

## **Kim Jong Un Formulates a Policy on Building Up the State's Anti-Epidemic Capabilities**

Recently, an enlarged meeting of the Fifth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea was held in Pyongyang, the capital city of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in the presence of General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

The meeting discussed an important agenda item of powerfully pushing forward with building up the state's anti-epidemic capabilities.

The General Secretary clarified the strategic and tactical plans for finally defusing the malignant epidemic crisis, restoring stability and vigorously promoting the building-up of the state's anti-epidemic capabilities, its capacity to cope with crisis.

Now the state's anti-epidemic work has entered the new stage of both blockade and eradication of the epidemic from the blockade-focused prevention after the unexpected serious crisis caused by the spread of the virulent virus.

In a report to the enlarged meeting the General Secretary said that, under the current situation in the state's anti-epidemic work, the urgent task facing the Party and state is to immediately remedy the shortcomings and deviations revealed in the work and to take decisive steps for building up the country's anti-epidemic capabilities.

He said that only when the anti-epidemic policy of the Party and state is enforced in a strict, scientific and advanced way, can it prove successful, stressing the need to steadily improve the anti-epidemic system and methods.

Our anti-epidemic work is based on the people's voluntary unity in action, not on any institutional mechanism or material and technical means, he said, adding that great victory in this work can be won only through an all-people resistance, by their joint efforts.

On May 12 the state's epidemic prevention system was switched to the top-level emergency anti-epidemic system; since then, the Korean people have turned out as one in implementing the ruling WPK's and the government's measures for rigorous blockade and anti-epidemic work.

In the report Kim Jong Un clarified in detail the tasks for overcoming the immediate epidemic crisis: The Party organizations at all levels should conduct a vigorous ideological work for arousing all the people to the anti-epidemic war and guide the

emergency anti-epidemic work in a responsible manner; all the Party cells should find on their own initiative the work to be done in the current anti-epidemic situation and ensure that Party members fulfil their duties and responsibilities with the same thought and action; officials should always lead Party members and all other broad sections of the people in the van of the anti-epidemic front, learn in detail about and grasp the enforcement of the emergency anti-epidemic system on the spot and take timely steps.

Underlining the need to vigorously promote the building-up of the state's anti-epidemic capabilities, he said that the capabilities to be built by us is an ensemble of a consolidated work system and order, technical forces, material foundations and potentials capable of containing, controlling and defusing any possible health crisis, which the country might face, on its own initiative and in a stable way.

He reviewed and analyzed the invaluable experience gained and lessons drawn in the course of ensuring the preventive security of the country for over two years by enforcing our own style of epidemic prevention policy and of running the top-level emergency anti-epidemic system. He noted that all the emergency anti-epidemic policies and guidelines and the measures and policies pursued so far by the Party and the government serve as a great asset for building up the state's anti-epidemic capabilities.

He set forth the immediate goal, long-term goal and detailed ways for firmly consolidating the material and technical foundations for bolstering up the state's anti-epidemic capabilities.

Noting that the current anti-epidemic war is an occasion for gaining priceless experience and stratagems for creditably defending the security of the country and the people in any future health crisis, he called for bringing about an unprecedented miracle in restoring the stability in the anti-epidemic work by further intensifying the Party work, economic organization and public healthcare to give the fullest play to the organizing ability of our united society and the advantages of the socialist public health system.

He ardently called for firmly protecting the health and safety of the dear people by organizing and launching the emergency anti-epidemic work scrupulously, flexibly and substantially with confidence and courage and powerfully accelerating the building-up of the country's capabilities for coping with any epidemic disease and crisis.