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I am delighted that the 25<sup>th</sup> Congress of Chongryon (General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) has convened in this significant year, when we have celebrated the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the great leader Comrade Kim Jong Il as auspicious revolutionary events and our nation's greatest political festivals.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Congress of Chongryon is convening amid great interest and expectation at home and abroad at a stirring time when Juche Korea is demonstrating its dignity and inexhaustible might around the world. On this occasion I extend, on behalf of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and my own behalf, warmest congratulations and compatriotic greetings to the participants in this congress, and to all other officials of Chongryon and all our compatriots in Japan.

Chongryon is a dignified organization of our Republic's overseas citizens, and the role of the congress, its highest decision-making body, is vital in strengthening it and propelling the movement of Koreans in Japan along a steady upward trajectory.

Looking back, since the day of Chongryon's founding, when the movement of Koreans in Japan that is rooted on Paektu, the sacred mountain of the revolution, was firmly brought into the Juche orbit, the long course it has travelled is proudly marked by its congresses, which have been turning points in inheritance and innovation, advance and a leap forward.

Whenever Chongryon congresses were held, the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, the founders and builders of Chongryon, would send congratulatory messages clarifying the road ahead of the movement of Koreans in Japan and conveying their blessings for the happy future of the compatriots in Japan.

True to their thinking on the Juche-based movement of overseas compatriots and their guidance, the officials of Chongryon and the other compatriots in Japan have, whenever a congress has been held, climbed a "high mountain" of the patriotic cause while overcoming with wisdom the manifold difficulties of living in a foreign land.

The entire historical course travelled by Chongryon and the movement of Koreans in Japan has been an ongoing march against all odds. However, the past

four years since the 24<sup>th</sup> Congress has been a period of particularly harsh trials, when all the compatriots experienced overwhelming difficulties owing to the aggravated anti-DPRK and anti-Chongryon manoeuvrings by hostile forces and to the global pandemic.

Yet, despite the numerous indescribable difficulties, the officials of Chongryon and the other compatriots in Japan have kept in step with their socialist homeland and recorded outstanding victories in every theatre of struggle for ushering in a new golden age for the movement of Koreans in Japan.

Even during the protracted suspension of their visits to their homeland, the compatriots in Japan have maintained the purity of their devotion to it and the nation. The people in the homeland, aware of their ennobling spiritual mindset, have gained great strength from it and realized more keenly how precious is Chongryon, a patriotic legacy of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

I pay high tribute to the older generations of Chongryon officials, including Comrades Han Tok Su, Ri Jin Gyu, So Man Sul and Ri Kye Baek, as well as to the other sung and unsung compatriots of the first generation who gave their all for the reunification and

development of their homeland and the victorious advance of the movement of Koreans in Japan during the unprecedentedly harsh previous decades.

I also extend thanks to all the officials of Chongryon and our other compatriots in Japan who are devoting their pure conscience and sense of obligation to the sacred cause of opening up an era of a fresh upsurge of the movement of Koreans in Japan, doing so without claiming any fame and reward and by stoutly overcoming all the difficulties in a foreign land, having cast in their lot with their socialist homeland.

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity, on behalf of the Workers' Party of Korea, the government of the DPRK and myself, to extend warm gratitude to the people of conscience and other peace-loving Japanese people, as well as the diplomatic envoys of various countries in Japan, who are rendering active encouragement to Chongryon and the Koreans resident in Japan in their righteous struggle.

Chongryon and the movement of Koreans in Japan achieved a great leap forward in the past ten-plus years' struggle to usher in a new golden age for themselves. They have progressed from being defended and protected, to opening up an era of

comprehensive development in pursuit of a higher goal.

This congress, being held now, will be of great significance in accelerating the patriotic advance for accomplishing the far-reaching ambition and ideal of building a powerful Chongryon.

The basic task of Chongryon for the present is to open up an even broader new era of prosperity for the movement of Koreans in Japan, a new era of its rejuvenation, by pooling the efforts of the compatriots of all sectors of society.

The inexhaustible strength of our compatriots, rallied behind a great ideology and joined by the bonds of kinship, is a guarantee for the eternal victory of Chongryon and the movement of Koreans in Japan.

