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Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visits ministry to congratulate service personnel on Army Day

Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, paid a congratulatory visit to the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces on February 8 to mark the 71st KPA anniversary.

The Supreme Commander had a photo session with the KPA commanding officers in front of the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at the ministry.

At its conference hall, Kim Jong Un met with generals and other officers of the ministry and commanders of KPA large combined units and combined units and warmly congratulated them on Army Day.

He made an important speech at the meeting.

He extended warm congratulations to the officers and men of the entire army and families of service personnel, who were celebrating Army Day at a stirring time when a new epochal phase has been opened in the development of the Korean revolution and the building of a powerful socialist country has been pushed ahead at a new stage of development.

As he met the commanders of all army corps, divisions and brigades of the KPA on the significant occasion, he felt like meeting all the Korean service personnel, he said, asking them to convey to all the soldiers the feelings of the Supreme Commander who always misses them and usually has his mind on them though he is far away from them.

Stressing the need for the KPA to make a great leap forward and great innovations unprecedented in the WPK's history of revolutionary struggle and army building this year and thus fulfil the historic mission the times and revolution bestowed upon it, he set forth militant tasks facing the army.

More thorough establishment of the Party's unified command system over the entire army, he said, is the fundamental guarantee for modelling the entire army on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the general task of army building, and an important undertaking related to the destiny of the country, revolution and people.

Party organizations and political



institutions in the KPA should bear in mind that ideological and moral advantages are the absolute ones of the revolutionary army that cannot be bartered for anything and a guarantee of its invincibility and conduct ideological work in an offensive, diversified and three-dimensional way by putting emphasis on making the entire army strong in politico-ideological awareness and moral sense with them as the twin pillar, so as to make the entire army an ideologically pure entity, a community with a shared future that has the same spirit with the Party and shares the thought, intention and destiny with it, he noted.

By further improving class education as befit the vanguard ranks of the class struggle that stand guard over the forefront of the campaign to defend socialism taking up the arms of the revolution, the KPA should mercilessly foil all moves of the hostile forces to undermine the ideology and social system of the country, he said.

Turning the KPA into an elite force is the policy the WPK constantly adheres to in building the revolutionary armed forces, he said, calling for thoroughly implementing the five-

point policy on effecting a radical turn in military training set forth by the Party Central Committee to make the army win victory in any operations and battles. He also gave instructions on further strengthening the KPA politico-ideologically and in military technique in line with the requirements of the present times.

He also emphasized the need to fire soldiers with enthusiasm for military training and competitiveness by vigorously conducting mass movements including the crack shot movement in the entire army.

Effecting of a radical turn in ideological awareness and military training, modernization of military

hardware and establishment of a strict military discipline are the fundamental keys to stepping up the drive to make the army elite revolutionary armed forces, he said.

The KPA should keep holding high the slogan "Let us take upon ourselves both national defence and socialist construction!" and give full play to the fighting mettle and pattern of creation peculiar to the KPA in all battle areas for building a powerful socialist country in which the Party wants it to be and thus play an important part this year, a year of crucial importance in carrying out the five-year strategy for national economic development, he noted.

He specified the ways to successfully carry out the important tasks facing the KPA this year including how to further enhance the role of Party organizations and political institutions at all levels of the KPA and build up the military capability in every way by overcoming all hardships and difficulties in the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance.

So great is the trust of the Party in the KPA commanding officers, he said, expressing his expectation and conviction that they would take full responsibility for their work before the Party, revolution, country and people and achieve greater successes in their work.

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