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Amid the soaring revolutionary enthusiasm characteristic of the young people of Korea as they advance in the new direction set by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Tenth Congress of the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Youth League has been successfully held.

This congress has reaffirmed with dignity the commitment and determination of the millions of our young people to remain absolutely faithful to the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and to demonstrate to the full their heroic spirit and courage in implementing its cause. It has also discussed and decided on the key issues for raising the development of our country's youth movement to a new level.

I am gratified that, thanks to the elevated passion and active participation of all the delegates, this congress has achieved such significant success in innovating and developing the work of the youth league, and I extend warm congratulations to you in the name of the Party Central Committee.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I extend warm militant greetings to the other dependable young men

and women across the country who, by cherishing loyalty to the Party and the revolution as a source of priceless honour and pride, are adding lustre to their fulfilling youth.

My warm greetings also go to all our young compatriots overseas, including those in Japan, who, for the sake of their socialist homeland's prosperity and their nation's bright future, are stoutly carrying forward their patriotic traditions.

The past five years' advance and development by our revolution have been marked by fresh, significant changes in the youth movement.

Boys and girls have joined the youth ranks; yesterday's young people have joined the main force of society; and the climate and conditions of youth work have witnessed many changes.

Yet our young people, in advancing vigorously straight ahead following the Party, and in loving the revolution they are making and the work they are doing, have continued to demonstrate laudable and sublime traits.

The faithful millions of young people have always represented a fortress for our Party as it leads the revolution to a great leap forward in the face of the worst-ever challenges, and countless resourceful and

trustworthy young men and women, with their ideals and ambitions aligned with the Party's intentions, have gone through fire and water with it.

In today's world, where the younger generation are interested solely in their own comfort and luxury, there are no revolutionary young people like ours who, accepting trials and difficulties with pleasure, are faithful to their motherland's call, act with integrity towards their society and collective, and work with devotion for the future.

Following the Eighth Party Congress, young men and women across the country rose up as one, and within a few months thousands of them have volunteered to work in the most difficult and challenging sectors. Such deeds, which are as heroic as going to the frontline during wartime and blocking the gun muzzle of an enemy pillbox with their chest, epitomize the ennobling spiritual world cherished by our young people alone.

The greatest, incomparable asset possessed by our Party in waging the revolution, and a source of its greatest pride, is the promising major youth force it has trained as its reliable successor and reserve.

With this asset we can be confident that our Party and people, by overcoming the trials of today, can

open a new era of socialist construction and vigorously advance towards communism.

The Korean revolution originated in the youth movement, and its every upsurge has coincided with an upsurge in the youth movement.

If a new era of a fresh upsurge and massive transformation in the revolution is to be opened up, as indicated by the Party congress, our youth movement must play a powerful, militant role by radically transforming its development.

Our Party is planning to make the coming five years, five years of substantial and radical development in the construction of our style of socialism, five years of further major transformation through a race against time.

Moreover, by launching a gigantic, uninterrupted struggle at a new stage it will, within 15 years or so, create a powerful and prosperous socialist country in which all the people are living happily.

In struggling to attain this ambitious goal in the present situation, it is acting entirely in the interests of our young people. In this struggle it believes in their burning desire and unquenchable strength.

The bright future of our-style socialism belongs to the young people; it is a sacred, patriotic cause that

they themselves must hasten.

This is why, in giving full play to the massive strength of the large contingent of our young people and decisively turning the youth movement into a great driving force for socialist construction, the Party has paid special attention to this congress.

The congress adopted a significant resolution on renaming the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist Youth League, the Socialist Patriotic Youth League.

This new name directly and clearly reflects the nature and tasks of the youth movement at the present stage of our revolution, highlights the ideals and traits of the young people of our era, and sustains the unique characteristics of the youth league as an organization of young people.

It also reflects the great expectation of the Party and people that all our young people will train themselves into patriots who value socialism as highly as life itself and fight staunchly for its victory throughout the generations, and that their organization will give free rein to its might as a shock brigade in socialist construction.