This is an absolute truth proven by the history of Chongryon and the movement of Koreans in Japan, as well as a proud reflection on the work of the 24<sup>th</sup> Central Committee of Chongryon.

Chongryon should usher in a new, victorious era of its rejuvenation by enlisting its unique driving force—the inexhaustible strength of the broad sections of our compatriots, whose hearts are burning with patriotism.

The first task facing Chongryon is to orient all its

activities to the principle of fellow-compatriots-first, and to pursue it invariably.

This principle is the embodiment, in the practical movement of Koreans in Japan, of the people-first principle enshrined in the great Juche idea.

Chongryon, guided by the Juche idea, should develop as an organization governed by this principle, and should advance with this slogan held aloft.

As a champion and advocate of the democratic national rights and interests of the Koreans resident in Japan, the organizations, affiliates and other bodies of Chongryon at all levels should always give priority to the struggle to defend and expand their rights to independence, existence and progress.

The officials of Chongryon and the other compatriots in Japan should always remember the desire of the first generation who, at the cost of their sweat and blood, set Chongryon up and defended the places of learning for the children of their fellow compatriots. With this in mind, they should launch a stronger campaign to defend their rights to be educated, do business and earn a living.

The organizations of Chongryon and its affiliates at all levels should adopt a comprehensive approach to



the matter of defending the rights of their compatriots, regarding it as essential to safeguarding the achievements gained in the patriotic effort, and should further expand the scope of the mass movement for guaranteeing the rights and interests of the compatriots.

Chongryon should also launch a committed struggle to force the Japanese authorities to revoke their unjust ban on visits to the homeland by the Koreans in Japan, including Deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK.

The government of our Republic will, in the future, too, adopt comprehensive measures at the state level to defend and guarantee the democratic national rights and interests of the Koreans in Japan in line with the law on defending the rights and interests of overseas Koreans. It will implement special measure after special measure to guarantee their rights to independence, existence and progress.

The organizations, affiliates and other bodies of Chongryon at all levels should, out of an ardent feeling of kinship, devote all their efforts also to the provision of welfare and other services for improving the life of the compatriots.

It is my sincere desire to have all the wealth of the

country spent on our precious compatriots in Japan, true to the intention of the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il who, always mindful of our overseas compatriots, bestowed every affection and benevolence on them.

In carrying out all its undertakings and activities, Chongryon should give top and absolute priority to the demands, interests and convenience of the compatriots. It should steadily provide the welfare and other services that directly impact their life. By doing so, it can raise their confidence in its organizations and significantly expand its mass base.

It should operate life consultation offices on a regular basis and act sincerely to resolve their needs with relation to marriage, job-seeking and issues associated with being elderly or disabled.

It should, the harder the times are, go deeper and more frequently among the compatriots so that the community of Koreans is brimming over with the beautiful trait of helping one another with displays of tenderness and human feeling.

It should focus an all-out effort on protecting and taking care of the life and health of the compatriots.

No undertaking is more crucial and important than to protect the life, health and homes of the compatriots

in Japan, a country prone to earthquakes, tsunamis and typhoons.

Chongryon should inspect the earthquake-proofing of institutes and schools of various levels and compatriots' homes and adopt any measures deemed necessary. And it should show special concern for and pay special heed to those compatriots who are living in areas that are vulnerable to natural disasters. In this way it can ensure that not a single compatriot suffers misfortune.

Although the community of Koreans has not sustained huge losses from the global pandemic thanks to the preemptive measures it adopted and its painstaking efforts, Chongryon should never rest content with this or relax, but continue to direct strenuous efforts to the safety of the compatriots, so that every one of them remains healthy and free from illness.

The second task facing Chongryon is to develop its democratic national education to ensure that it is capable of shouldering the future of the movement of Koreans in Japan and that the compatriots readily entrust their children to it.

Democratic national education is the lifeblood of Chongryon and the movement of Koreans in Japan, and a patriotic undertaking of lasting value, on which

the existence and future of the community of Koreans in Japan depend.

Therefore, the democratic national education of Chongryon should focus, from A to Z, on imparting a correct understanding of their leader, homeland and nation among the compatriots.

To this end, Chongryon should channel primary efforts into turning the ranks of educationists into those of career revolutionaries who can assume responsibility for the future of its patriotic cause.

