independence and it has also made strenuous efforts to increase its military strength, now ranking among strategic nations.

Such being the case, it is realistic and reasonable for the country to step up economic construction while consolidating its strategic position.

The country's ultimate goal seems to be attaining a level of economic development that is commensurate with its status as a strategic nation.

The new strategic line reflects the supreme principle governing the WPK's activities—steadily improving the Korean people's standards of living.

Over the past decades the people have invariably supported and followed the WPK despite all manner of trials and difficulties.

In his report to the aforesaid plenary meeting Chairman Kim Jong Un of the WPK praised and extended his heart-felt thanks to the people.

By proclaiming the strategic line, the government and the ruling party of the DPRK have affirmed their commitment to develop the national economy rapidly in the shortest possible period and provide the people with better living conditions.

This strategic line provides a scientific guarantee for the country's economic development.

Its long-term economic objective is to make the national economy Juche-oriented, modern, IT-based and scientific on a high level and provide the people with affluent and cultured living conditions.

The above plenary meeting set the spirit of self-reliance and science and technology as the key to implementing the new strategic line.

The country boasts the solid foundations of the self-sufficient economy and the potent sci-tech

forces.

In spite of the decades-long sanctions and blockade the Korean people have achieved world-startling economic successes by dint of their indomitable mental spirit and by relying on their own efforts and technology.

The May 2016 Seventh Congress of the WPK put forward the five-year strategy for national economic development. Now the country's economy is on a definite rising curve.

The spirit of self-reliance and the sci-tech forces of the country constitute the major factor in accelerating the pace of its economic development.

With the adoption of the new strategic line the country is planning to concentrate on economic construction instead of defence building, with the aim of developing its economy rapidly by tapping most of its potentials—human, material and technical.