

Ground-Breaking Ceremony of Project for Building 10 000 Flats Held in Pyongyang. Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Makes Significant Speech at Ground-breaking Ceremony

Pyongyang, March 24 (KCNA) -- 50 000 modern flats will be built in Pyongyang in reflection of our Party's noble ideal of "The People Are God" and its idea of the Juche-oriented architectural beauty during the period of the new five-year plan, according to the grand plan of capital city construction unfolded at the 8th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK).

The large-scale construction of the flats in Pyongyang to be built as new ideal streets for the people demonstrating the national power and socialist civilization is the top priority task for our Party and the government. In particular, to provide the citizens of the capital with 10 000 flats this year is a gigantic struggle for creation to thoroughly implement the decisions made at the 2nd Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the WPK.

A ground-breaking ceremony for building 10 000 flats in Pyongyang took place in the Songsin and Songhwa areas of Sadong District on Mar. 23.

The venue of the ground-breaking ceremony for the great construction which will witness a great drive of another significant landmark in the history of the construction of the capital were full of high revolutionary enthusiasm of army and people-builders to create new construction myth by dint of the great army-people unity in the worthwhile struggle to bring into a bright reality the noble intention of the Party Central Committee, and a great number of red flags, slogans and watchwords were seen there.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, arrived at the venue of the ground-breaking ceremony.

The moment, all the participants raised stormy cheers of "Hurrah!" in honor of him who has made all the Party and state affairs consistent with absolute and unconditional service for the people and made tireless efforts with his devoted service for the people's wellbeing to ceaselessly create a sacred history of the people-first principle on the

motherland.

Present there were Jo Yong Won and Kim Tok Hun, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Il Hwan and O Su Yong, who are secretaries of the WPK Central Committee, and Kim Yong Hwan, chief secretary of the Pyongyang City Committee of the WPK, and officials of the Cabinet, ministries, national institutions and in Pyongyang.

Kwon Yong Jin and Kim Jong Gwan and other officials of the armed forces organs were also present.

The respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** made an enthusiastic speech full of warm loving care for the people and deep trust in the builders.

He said that building 50 000 flats in Pyongyang is something our Party has long intended, made preparations for and aspired to do in order to provide the citizens of the capital city with more cultured and stabler living conditions, and an ennobling undertaking to turn the assets of the state and fruits of creative labour of the working masses thoroughly into their benefits.

He stressed that the construction of 10 000 flats this year is the project of a massive scale, but our Party decided to push ahead with the project unconditionally as it is directly related with the living of the citizens of the capital city and as it is an important political undertaking of the first year of implementing the decisions of the Party Congress to the letter.

He added that the potential of our state and the creative strength of our people will be displayed to the full once again in this course.

He expressed the conviction that today, when we are advancing to achieve prosperity and development upholding our state-first principle, this project will constitute a major thrust area symbolic of the era of a fresh upsurge and massive transformation in socialist construction and that we will usher in an era of fresh dynamic advance which will develop socialist construction by stage with confidence.

He noted that the grand construction of today will be of monumental significance in the history of building the capital city.

He was convinced that the People's Army the Party Central Committee believes first will give full play to its militant temperament in this creative struggle of construction, too, and all the builders will achieve a sure victory with their creative enthusiasm, endeavour, and ardent patriotic spirit.

He then set forth tasks arising in the construction.

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nobody else but our people who are the best and greatest in the world, he said, and ardently appealed to fight vigorously for the future of our capital which will become more beautiful and magnificent, for our parents, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters who will create and enjoy there a new civilization to their heart's content, and for the brilliant implementation of the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress.

When he concluded his speech, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers and loud shouts for devotedly implementing the Party's policies, hardly repressing their emotions.

He personally awarded the leading officials the flag of the headquarters of the construction of 50 000 flats in Pyongyang.

KPA Vice Marshal Kim Jong Gwan, minister of National Defence, made a pledge speech on behalf of the builders.

He expressed the firm will of builders to create a new Pyongyang speed and perform new building miracles by becoming standard-bearers of charge and construction heroes in the ongoing struggle for bringing about a turning point of a new victory in the history of socialist construction, under the uplifted flag of the headquarters awarded by the respected General Secretary as the colors of the revolution.

All the builders solemnly vowed before the Party and the people to enshrine the great loving care and trust shown by the General Secretary and become the first advancing group and the first vanguard who carry out the grandiose struggle programme advanced at the Party Congress in the van by building 10 000 flats in Pyongyang City at the highest level each year till 2025 which will mark the 80th founding anniversary of the Party by giving full play to the indomitable charging spirit and matchless spirit of breaking through hardships.

There was a blasting, signaling the ground-breaking for building 10 000 flats in Pyongyang City.

Following the blast that shook the earth in March vibrant with life, a number of excavators started working all at once amid the high spirit of all the builders in the vast construction site.

Kim Jong Un warmly encouraged the builders who advanced into the responsible and honorable construction drive for living up to the promise which our Party made with the people in the name of the dignified Party Congress.

