

DPRK Advancing towards Comprehensive Development and Rejuvenation

Kim Jong Un, President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, delivered a policy speech at the Seventh Session of the 14th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK on September 8.

In the speech he reaffirmed his unshakable conviction and will to lead his country to the comprehensive development and rejuvenation of socialism.

Substantiation

Kim Jong Un put forth the strategy of stepping up socialist construction in an all-round way at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea in January 2021. Then he clarified the programmatic guidelines, detailed tasks and ways for achieving the comprehensive development and rejuvenation of socialism at major Party meetings including the second, third and fourth plenary meetings of the Eighth Party Central Committee held in February, June and December that year and the Fifth Enlarged Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee in June this year.

Pursuant to his ideas and intentions, the Korean people have achieved remarkable successes in their struggle for achieving the comprehensive development and rejuvenation of socialism, braving unprecedentedly harsh trials and ordeals.

This year alone, they fully demonstrated the invincible might of the Korean style of socialism and the country's unique single-hearted unity of the leader, the Party and the people through various political occasions like the 110th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung, 80th anniversary of the birth of Chairman Kim Jong Il and the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army. In particular, when they were faced with the public health crisis, the first of its kind since the founding of the state, in May last, they overcame it by waging a tenacious struggle based on single-hearted unity, the unity of one mind and one body, in a little over 90 days, powerfully demonstrating the

political and ideological might and superiority of socialism.

In addition to the extremely grave health crisis, the country also suffered a series of natural disasters. However, all the people redoubled their efforts, and determinedly pushed ahead with this year's formidable struggle tasks, including the immediate farming work, major construction projects and the work of improving the standard of living. The unified guidance and management of overall state affairs are being further stepped up with their socialist character enhanced, and medium- and long-term projects are being designed and promoted with an eye to decades in the future. In this way the country is laying the foundations and creating assets for the economic development and the people's improved wellbeing.

Sci-tech research has been decisively oriented to solving practical problems in accordance with pragmatic plans and objectives. The country's education is developing in a balanced way, with the focus on training talents with practical abilities. The public health sector has gained valuable experience with which to deal with any type of epidemic and other public health crisis. And significant progress has been made in developing socialist culture.

All these clearly testify to the fact that the country is advancing vigorously towards comprehensive development and rejuvenation under the wise leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Innovation and Development

All the tasks Kim Jong Un set forth in his policy speech are oriented towards innovation and development.

It is his intention that the country should not pursue immediate and visible successes but dynamically advance towards a higher goal with an eye to a distant future.

He said in the speech that in order to further consolidate the country's politico-ideological might, it is important to further consolidate the might of single-hearted unity—the most powerful weapon of the country—in ideology, purpose and moral obligation, thoroughly apply the WPK's people-first politics in overall state affairs and step up the activities of state power to ensure that all the people take an active part in political affairs as masters of the state and society, and continue to give full play to the collectivist spirit, communist virtues and the beautiful traits

throughout the society. This shows that he aspires to constant innovation and development in social building.

This holds true for the tasks for various sectors in the five-year plan for the development of the national economy. The plan itself aims at sustainable growth of the economy and marked improvement of the people's living standards on the basis the analysis of the economic situation of the country and the practical possibilities.

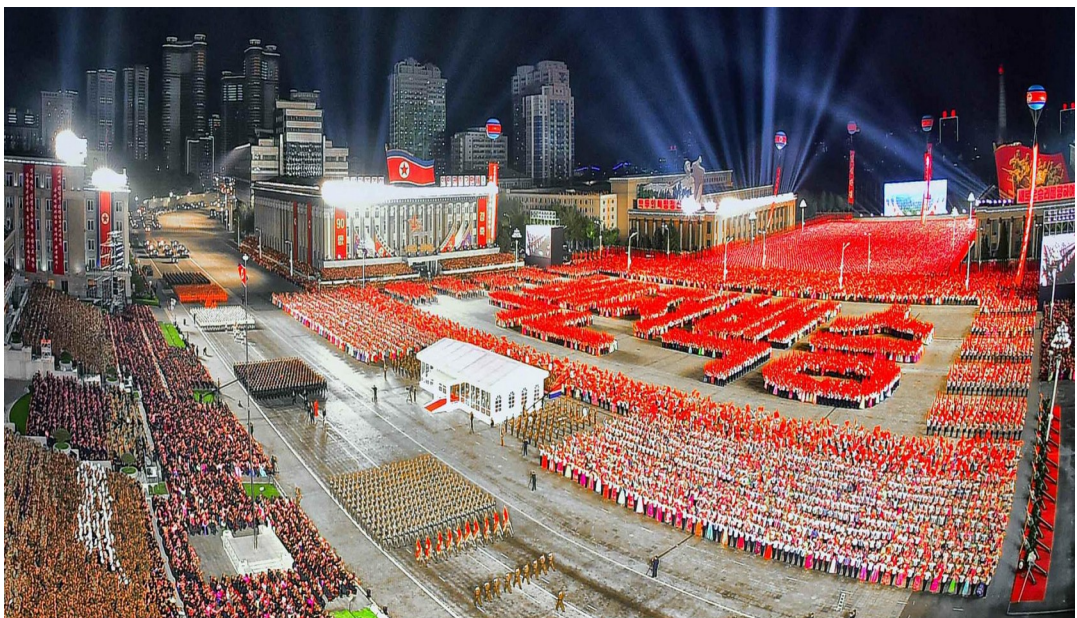
In the policy speech he advanced in detail the immediate tasks and long-term objectives for the implementation of the five-year plan including the development of the work of the Cabinet, rejuvenation of rural communities, development of light industry, fishery and key industries, housing construction, land administration, disaster prevention, education, sic-tech and public health sectors and building of the state's anti-epidemic capability.

Once the five-year plan has been implemented, the overall national economy will be on a growth orbit in which its work system, the links among its sectors and its self-supporting foundations have been readjusted and reinforced and substantial changes have been brought about in solving the problems of food, clothing and housing for the people. GDP will increase by over 40 percent and the production of consumer goods by over 30 percent by the end of 2025, the last year of the plan, as compared to 2020. This shows that implementation of the five-year plan will provide a firm guarantee for boosting the economy of the country and the people's living standards to a higher stage.

In his policy speech Kim Jong Un said that the world will watch with keen interest how the Korean people stick to their choice of building a powerful socialist country, how their country carries out its resolve, and what other amazing miracles will be worked on their land.



The single-hearted unity unique to the DPRK was powerfully demonstrated through the national meeting and mass rally of Pyongyang citizens held in celebration of the 110th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.



Military parade held in April this year in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army



Part of the newly-built Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District in Pyongyang



Night view of Songhwa Street inaugurated in April this year