The Union of Korean Teachers in Japan should provide substantial guidance and assistance to all teachers, with the focus on arming them powerfully with the policy of making a revolution in education in the new era and improving their qualifications and skills as educationists.

Chongryon's educationists, mindful of their unique pride and mission in assuming responsibility for the future of the movement of Koreans in Japan, should take the lead in ushering in an era in which national education flourishes.

They should establish the Juche orientation firmly in national education and steadily update its content and methods in line with the global development trend in pedagogy.

While giving decisive precedence to politico-ideological education and education in national identity, schools at all levels should further improve the content of education along the lines of teaching the compatriots knowledge and skills that are essential in their life and work.

They should be proactive in creating new teaching methods and various forms of extracurricular education that conform with the age and psychological features of the students, and share them among themselves.

Chongryon should act decisively to increase the number of students at its schools at various levels.

Its organizations should all buckle down and guide the recruitment of students and their enrolment at Korea University in a responsible manner. At the same time, they should pay close attention to increasing the number of children at our kindergartens and running and expanding the para-regular education network.

The Association for Education of Koreans in Japan and its organizations, affiliates and other bodies at all levels should stake their national pride on, and work hard for, creating for the children of the compatriots the conditions and environment for education that are in no way inferior to others.

By identifying national education as the top priority in their patriotic undertakings and consistently conducting the movement to take loving care of and help schools, all the organizations under Chongryon, especially the mothers' societies and fathers' societies, should ensure that national education demonstrates its validity and vitality to the full.

It is particularly important to further improve the work of Korea University.

Korea University, founded and highly valued by the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, is the highest institute of democratic national education and the sole university for overseas residents in the world.

It should nurture more dependable hard-core individuals in greater numbers who are capable of shouldering the future of Chongryon's patriotic cause. By doing so it can firmly guarantee the future of the movement of Koreans in Japan.

No matter where and at what job they are working, Chongryon officials and other compatriots should always hold the university dear and give active material and spiritual assistance to the work of training successors to Chongryon.

The third task facing Chongryon is to raise a strong

wind of preserving the national identity of the Korean community in Japan.

The people at home should have a strong national identity. But this is all the more so for overseas compatriots.

The first criterion for characterizing a nation is its lineage, and the second, its language.

For compatriots living in a foreign land far from their motherland, their true nature as a patriot finds expression in safeguarding the lineage of the nation, and the time when they are speaking their mother tongue is the time when they are leading a patriotic life.

Chongryon should ensure that our beautiful, excellent language resounds throughout its organizations and affiliates, in schools, homes and all other places across the Korean community, mindful of the fact that encouraging the compatriots to enjoy using our language, both written and spoken, as a means of reinforcing the ties of kinship among them, is the starting point, the first step, in preserving their national identity.

It should also pay close attention to ensuring that our nation's excellent traditions, culture and customs are being passed down from one generation to the next.

Chongryon's publishing and information institutes should spare no time or space in giving publicity to the time-honoured history, brilliant cultural legacy, homogeneous lineage and ennobling manners and customs of our nation.

Chongryon's younger generations should be encouraged to maintain the strong temperament and good manners and customs of the Korean nation in their purest form. By doing so, they can preserve the nation's strong sense of unity and pioneering spirit, as well as their hatred of injustice, while respecting their elders, promoting harmony in their neighbourhoods, and taking loving care of their parents, spouses and children.

It is necessary to positively encourage families to prepare national food on traditional holidays and to help our schools teach their students how to make Korean garments and food, particularly kimchi, while promoting the activities of national music and dance circles.

The compatriots should be encouraged to love our traditional costumes and take pleasure from wearing them.

*Chima* and *jogori* (traditional Korean skirt and jacket) are symbols of our nation, signalling the



Korean nationality overseas without being emblazoned with a national flag.

It should be a positive trait and practice in the Korean community, for women and the girl students at our schools to wear *chima* and *jogori*.

Chongryon should step up the campaign among all its organizations and all the compatriots for preserving the Korean national identity and ensuring that the Koreans in Japan remain in the limelight as the reflection of Korea, as the face of our nation, who are never assimilated by foreign culture even though they come from families that have lived in a foreign land for generations.