The construction of 10 000 flats in Pyongyang City will further stir up the fighting stamina of all the people across the country who are all out in the campaign for implementing the decisions made at the 8th Congress of the Party, while clearly demonstrating the brave spirit of our own-style socialism making a dynamic advance and

leap forward toward the fresh victory of the revolution, true to the ideals of "The people are God", single-minded unity and self-reliance.

Let Us Renovate Our Capital City Splendidly Once Again by Building 50 000 Flats

Pyongyang, March 24 (KCNA) -- Following is the full text of "Let Us Renovate Our Capital City Splendidly Once Again by Building 50 000 Flats", the speech made by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, at the ground-breaking ceremony of the project for building 10 000 flats in Pyongyang on March 23, Juche 110 (2021):

All the builders and service personnel who have turned out in the honourable project for building up the capital city,

Today we are honoured to set up another meaningful landmark in the history of building up our capital city.

The Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Second Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Party held early this year decided on building 50 000 flats in our capital city and, to this end, building 10 000 flats every year while pushing ahead with the construction of houses across the country in the five-year plan period.

The most worthwhile and glorious revolutionary task of the weighty and gigantic fighting tasks decided by the Party Congress will start to be undertaken full steam today.

Building 50 000 modern flats in Pyongyang, the capital city of our great country, is something our Party has long intended, made preparations for and aspired to do in order to provide the citizens of the capital city with more cultured and stabler living conditions.

The Party and the government acquainted themselves with the number of households that need houses and made an in-depth study of the measures for solving this problem. And they have regarded this project as their most important task.

Having accepted this colossal project willingly as an honourable revolutionary task

which it must implement without fail however difficult the conditions and environment may be, the Party Central Committee reaffirmed its plan of architectural development and construction policy on the principle of applying the people-first principle more thoroughly.

It redefined the orientation and order of construction, ensured that a large share of the total state budget for construction was allocated for the construction of houses and, on the basis of plans and preparation to this end, made the construction of 50 000 flats a policy at its Eighth Congress.

This large-scale operation for building flats unfolded by our Party and state is not something for pursuing any economic profits; it is an ennobling undertaking to turn the assets of the state and fruits of creative labour of the working masses thoroughly into their benefits.

If we build from today 50 000 flats until 2025 when we will greet the 80th founding anniversary of the Party—10 000 flats every year—we will have almost 70 000 flats built, including over 16 000 flats now under construction, thus solving the housing problem of the citizens of the capital city once and for all.

Undertaking the project of building houses in the capital city in a bold way and on a large scale is of great significance also in demonstrating the unquenchable fighting spirit of our state and people that are advancing audaciously against manifold difficulties.

As you must all know, this project was decided after much thought.

To tell the truth, to undertake this large-scale project in the circumstances of today, when the challenges and difficulties are harsher than ever before, is something beyond imagination.

Construction of 10 000 flats this year is to be conducted in the circumstances completely different from when we started building Ryomyong Street five years ago; worse still, we have to do in a short time the amount of work many times larger than that of those days.

Our Party, however, decided to push ahead with the project unconditionally as it is

directly related with the living of the citizens of the capital city and as it is an important political undertaking of the first year of implementing the decisions of the Party Congress to the letter.

We have the proud dignity and pluck that we are conducting a gigantic and wonderful project in the most trying days; we also have the self-confidence, experience and assets for surely carrying it out.

If the characteristic multistoried and skyscraping apartment houses which we see in the architectural formation plan now are built in these Songsin and Songhwa areas by the end of this year, the potential of our state and the creative strength of our people will be displayed to the full once again.

In the course of this, our Juche-oriented architecture will make another leap of development and our construction aimed at creating a new life of our own style by our own efforts and with our own hands will gain a bigger momentum.

The advanced architectural technologies and construction methods such as green architecture and dry-building methods will be introduced in an aggressive and innovative way, the foundations of the industrial bases that produce building equipment and materials will be further expanded and strengthened, and our construction units and builders will become more powerful and skilful.

The grand construction of today will be of monumental significance in the history of building the capital city.

The project of building 50 000 flats, which begins now, is a historic one of building modern, large-scale streets, expanding the urban areas of Pyongyang, the capital city, to the direction of east, west and north.

If 10 000 flats and distinctive public buildings are built every year in the areas of Songsin, Songhwa, Sopho, Kumchon and September 9 Street, respectively, the capital city of our state will witness a more magnificent change and they will become significant monuments, symbolic of the most arduous yet glorious third decade of the 21st century.

The citizens and their offspring who will live in the new streets we are building will

remember down through the generations the builders of our era, who built the enormous architectural groups of world class by overcoming the worst trials, as heroic people.

Today's large-scale construction is, indeed, a great undertaking for writing an era of glory in history.

Comrades,

Construction is an ensemble of the mental standard of the relevant era and the strength of the relevant nation and a long step towards civilization and development.