The change of the youth league's name does not mean a change in the intrinsic nature of our young people's organization that regards modelling itself on

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as its ultimate goal, as its ultimate fighting task.

Socialism and patriotism are the hallmarks of the immortal revolutionary ideology and achievements of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

Ardently loving the Juche-oriented socialist country that is so closely associated with the brilliant careers of the great leaders and fighting to achieve the socialist cause are synonymous with fidelity to Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

Now that this congress has established a new landmark in the development of the Korean youth movement, the SPYL should focus an all-out effort on performing the heavy mission and tasks entrusted to it by the times and the revolution.

To train all young people into patriots who staunchly defend socialism and who work with devotion to build it—this is the fundamental task now facing the youth league.

On the new historic advance by our revolution the SPYL should, by giving full play to its militant might, usher in a golden age for the Korean youth movement.

The first major priority for the SPYL is to orient all its work to making each and every young person a patriot for whom socialism is an element of their faith.

Socialism is our people's life and blood, and young people are the builders and masters of its future.

However, because they were born and grew up at a time when the country was experiencing hardship, the young people of today lack practical experience and an appreciation of the genuine advantages of our own style of socialism and, worse still, some of them have an erroneous understanding of it.

Whatever the difficulties that may occur and no matter how many things we must do, nothing is more pressing and important than to train the next generation of our revolution as a reliable motive force of socialist construction.

Young people are at the stage when their world outlook is being formed and consolidated, so the primary undertaking for youth league organizations is to teach them to cherish socialism as an element of their unshakable faith.

Youth league organizations should work ceaselessly to step up the effort to arm young people firmly with the socialist ideology.

It is important to offer them a theoretical and comparative education in the kind of society socialism is, and in the essential features and advantages of socialism of our own style.

In particular, they should be firmly imbued with the collectivist idea, the kernel of the socialist and communist ideology, by associating it with the proud reality of our society. In this way they can be encouraged to regard the slogan “One for all and all for one!” as a personal exhortation.

Our socialist country has attained considerable might and prestige; our system is a benevolent one which assumes full responsibility for and guarantees the people’s dignity, rights, interests and bright future; and our great socialist family is full of ennobling and unique virtue and traits which no other society can imitate or copy, however much it may try. We must ensure that, for our young people, all this is a source of pride and dignity.

Youth league organizations should work steadily and by employing every possible means to educate all the young people so that they are fully aware of how valuable are the benefits that our socialist system bestows on the people, on the rising generations in particular, despite the harsh trials.

People’s faith in socialism can be further consolidated when they are convinced of its validity, the inevitability of its victory, and the law-governed nature of the implementation of its cause.

Our Party's policies encompass the absolutely correct path, as well as a strategy and tactics, for building our style of socialism successfully by smashing every obstacle.

Young people aspire after the new and burn with passion, so it should be part of the routine activities of our young people's organizations to instil, in reflection of the Party's intentions, genuine ideals and hopes in them and to encourage them to perform great feats.

Youth league organizations should bring home to young people the essence of our Party's policies and make scrupulous arrangements for implementing them. In this way they can inspire them to turn out, full of confidence and optimism, in the patriotic struggle for contributing to socialist construction.

In training our young people as patriots who cherish socialism as an element of their faith it is important to encourage them to learn from the ideological traits and fighting spirit of the young people of the Chollima era.

The young people of the 1950s and 1960s, having accepted the ideals of socialism and communism as an element of their faith, through their hard work, created the miracle of Chollima and built the most

advantageous socialism on this land.

Youth league organizations should conduct education among the young people in an innovative and substantial manner by referencing the loyalty to the Party, the courage, the heroic feats and the laudable deeds the young people of the legendary Chollima era demonstrated, thereby ensuring that they rise up resolutely and as one in the struggle to live as their predecessors did and to hasten the bright future of socialism.