The fourth task facing Chongryon is to render a unique contribution to the effort for achieving the independent reunification of the country and the comprehensive development of its socialist construction, as required in the era of our-state-first.

This is a new era of self-respect and prosperity when our Republic has raised the nation's dignity and position to an unprecedentedly high level by overcoming every manner of historical challenge.

Chongryon organizations at all levels and the compatriots in Japan, cherishing pride and honour in being citizens of the DPRK in the present era, should

turn out in the patriotic effort for national reunification and the comprehensive development of their homeland.

National reunification is the supreme task of the nation that brooks no further delay; it is the most important patriotic undertaking for Chongryon and the compatriots in Japan.

Chongryon's involvement in the effort for national reunification is, in essence, a sacred patriotic struggle to support and implement the One Korea line put forward and pursued by the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

Chongryon and the compatriots in Japan should offer positive support for and widely publicize the national reunification lines and policies of our Party and the government of our Republic.

Under the banner of great national unity, it should make better efforts to establish unity with those compatriots who are living outside its organizations, including the members of Mindan (Federation of Koreans Resident in Japan), so as to build up the patriotic forces for reunification and undertake energetic joint actions and struggle with them.

By forging close national ties and contact with organizations of our compatriots overseas, it can play

the role of the main overseas axis in shaping a pan-national united front.

It should render active support and encouragement to the south Korean people in their righteous struggle for independence, democracy and national reunification, at the same time as waging a strenuous struggle to denounce and foil the separatist schemes of the United States and the forces of belligerence in south Korea.

Currently, our country has entered the period of comprehensive development in its socialist construction.

It is our socialist country's proud reality that it is transforming itself day after day and month after month.

Chongryon and the compatriots in Japan should staunchly defend their socialist homeland and make a tangible contribution to building a civilized and prosperous country.

The Koreans resident in Japan should always feel affection for their homeland even while living in a foreign land, and should develop themselves into absolute supporters and stout champions of their socialist homeland.

During the many decades from the beginning of

nation building to date, our people have been the cornerstones and main beams in the edifice of our Republic. The images of the compatriots in Japan appear among these indomitable people.

Chongryon and the compatriots in Japan should provide a unique service in building a powerful socialist country by carrying on the proud tradition of contributing to the country's prosperity.

Chongryon should work positively to create a favourable international environment for the revolutionary cause of Juche and its own patriotic cause.

The main task facing Chongryon in its foreign activities at present is to ensure peace and stability for itself and for the community of Koreans resident in Japan by steadily increasing the number of our supporters and empathizers among the peoples of different countries around the world, including Japan, based on the ideals of independence, peace and friendship.

It should work flexibly with people from various strata in Japan and adopt a more scrupulous approach to working with the democratic forces and solidarity organizations that support our nation's reunification. By doing so it can steadily increase the number of

supporters of and empathizers with our Republic and Chongryon among broader sections of the Japanese people.

Chongryon organizations and other bodies at all levels should pay due attention to external activities in the areas where they operate to ensure that local autonomous bodies actively support and cooperate with Chongryon's efforts to champion the democratic national rights and interests of the compatriots in Japan.

Chongryon should studiously conduct activities with foreign missions in Japan and make an active advance into the international arena in staunch defence of the national interests of our Republic. It should ensure that the voices of support and approval for the patriotic activities of its organizations and compatriots in Japan are amplified.

In order to achieve success in carrying out the key fighting tasks for ushering in a new era of its rejuvenation, it should strengthen itself further organizationally and ideologically in line with the requirements of the changed environment and times.

First of all, it should hold fast to the ideological theory of Juche and direct its primary effort to ideological education for redoubling the motive force

for the advance of the movement of Koreans in Japan.

The most direct way to the new era of Chongryon's rejuvenation is to make the compatriots move with the same mind and enlist their spiritual strength to the full.

Education in the greatness of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, education in patriotism, education in the Korean-nation-first spirit, education in the history and traditions of the movement of Koreans in Japan, and education in revolutionary faith constitute the main content of the ideological work of Chongryon.

Chongryon should step up the education in the greatness of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il among the compatriots, especially the new generations, so that their immortal ideas and the history of their benevolent love will be passed down generation after generation, even in a foreign land far from their homeland.

