Joint New Year Editorial

Pyongyang, January 1 (KCNA) -- The papers in Pyongyang on January 1 carried a joint editorial "Let the Whole Party and Army and All the People Unite as One in Mind and More Strikingly Demonstrate the Might of Songun!" released by Rodong Sinmun, Josoninmingun and Chongnyonjonwi on the occasion of the New Year Juche 94 (2005). The editorial recalls that last year Juche 93 (2004) was a year of worthwhile struggle in which a revolutionary offensive was conducted on the three fronts -- politics and ideology, anti-imperialism and military affairs and economy and science -- to make a breakthrough toward fresh success in the efforts to build a great prosperous powerful nation.

Last year the army and people of the DPRK strikingly demonstrated their faith and will to unswervingly follow the road of the Juche-oriented revolution started by President Kim Il Sung, united close around the headquarters of the revolution, the editorial says, and goes on:

The year has been recorded as a historic year in which our people reviewed with pride the days when they had staunchly struggled to defend the red flag under the guidance of the headquarters of the revolution, remembering with deep emotion the immortal revolutionary life of President Kim Il Sung, the eternal sun of Juche, and exploits performed by him.

Shining successes were made in socialist economic construction and cultural construction last year.

The army and people of the DPRK powerfully demonstrated the spirit of socialist Korea advancing with the might of Songun by resolutely foiling the U.S. imperialists' vicious moves to stifle the DPRK.

These shining victories and successes made by our army and people last year are a shining fruition of leader Kim Jong Il's unquestioned leadership prestige and invincible political caliber.

Juche 94 (2005) is a worthwhile year which will witness a great turn in the Korean revolution and in the efforts to accomplish the cause of building a great prosperous powerful nation.

This year we will mark the 60th anniversaries of the Workers' Party of Korea and national liberation in grand style with great pride and dignity as victors.

60 years ago President Kim Il Sung liberated the country and founded the WPK, a historic event that ushered in a new bright era for the country, the revolution and the nation.

It will be a political event of special mention for the Korean army and people to mark those anniversaries this year while waging a worthwhile struggle to glorify the new era of Juche-oriented revolution, demonstrating the national dignity with the might of Songun under the leadership of Kim Jong Il.

The past decade in the WPK's 60 year-long history is shining as an immortal decade as great victories have been won and miracles wrought despite the worst difficulties.

The two anniversaries will offer important occasions in glorifying for all ages the immortal revolutionary history of President Kim Il Sung, the founder of the WPK and father of the nation, and exploits performed by him and demonstrating to the world the fixed will of the army and people to accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche under
the WPK's Songun leadership.

The whole party and army and all the people should turn out as one and bring about a fresh revolutionary surge with the might of Songun to glorify the two anniversaries as the greatest festivals of victors in the history of the Party and the country. This is a general task facing the Korean people this year.

We should vigorously speed up the general onward march for the Songun revolution holding aloft the slogan "Let the Whole Party and Army and All the People Unite as One in Mind and More Strikingly Demonstrate the Might of Songun!"

It is necessary to powerfully demonstrate the political and ideological might of our revolutionary ranks of the servicepersons and people united as one around the headquarters of the revolution.

This unity in mind serves as a bottom line of the Korean revolution and a treasured sword for winning sure victory as it is more powerful than a nuclear weapon. What makes the WPK feel most proud in its 60 year-long history is that it has achieved the unbreakable unity in one mind.

It is necessary to protect the headquarters of the revolution, the core of this unity, at the cost of one's life. We revolutionary soldiers should enshrine the unshakable resolution to share their destiny with Kim Jong Il to the last no matter how thorny our road may be and no matter what a stern tempest we should weather out and the revolutionary view on life that it is pleasure for us to feel joy or sorrow and undergo an ordeal when following him.

It is essential to more thoroughly establish a revolutionary discipline and order throughout the Party and the society whereby the people move as one under the WPK's unitary leadership.

We should protect the unity and cohesion based on the Songun idea of Juche as our own eyeballs.

It is also necessary to hold fast to the WPK's Songun revolutionary line and increase the country's military capacity in every way.

We should deeply grasp the revolutionary history of the President who achieved the cause of national liberation with arms under the uplifted banner of Songun, defended the country and the revolution and built an invincible powerful socialist country on the principle of attaching importance to the army and giving priority to military affairs and creditably carry forward the exploits he performed in the army building and tradition established by him in its course.

We should burnish as the eternal cornerstone of the Juche-oriented revolution, the most precious treasure of the nation, all the exploits, traditions and wealth provided by Kim Jong Il while making endless long journeys of Songun for the last difficult decade since he inspected the post under pine trees.

The People's Army is the mainstay and main force of the Songun revolution.

The entire army should more dynamically conduct the movement for winning the title of the O Jung Hup-led 7th Regiment under the uplifted slogan "Let's Defend the Headquarters of the Revolution Headed by the Great Comrade Kim Jong Il at the Cost of Our Lives!" and become the first line death-defying corps and first line human bullets and bombs to protect the supreme commander. It is necessary to thoroughly establish the revolutionary command system and military discipline in the People's Army whereby all the servicepersons move as one by the order of the supreme commander so that it may powerfully demonstrate the invincible might of the strong revolutionary army of Mt.
We should accelerate the process of revolutionizing the people and equipping them with socialist patriotism as required by the Songun era with a view to steadily perfecting the noble trait of the revolutionary army.

