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Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and supreme commander of the armed forces of the DPRK, reviewing the honour guard of the Korean People's Army
In the new century of the Juche era the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea has made rapid progress in strengthening the national defence capability, thus building up a powerful military capability for safeguarding the national sovereignty and right to existence as well as peace in the region.

The military parade that took place in a grand style on Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang, capital of the DPRK, on October 10, Juche 109 (2020) in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Workers’ Party of Korea fully demonstrated the strategic position of Juche Korea that nobody can treat lightly.

Strong national defence capability is a cornerstone of the existence of a state and a guarantee for safeguarding peace. Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un made devoted efforts to strengthen the revolutionary armed forces on which the destiny of the country and people and future of the socialist cause depend. By doing so, the brilliant history and tradition of the victorious armed forces of the DPRK that faithfully supported the revolutionary cause of Juche by force of arms have been carried forward. His leadership over the revolutionary armed forces is run through with gifted military wisdom, outstanding strategies, unexcelled art of command, unswerved courage and ardent love for the service personnel.

He ensured that all the service personnel made the combat training more intensive by keeping it as the essence to conduct it in a real-war atmosphere and put it on a scientific and modern footing, so that they were fully prepared for modern warfare, equipped with the heroic fighting spirit, bold attacking modes and all-round practical abilities.

The revolutionary armed forces of the DPRK, which creditably defended the country, the people and revolution as the motive force of the national defence in the face of the long-drawn-out, harshest-ever challenges and blockade, have developed into elite combat ranks that share their ideology and purpose with the Party Central Committee and breathe same breath as it, whatever the adversity, and in which a revolutionary military climate and steel-strong discipline have been established.

The national defence capability of the DPRK has been strengthened to the full in the new century of the Juche era, thanks to extraordinary determination and will of the Supreme Leader to put an end to the unprecedented nuclear war threat and blackmail by the imperialists and provide a solid guarantee for safeguarding peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and in the region.

In order to possess strong self-defensive nuclear deterrent, the Korean people had to open up a new path, braving all sorts of challenges and difficulties and doing everything in their own way. However, they steadfastly followed the Supreme Leader, who blazed the trail with ardent love for the country and people and self-sacrificing devotion, and built up an effective and justifiable self-defensive means in a short period and by their own efforts. ICBMs Hwasong 14 and Hwasong 15 and other new Juche-type weapons have been developed entirely in a Korean style based on its own science and technology, without support or technology transfer from others nor prototype-copying. Their successful test firing clearly manifested that the DPRK’s self-reliant munitions industry has developed at an amazing speed.

The wise guidance by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and his patriotic devotion has led the DPRK to possess a strong war deterrent with which it can guarantee its sovereignty and security of its territory and safeguard forever the safety, peace and future of the state and people.

With this powerful might of justice, socialist Korea has reliably defended its national sovereignty, prevented war and safeguarded peace, and promised a bright future in which all dreams and ideals of its people will be translated into reality.
To Prepare the Korean People’s Army into Invincible Revolutionary Armed Forces

Kim Jong Un presiding over the Fifth Conference of the Training Officers of the KPA in April 2015
Kim Jong Un inspecting a fire strike drill of the KPA in October 2013

Kim Jong Un inspecting the Korean People’s Army Tankmen’s Competition-2016 in March 2016
Kim Jong Un inspecting on board the manoeuvres of the KPA sailors in June 2014

Kim Jong Un guiding a tactical training of the KPA sailors in February 2012
Kim Jong Un guiding the inspection flight drill of combat pilots of the Air and Anti-Aircraft Force of the KPA in October 2014

Kim Jong Un awarding prizes to commanding officers and units that won in the Combat Flight Contest−2014 of the flight commanding officers of the Air and Anti-Aircraft Force of the KPA in May 2014
Kim Jong Un guiding the KPA Commando Units’ Parachuting and Striking Contest-2017 in April 2017

Kim Jong Un guiding the striking contest of KPA commando units to secure an island in August 2017
Kim Jong Un putting forth the line of simultaneously promoting economic construction and the upbuilding of the nuclear forces at the Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the WPK in March 2013.

To Develop Juche-type Weapons
Kim Jong Un inspecting a launching drill of new-type anti-warship rocket in February 2015.
Test fire of new-type large-calibre multiple rocket launch system in March 2016

Tactical rocket test fire in August 2014

Self-propelled anti-aircraft rocket firing drill in March 2013

Test fire of anti-tank guided weapon in February 2016

Test fire of new-type large-calibre multiple rocket launch system in March 2016
Test fire of a ballistic missile based on precision guidance system in May 2017.

Test fire of new-type anti-aircraft guided weapon system in May 2017.
Power demonstration fire of new-type tactical guided weapon in July 2019

Test fire of new-type ground-to-sea cruise missile in June 2017
Test fire of a new weapon in August 2019

Kim Jong Un guiding a test fire of a new weapon in August 2019
Test fire of super-large multiple rocket launchers

August 2019

November 2019

March 2020
Kim Jong Un guiding the manufacturing of nuclear weapons in March 2016

Kim Jong Un seeing an H-bomb to be loaded onto the warhead of ICBM in August 2017
The Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea that took place on September 3, 2017 adopted a resolution on conducting a test of hydrogen bombs for intercontinental ballistic missile as part of the undertaking to complete the final stage of the country’s nuclear arms programme.

Statement of the Nuclear Weapons Institute of the DPRK on the perfect success in the test of H-bomb for ICBM
Kim Jong Un inspecting a re-entry simulation test of ballistic rocket in March 2016.
Kim Jong Un giving field guidance at the Chemical Material Institute of the Academy of Defence Science in August 2017

Kim Jong Un guiding a static firing test and stage separation test of a high-thrust solid-propellant rocket motor in March 2016
Kim Jong Un inspecting underwater launch test of ballistic missile from a strategic submarine in April 2016
Test firing of Pukguksong 3, new-type submarine-launched ballistic missile, in October 2019
Kim Jong Un overseeing a firing test of ground-to-ground intermediate-range strategic ballistic rocket Hwasong 10 in June 2016.

Test firing of ground-to-ground intermediate-range strategic ballistic rocket Hwasong 10 in June 2016.
Kim Jong Un overseeing a launch test of ground-to-ground intermediate strategic ballistic missile Pukguksong-2 in February 2017.
Launch test of ground-to-ground intermediate strategic ballistic missile Pukguksong 2 in February 2017.
Kim Jong Un overseeing a static firing of Korean-style high-thrust motor newly developed by the Academy of Defence Science in March 2017.

Static firing of newly developed high-thrust motor on March 18, 2017.
Firing test of ground-to-ground intermediate-range strategic ballistic rocket Hwasong 12 on May 14, 2017
Kim Jong Un overseeing a test-firing of ICBM Hwasong-14 in July 2017
Test firing of ICBM Hwasong 14 on July 4, 2017
Second test firing of ICBM Hwasong 14 on July 28, 2017

Kim Jong Un inspecting a second test firing of ICBM Hwasong 14 in July 2017
Kim Jong Un issuing an order to conduct a test launch of ICBM Hwasong 15 in November 2017.
Perfect success in the test launch of Hwasong 15, new-type ICBM, on November 29, 2017
Kim Jong Un delivering a speech at the military parade held in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea in October 2020.
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