In addition, by waging an uncompromising struggle against the capitalist ideology, selfishness and other reactionary ideological elements which run counter to socialism and collectivism, they should ensure that young people consolidate their faith in socialism.

The second major priority facing the SPYL is to train all the young people into honourable builders of socialism in the practical struggle for carrying out the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress.

Young people are filled with patriotic zeal, and their mettle and character are refined and developed through practical activities, through training, to fulfil the mission their generation has assumed before history.

The Eighth Party Congress, in setting the most

scientific and development-oriented goals for making our style of socialism stronger and richer, clarified concrete tasks for every field—political, economic, military and cultural included.

Our Party's objectives in socialist construction accord with the ideals of our young people. Gigantic transformation is inconceivable without the enterprising and proactive endeavours of the masses of young people.

In putting the young people forward as a shock brigade in socialist construction we are not merely aiming to step up revolutionary work by enlisting their surging might. They are our reserve, and the main objective is to train them into valiant young fighters and builders of socialism who refuse to yield, whatever the difficulties.

At present, when we are having to carry out enormous revolutionary tasks in unprecedentedly grim circumstances, our young people should hold high the slogan "Let us demonstrate the mettle of patriotic youth in the worthwhile struggle for socialist construction!"

Youth league organizations should ensure that all the young people take to heart the great honour and pride of being socialist patriotic youth and fully

demonstrate their resourcefulness and courage in implementing the decisions of the Eighth Party Congress.

Whereas the members of our Workers' Party have been the initial sparks and vanguard fighters in the struggle for implementing Party policy, our young people should become the flames and a shock brigade.

The young people should kindle the fierce flames of creativity and innovation in carrying out the five-year plan.

Youth league organizations should work proactively to inspire the enthusiasm and creative initiative of the masses of young people and should offer them constant encouragement and assistance so that they fulfil without fail their quotas under the national economic plan by day, month and quarter. This will ensure that fulfilling their work plans is never an empty promise.

Miracles are not wrought of their own accord; they can be created only when the strength of the collective is enlisted and a strong wind of competition is raised.

Youth league organizations should conduct the youth shock brigade, youth sub-workteam and youth workteam movements and various other mass movements effectively and in line with intensifying

the campaign in which one learns from others, overtakes them and swaps experience with them. In this way they can ensure that every front of economic construction is seething with young people's collective and collaborative innovation.

They should ensure that the young people volunteer to take the lead so that breakthroughs are achieved in implementing the hard and challenging tasks facing their respective fields and units. In the course of this, many labour innovators and heroes who set new standards and records and perform great feats will be produced.

They should render active support to those laudable young people who volunteer to work in hard and challenging sectors and should give wide publicity to them. They should also give them unsparing encouragement via their organization so that they can carry their admirable decisions and ideals through to fulfilment.

These vibrant times demanding fresh innovation, bold creation and a steady advance represent the theatre of activity for young people, with their knowledge of modern science and technology and their spirit of tireless inquiry.

Youth league organizations can, by being proactive

in organizing and conducting a young people's march for scientific and technological innovation, help them develop a host of new techniques, inventions and technical innovations and become promising and talented professionals who can lead the struggle for increasing production and for greater creativity by dint of science and technology.

They should vigorously inspire the young people on the science front and at university to be conscious at all times of the fact that the future of socialist construction depends on their brains and their scientific and technical qualifications and to throw themselves heart and soul into mastering cutting-edge science and technology in their specialist fields by displaying dauntless courage and the ambition with which to compete with the world.

National defence is the most important of state affairs. It cannot be neglected even for a moment in accomplishing the socialist cause, and it is the most ennobling mission devolving on our hot-blooded young people.

Youth league organizations should educate the young people to associate national defence with their youth and to cherish the patriotic spirit of regarding military service as their greatest honour and pride, and

should continuously train them to be ready at all times to defend the country and confront any unexpected contingency.