The defence industry is the foundation of the nation's military and economic potentials. It is necessary to increase in every way the might of the defence industry for self-defence which our people have built up in the spirit of fortitude by beginning it from scratch. It is imperative to supply everything necessary for the defence industry on a preferential basis, pursuant to the Party's line of economic construction in the Songun era.

It is necessary to give fuller play to the fine trait of attaching importance to military affairs and sincerely assisting the People's Army now prevalent in our society and everybody should actively learn from the People's Army's fighting spirit, work style and traits.

We should effect a great revolutionary surge on all fronts of socialist construction to bring about a decisive turn in economic construction and in the efforts to improve the standard of people's living this year which marks the 60th anniversaries of the WPK and the liberation of the country. This year the army and the people will witness with great joy and excitement events in which they will feel the worth of the hard struggle they have waged despite the grim ordeals and difficulties under the leadership of the Party, looking toward the hopeful morrow.

We should effect an unprecedented boost in production, just as we did in the period of the great Chollima upswing in the 1950s, on the basis of the solid foundation for building a great prosperous powerful nation which has been laid under the banner of Songun so as to mark the significant holidays this year in grand style and make the whole country hum with activities.

This is the intention and determination of the Party.

Agriculture is the main front of socialist economic construction this year.

It is necessary for the agricultural field to continue implementing the policy of bringing about a signal turn in seed improvement, the policy of cultivating two crops a year, the policy of bringing about a signal turn in potato farming, the policy of successfully growing bean and other Party policies of making the agricultural revolution, the validity of which has been proved in practice. To this end, it is required to widely sow high-yield varieties, supply a sufficient quantity of fertilizers and agricultural chemicals to the countryside, actively introduce modern farming methods and raise the rate of mechanization of farm work.

The whole Party and country and all the people should give sincere manpower and material assistance to the countryside.

The editorial underscores the need for the fields of electricity, coal production, metal industry and the railway transport to take the lead in effecting a great surge in high spirit. It calls on the field of light industry to rebuild and modernize its factories and mass-produce a variety of good quality consumer goods. The editorial underlines the need to spruce up the city of Pyongyang and build many more modern dwelling houses in the urban and rural areas.

The editorial calls for establishing the unique Korean-style economic management system and method and giving full play to their vitality and dynamically pushing ahead with the technological reconstruction of the national economy based on modern science
and technology.

Referring to the tasks to be fulfilled to enhance the function and role of the Cabinet as an organizer and performer of the economic work, bring the revolutionary culture created by soldiers in the Songun era into full bloom and channel great efforts into education, the editorial underscores the need for the Party organizations to give sincere help to economic work as a party work and properly combine the political and administrative affairs.

Terming the youth the reserves of the revolution who will shoulder upon themselves the future of the country and the nation and a powerful force for building a great prosperous powerful nation, the editorial calls on the young people to fully display the militant spirit and courage as the Songun young vanguard in the general onward march this year.

It is Kim Jong Il's feats to be specially recorded in the national history that he arranged the north-south summit, the first of its kind in the 55-year long history of national division, and adopted and announced the June 15 North-South Joint Declaration, thus opening a turning phase in the country's reunification, the editorial notes, and continues:

This year is a significant year which marks the 5th anniversaries of the historic Pyongyang meeting and the joint declaration.

All the fellow countrymen in the north, the south and abroad should make a fresh advance in accomplishing the cause of national reunification this year under the uplifted banner of the joint declaration.

"Let's advance holding high the flag of cooperation for national independence, cooperation for peace against war and cooperation for reunification and patriotism!" This is the slogan for the movement for national reunification this year.

National independence is the lifeline for this movement.

It is unbearable shame on the nation that the sovereignty has been infringed upon for more than 100 years in the half of the country due to the 60 year-long presence of the U.S. troops in the wake of the Japanese imperialists' colonial rule that lasted for over 40 years.

All the fellow countrymen should turn out as one in the struggle to put an end to the foreign domination and interference and protect the sovereignty and dignity of the nation. They should reject the "cooperation" with outside forces and isolate and weaken the sycophantic and traitorous forces and bury them.

It is necessary to wage a dynamic struggle for peace against war.

The danger of a nuclear war is growing on the Korean Peninsula as the days go by owing to the U.S. moves to stifle the DPRK. Should a war break out on this land, it is only Koreans in the north and the south and their land that will suffer from its disaster. All Koreans should stage a powerful struggle for peace against war in order to drive the U.S. troops out of south Korea, remove the very source of a nuclear war and defend the peace and security on the Korean Peninsula.

It is essential to hold high the banner of reunification and patriotism.

Whoever has the soul and blood of the Korean nation should swim with the trend of reunification and patriotism and make a tangible contribution to the reunification of the country. The organizations of people from all walks of life and figures in the north and the south and overseas should achieve solidarity and alliance on the principle of placing the common interests of the nation above anything else.

All Koreans should successfully achieve cooperation in the efforts to attain national
independence, peace against war and reunification and patriotism in the idea of "By our nation itself" in an effort to open up a new phase for independent reunification in this meaningful year and record a brilliant page in the history of the movement for national reunification.

Noting that last year witnessed a dynamic struggle against the U.S. imperialists' evermore undisguised brigandish aggression and high-handed practices on the international arena, the editorial urges the U.S. to give up its attempt to stifle the DPRK by force of arms and make a switchover in its hostile policy toward it.

The army and people of the DPRK will as ever firmly protect the national dignity and sovereignty and invariably remain true to the idea of its foreign policy-- independence, peace and friendship, the editorial concludes.