Effective ideological education should be provided without neglecting any element of this content. Education in the greatness of Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il should be combined with education in patriotism and revolutionary faith, and education in the Korean-nation-first spirit should be combined with education in the history and traditions of the

movement of Koreans in Japan.

It is particularly important to give effective education in patriotism in close combination with the our-state-first principle.

Chongryon organizations and bodies at all levels should make it a tradition to hold a national flag-raising ceremony, as appropriate to the local conditions, on such occasions as the greatest national holidays, as well as the anniversary of the founding of the Republic and that of Chongryon.

Schools at all levels should also step up their education in the symbols of our state and offer students the opportunity to raise the national flag while singing the national anthem on various occasions, including entrance and graduation ceremonies, so that they always associate their beautiful dreams with the socialist motherland.

There can never be any fixed methods or overriding formula for the information and cultural activities of Chongryon, conducted as they are in capitalist Japan.

Chongryon should root out formalism in its ideological work and continuously explore and apply methods of education which the compatriots respond to and which they empathize with.

It is important to steadily enhance the influence and

appeal of publications and other information materials.

The Joson Sinbo Company and the Korean News Service should strive to keep broader sections of compatriots up to date with the news about the homeland and their own affairs in Japan through newspapers and websites, and constantly spread our culture.

The Union of Korean Writers and Artists in Japan, the Kumgangsan Opera Troupe and other institutions and art organizations responsible for information and culture should further enhance their functions and role, and local song and dance troupes and all kinds of literary and artistic groups should give performances and vigorously conduct other activities so that the Korean community is alive with our songs, our tunes and our dances.

Next, the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon, its organizations, affiliates and bodies at all levels should be consolidated as a fortress of single-hearted unity and a reliable citadel of patriotism.

This means making Chongryon an impregnable fortress that is resolute in defending the socialist homeland and the life and happiness of the compatriots from any external attack and abuse.



It is imperative to improve the leadership capability of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon, the general staff of the movement of Koreans in Japan, in every way.

The committee's lifeblood, which it should sustain, should be to establish the Juche-based ideological and leadership system within itself and organize and conduct all its work and activities strictly in accordance with the instructions issued in their lifetime by the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

It should intensify its policy-oriented guidance over its organizations, affiliates and bodies at all levels, directing particular efforts to its internal work to promote the single-hearted unity of its ranks and ensure that the lineage of its hardcore is continued from one generation to the next.

Its prefectural headquarters should steadily enhance their organizing, controlling and executive capabilities.

They are regional guidance organizations for the movement of Koreans in Japan and regional assistants for the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon.

They should establish a more effective system of work with their subordinate units and lead and help

them on a regular basis so as to make sure that the decisions and instructions of the Central Standing Committee bear good fruit.

The work of reducing regional differences between the headquarters should be conducted purposefully and consciously so as to create a new situation in which small and medium-scale headquarters emerge and exert their full strength.

They should hold fast to the idea of attaching importance to branches and chapters, and should develop and strengthen all the grassroots organizations into lively ones that display to the full the spirit of love for the country and nation.

The branches should become firmly based on the compatriots of all sectors of society, which are run and driven by hard-core compatriots.

They should step up their activities further by positively enlisting part-time officials, and should conduct a sustained emulation drive among themselves so that they all perform their mission as the units that implement in practice the decisions of the congress.

Only when the chapter, the basic unit and lowest-level organization of the compatriots, demonstrates its effectiveness can all the organizations

of Chongryon be strengthened and everything proceed smoothly in the compatriots' community.

The perfect target in building a chapter is to turn it into a harmonious community of compatriots in which everyone is firmly united, based on the same great truth and sharing warm human feeling.

Chongryon should attach as much importance to the conferences of chapters as it does to its own congress, and should step up the efforts to raise the political awareness of their officials, with a view to transforming all the chapters into sound and vigorous organizations.

The chapters should at all times adhere to the four major tasks for strengthening themselves, and wage a consistent patriotic creative movement so that the places where the compatriots are living, wherever they may be, are always burning with enthusiasm for harmony and unity and love for the country and nation.

It is also necessary to further increase the fighting efficiency of Chongryon's mass organizations at all levels.