The youth league organizations in the field of the armed forces should guide all the young service personnel to perform distinguished service and exploits in their military service in order to make their socialist country's defence lines impregnable and to guard the people's safety. They should also direct strenuous efforts to their ideological and spiritual development so that, in the future, they can play a core role in socialist construction, just as they did during their military service.

The third major priority facing the SPYL is to train young people into genuine masters of socialist morality and culture.

In stepping up socialist construction, our Party is paying special attention to maintaining, inheriting and developing the excellent morality and culture unique to our society.

The powerful socialist country we are building must be superior and advanced also in the moral and cultural aspects, and young people should play a major role in this effort.

A country whose young people are morally sound

and civilized never wavers, whatever the circumstances, and makes steady progress, but a country whose young people have degenerated has no future.

Our Party intends to ensure that the beautiful and fine socialist moral traits and cultural climate created by the preceding generations of our revolution are inherited and their brilliance exalted by the rising generations.

Youth league organizations should consider it vital, in ensuring the continuity of the lifeline of the socialist cause, to establish ennobling moral traits and a rich cultural climate, and should assume the responsibility for continuing this undertaking.

It is necessary, in order to lay a solid foundation for a moral lifestyle and moral traits in young people from the start, to instil in them a correct view of morality based on the good manners and customs of our nation, and on collectivism.

The words and actions, the hairstyles and dress of young people attest to the work of the youth league organizations they belong to.

Youth league organizations should make strong demands on their members to master and willingly observe proper etiquette, such as polite forms of

speech and greeting and public decency, and to get into the habit of maintaining a neat and proper outward appearance.

It is our Party's intention and ideal that the greater are the trials and difficulties in the struggle for socialist construction, the fuller play should be given to the communist trait of rendering mutual assistance and leading one another forward. In this way we can accomplish our style of socialism by dint of moral excellence and empathy.

Our Party hopes that the ennobling communist moral trait of sharing the sorrows and happiness of others will become part of the life of young people, and that they will perform more praiseworthy deeds that showcase the true nature of our era.

Youth league organizations should pay particular attention to helping their members raise their cultural standards and play the role of pioneer in creating a new socialist civilization.

In this it is important to conduct constant education by means of artistic and literary works such as revolutionary songs, poems and novels that conform with the features of young people, and to arrange a wide range of political and cultural activities such as oratorical contests and public presentations in order

for them to lead their life at all times in a way that is sound and ennobling and culturally rich.

Youth league organizations and young people should take the lead in the effort to make the whole country brim over with delight, optimism and vigour by conducting brisk mass-based sporting, cultural and artistic activities.

The most dangerous poison threatening to harm the original features of socialism of our own style at present is anti-socialist and non-socialist practices.

A large-scale nationwide clean-up operation to wipe out these practices is currently underway. This is another class struggle, a patriotic struggle, to defend the purity and the future of our young people and to furnish them with a more wonderful socialist home.

The youth league should make maximum efforts to mobilize all the young people in the struggle against these practices.

It should turn the struggle against the malignant tumours of reactionary ideology and culture into work specifically for young people by instilling in them a clear understanding of their harmful effects and consequences. It should never compromise with even the slightest element that might foment anti-socialist

and non-socialist practices among young people and gnaw away at their healthy spirit.

The key is to be sensitive to abnormal behaviour and psychological changes among young people, recognize every potential for infiltration by a disparate lifestyle and take preventive steps in order to comprehensively defend the young people's future.

Fully understanding that the struggle against anti-socialist and non-socialist practices is a fierce confrontation in which we must not yield a single inch, the entire youth league should mobilize the millions of young people in a resolute effort to root out the negative sprouts and the poisonous weeds by dint of an ardent sense of justice and positive influence.

Our Party's youth work involves innumerable tasks, but it considers that the SPYL can carry out the honourable mission and duties it has assumed before the times and the revolution if it orients its work to implementing the three tasks I have referred to.