Today, when we are advancing to achieve prosperity and development upholding our state-first principle, this project will constitute a major thrust area symbolic of the era of a fresh upsurge and massive transformation in socialist construction.

Through this project, we will renovate the appearance of the capital city once again and usher in an era of fresh dynamic advance which will develop socialist construction by stage with confidence.

When mapping out this project of a massive scale, the Party Central Committee paid its primary attention to forming the major forces which would play the main, powerful role in the project.

What our Party Central Committee believed first when deciding on this project was none other than the revolutionary armed forces that are boundlessly faithful to the Party and the people.

While performing its mission and responsibility of staunchly defending the country and the people, the People's Army has always played a big role also in creating the people's happiness.

Only when the People's Army which has performed heroic feats in numerous grand construction projects and in the theatres of rehabilitating damaged areas undertakes to a major project, can a sure victory be achieved in the overall construction projects.

I know our People's Army better than anybody else.

I am convinced that the officers and men of the People's Army will fully prove themselves worthy of the expectations of the Party and the people with thoroughgoing implementation by giving full play to their militant temperament in this creative struggle of construction, too.

Also participating in the current grand construction are the major civilian construction units including the Capital City Construction Commission, High-Speed Youth Shock Brigade, Revolutionary Site Construction Bureau and External Construction Bureau that have performed remarkable feats at major construction projects like that of building Ryomyong Street.

Success or failure in this grand construction depends on the commanding officials, service personnel and civilian builders who are in direct charge of it.

The construction policy and guidance of our Party and state are ultimately translated into reality by the creative enthusiasm and endeavour of every commanding official, and the Party places its belief first in the ardent patriotic spirit and skills of our builders.

The task facing the sector of designing is most important.

Construction itself is a highly creative undertaking, and buildings are now getting formative, artistic, multi-functional and intelligent. This adds to the importance of designing.

What our Party asks of the sector of designing is that a single dot or a line placed on a blueprint should reflect the ideology, soul and vibrant spirits of our times and embody the lofty ideals and standards of civilization that can proudly lead the world.

In accordance with the street formation plan and the designing plan which have already been decided and issued, the designers should draw up all the designs of the project on a perfect level to fully embody the Party's idea on architectural beauty, and hand them over to the construction sector as soon as possible.

All the construction units responsible for building operations should start

construction work without delay and execute their daily, weekly and monthly plans without fail according to schedule to complete the frameworks of the buildings in their charge within the first half of this year in the main.

All the construction detachments and units should regard it as their main task to improve the quality of construction, and consistently hold fast to the principle of ensuring quality throughout the whole process of construction work.

When all the officials and builders always maintain the stance and attitude that their loyalty, patriotism and conscience will be verified by the Party, state, people, posterity and history, all structures can become excellent creations of our times both in name and reality.

The construction supervision sector should enhance its role so as to ensure that the construction policy of the Party and state is executed and the people's demands and interests and the stability of architecture are thoroughly met.

It is necessary to supply on a top priority and timely basis the materials and equipment needed for the construction of 10 000 flats.

Factories and enterprises assigned for the production of cement, steel materials and various other building materials and equipment should fulfil their production quotas satisfactorily on schedule by giving fullest play to the revolutionary enthusiasm and creativity of the working class, thus ensuring the success of the construction of the flats in the capital city.

The railway and other transport sectors should also launch a vigorous campaign for increased transport to ensure prompt transportation of the materials needed by the grand construction sites in the capital city and by the production bases of steel and other building materials.

We should give precedence to political work and ideological offensive in all undertakings so as to give full play to the loyalty, patriotism and creative wisdom of the soldiers of the People's Army and other builders, and make all the construction sites seethe with a high spirit from the beginning to the end of the projects.

In this way, we can not only enlist the masses in the worthwhile struggle for construction, but also turn the present gigantic capital city construction sites just into fierce revolutionary battlefields and excellent schools that produce a new spirit of the times and train brave practitioners and stalwart socialist working people.

We should also attach utmost importance to taking good care of the health and life of the soldiers and other builders engaged in construction.

In keeping with the requirements of the state epidemic prevention emergency system, it is necessary to build epidemic prevention stations and facilities and establish a climate of observing the epidemic prevention regulations voluntarily and thoroughly throughout the construction sites. Utmost concern should be directed to preventing all kinds of accidents and disasters and making the builders engage in their work without feeling any inconvenience.

Supply service for the soldiers and other builders should not be left only to the units concerned, but the state supply system should be scrupulously organized so that the exact amount of supply for each builder is given to him.

Comrades,

Today we are breaking ground for this project, but some months later a new street for the people, a splendid architectural group we will all feel proud of, will be built in this area.

Nothing is more worthwhile and honourable and happier than to unhesitatingly dedicate our sweat and passion to building an ideal street which will be a dear cradle for nobody else but our people who are the best and greatest in the world.

For the future of our capital which will become more beautiful and magnificent,

For our parents, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters who will create and enjoy there a new civilization to their heart's content, and

For the brilliant implementation of the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress,

Let us all fight vigorously.