In order to raise the youth movement to a new, higher level as required by the developing times and revolution, the fighting efficiency of the SPYL needs to be strengthened in every way possible.

Our young people can all be trained into patriots who work with devotion for socialist construction, and the youth league can work energetically, when its organizations responsible for the political life of young people improve their functions and role.

Its organizations should concentrate on the youth league's internal work, in line with their mission and tasks.

A well-knit system should be put in place whereby the Party's lines and policies are conveyed accurately and promptly to all youth league organizations and carried out unconditionally, and the strict discipline of following the Party's instructions to the letter established within them.

It is important to regularize and standardize the organizational and ideological life of the youth league, and to improve guidance over this work.

A system of regular internal education, including study sessions and public lectures, should be operated and visits to the revolutionary battlefields, revolutionary sites and other educational bases organized in a substantial manner. In this way, the five-point education can be steadily stepped up and every form of youth league work can become an effective element of ideological education.

The youth league organizations should guard strictly against the tendency of educational work for young people becoming ritual and modish, and should ceaselessly uncover and apply fresh educational methods so as to increase the absorption and educative influence of ideology, in conformity with the ideological sentiments, emotions and level of consciousness of the young people of our era.

Since young people are sensitive to the new, steps should be taken to make effective use of IT and various means of education for them, including the mass media and multimedia presentations.

The key, in guiding the organizational life of youth league members, is to instil in them a clear understanding of the rules and regulations of their organization and to create a climate of strictly observing them, whatever the circumstances and environment.

Some youth league organizations exist in name only; citing various excuses they do not hold regular organizational life review sessions and general membership meetings, and they are failing to give their members assignments. This is bad practice and should be eliminated.

Those young people who are guilty of illegal and

criminal acts are, without exception, either divorced from their organization or resistant to its control.

The youth league should regard it as a matter of the utmost urgency to solve the problem of young people who are divorced from their organization or have not registered with it. It should ensure that not a single young person is outside organizational guidance and care. It should work steadily and methodologically to educate those of its members whose fulfilment of their revolutionary tasks or whose economic and moral behaviour are questionable.

The guarantee for the overall consolidation of the youth league lies in building up and strengthening its grass-roots organizations.

The youth league should continue to hold high the slogan “Let the whole league help the primary units!”

It should direct a major effort to helping the chairpersons of primary units conduct their work independently, and should undertake in a substantial manner the work of creating model primary units and widely publicizing their experience.

In this, the main focus should be on ensuring that higher organizations arrange their work effectively and in conformity with the actual situation in the

primary units. They should give detailed assignments so that the primary units work enthusiastically, and they should strictly supervise and control how these assignments are implemented.

In strengthening the grass-roots organizations, it is important to expand the ranks of hard-core members and enhance their role.

The entire youth league should launch a vigorous drive to emulate the models of our times, and grass-roots organizations, too, should strive to uncover and put forward young people who can be called models. They should encourage their hard-core members to be proactive in educating and transforming laggards. In this way they can expand the ranks of patriotic young people.

City and county youth league committees, mindful of their position in the effort to strengthen and develop youth league organizations and guide the organizational life of their members, should scrupulously arrange the work of consolidating the primary committees and training their members through an organizational life.

The central, provincial, city and county youth league committees must not be guilty of the mistake of assigning public work to their subordinate

organizations without consideration and thus preventing them from doing their internal work properly.

A proper working system and order should be established that conforms with the new reality and prevailing situation.

The structure and ranks of the youth league organizations at all levels, ranging from the Central Committee to the provincial, city and county committees, need to be readjusted and clear-cut assignments need to be given to them so that they can perform their role satisfactorily as the general staff in organizing and conducting the education of young people and so that the education of young people is firmly rooted in the reality.

The number of youth league members is currently declining and various irregularities in guiding their organizational life have been revealed in the countryside and in some other areas and certain units. In view of this, steps need to be taken to rationalize the composition of grass-roots organizations and improve the system for leading an organizational life.

If a significant turn is to be brought about in the work of the youth league, its officials should

decisively improve their role and sense of responsibility.

The key to strengthening the youth league is to enhance the role and qualifications of its officials.

Some youth league officials are guilty of a short-term attitude. Far from devoting themselves to their work, they are only interested in seeing out their term.

Unless the irresponsible, short-term attitude revealed in this organization is eradicated, no innovative breakthrough can be expected in the work with young people.

Youth league officials should engage proactively in youth league work, fully aware that they are political workers who are training young people into genuine patriots and builders of socialism, and with the attitude of taking responsibility for their future as well as their present.

With broad political vision, soaring zeal, determined drive and outstanding leadership ability, they should work sincerely to complete their tasks impeccably one by one, and should launch every undertaking in a bold and innovative way based on creative thinking.

Every youth league official should be an intimate

propagator who goes deep among young people and explains Party policy in simple terms. He or she should also be a faithful assistant who, in leading them along the right path, shares weal and woe with them.

They should also become highly versatile, outstanding both internally and externally, who are firmly armed with the Party's revolutionary ideas and outlook and possessed of multi-faceted knowledge, high cultural attainments, noble virtue and warm humanity.

The entire youth league should organize short courses, real-life experience, refresher training and other effective activities for improving the qualifications of its officials. It should direct particular efforts to fully preparing its city and county committee chairpersons.

The entire Party and the whole society should render active assistance to youth league work and focus a major effort on the education of young people.

That our Party throws its full weight behind youth league work, regarding it as part of its own work, is a fundamental requirement of its concept of giving precedence to young people; it makes young people fully aware of their original features and bloodline and

ensures that they steadfastly carry forward the baton of the revolution.

Young people are the next generation of the revolution, and only when considerable effort is made to train them will the patriotic blood and sweat shed by the preceding generations not have been in vain, and will the future of the country be bright.

All Party organizations and officials should, with the same attitude as parents bringing up their children to be honourable individuals, devote close attention and great sincerity to youth league work and the education of young people.

Senior Party officials should, more than anyone else, always be thinking about the education of young people and seeking ways to improve it. They should make exacting demands on the departments and officials of their Party committees to render effective assistance to youth work and organize purposeful undertakings for it.

They should be sufficiently bold to entrust youth league organizations with major projects, should fully support these organizations in their activities, and should help them to achieve good results.

They should build up the ranks of youth league officials with young people who are boundlessly

faithful to the Party and have been trained through military service and field labour. They should encourage them to enhance their sense of honour and pride and should resolve the matter of their future development in a responsible manner.

All Party organizations should wage an effective campaign to create model, exemplary units in Party guidance over the work of the youth league, so that its organizations can work full of vigour and substantial improvements can be made in the education of young people.

The Working People's Organization Department of the Party Central Committee should shift the orientation of its work to that of an operations department which, regarding youth work as its primary concern, puts forward innovative plans aimed at improving youth league work. It should also exert appropriate control and guidance over the departments responsible for working people's organizations within Party committees at all levels so that they bring about a turn in their style of work.

All the people should become masters in the education of young people, and the whole society should value and give prominence to them.

All officials and working people should become

educators and teachers who train the young people, the future of the country, into socialists who possess the collectivist ideology, who are patriots and who have an ennobling outlook on life, and they should create a social climate of rendering positive help to solve the problems arising in youth work.

Today, the SPYL, with this congress as the momentum, is faced with the honourable task of ushering in a new golden age of the Korean youth movement.

Our Party and people expect the millions of sons and daughters of the country to demonstrate to the world the resourcefulness and mettle of the Korean youth in their struggle to bring earlier the bright future of socialism and communism by carrying forward the baton of loyalty and patriotism bequeathed to them by their revolutionary forerunners.

I firmly believe that all youth league organizations and young people, flying proudly the flag of the SPYL, will, under the leadership of the Party, fully perform their noble mission and duties on the historic advance towards a fresh victory in the revolution.

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