It is inconceivable for Chongryon to prosper and the community of compatriots to thrive, separated from the deep sincerity and patriotism of the Korean

businesspeople, young people and women who unstintingly devote everything that is precious to them, solely for the sake of their country and nation, despite the heavy burden of their own trade and the need to support themselves in capitalist Japan.

The mass organizations of Chongryon, being always conscious of their duty to provide ideological education, should lead all their members to carry on the ennobling spirit displayed by the preceding generations and to conduct lively mass drives reflecting the aspirations and demands of the compatriots, and in the course of this build up their own ranks in every possible way.

The Korean businesspeople are, and always have been, the basic sections of the masses under Chongryon and the main driving force in the movement of Koreans in Japan.

The Federation of Korean Men of Commerce in Japan and other business organizations should take positive steps to protect and reenergize the enterprises of Korean businesspeople. They should be sensitive to, and grasp, the global trend in economic development and help these enterprises raise the level of their specialization so as to make the compatriots' business activities more profitable.

The Association of Korean Young Persons of Commerce in Japan was founded by General Kim Jong Il. As the reserve for the main force of the movement of Koreans in Japan, it is made up of young businesspeople and the generation of students' parents.

The association should maintain as the basic seed, or eternal theme, of its movement the slogans "For an affluent community of compatriots!" and "For the future of the flower buds!" which it put forward at the time of its founding.

It should bear in mind, at every minute and every second, that the bright and cheerful appearance of the Korean children in Japan, who attend Korean schools in new uniforms, reflects the future of Chongryon, and it should continue to take the lead in supporting national education.

Young people should naturally hold up the banner of the vanguard and shock brigade in the honourable advance towards a new era of Chongryon's rejuvenation.

The Korean Youth League in Japan should conduct various vigorous mass movements that suit the psychology of young compatriots, with the stress on enhancing the independence and individuality of its

organizations at all levels. In this way it can ensure that the community of compatriots is replete with youthful enthusiasm, the spirit of the new generation.

The Union of Korean Students in Japan should, by working steadily with the Korean students attending Japanese universities, encourage them to embrace the soul of Korea, the spirit of the nation.

The Union of Democratic Korean Women in Japan, which represents the rights and interests of all the Korean women resident in Japan, is the largest mass organization under Chongryon.

The first teachers to implant love for the country and foster national dignity in the minds of the Korean children in Japan are the women compatriots, and they are also the gardeners who, by tending the flowerbed of national education with the greatest care, defend the beautiful dreams of the Korean children.

Women's union organizations at all levels should conduct patriotic activities centred on our schools, and make a significant contribution to ensuring that the community of our compatriots in Japan is a large harmonious family that has a strong national character and is full of life.

The women's union should be positive in putting forward young women who have been trained in

practical patriotic work, so that they are staunch in pushing forward one of the two wheels of the movement of Koreans in Japan, down through the generations.

Next, a radical change should be effected in the method and style of work of Chongryon officials, the command personnel of the movement of Koreans in Japan.

Chongryon officials are career political workers who embarked on the patriotic road by shouldering the destiny of their compatriots of their own accord. They are also our overseas revolutionary comrades whom our motherland treasures most and pays highest tribute to.

Our motherland entrusts them entirely with the dignity and destiny of the Koreans in Japan, and expects that all of them will perform the mission and duty assigned to them by the country and nation with outstanding resolve and passion.

Chongryon officials should all devote a considerable effort to the work with compatriots of all sectors of society and do it well, based on a correct mass viewpoint.

They should regard the masses of compatriots as the most precious and powerful of beings, hold them

up as gods, always go deep among them, and work by relying on them with a belief in their strength.

While always finding themselves among their fellow countrymen, they should make it their habit to seek solutions to problems by sitting knee to knee with the compatriots, as if they were discussing family affairs with their kith and kin, and to settle all affairs by enlisting their spiritual strength.

They should understand the feelings of the compatriots in the areas under their direction and develop methods of work that are appropriate to them, so as to conduct the work with them in an innovative manner.

They should hold their compatriots in high esteem and, by mirroring themselves on the masses of fellow countrymen, never deviate from their original aim.

Chongryon officials should all hold higher the slogan “Let us make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the compatriots!” and they should become sincere and industrious servants who give their all, heart and soul, for the sake of the happy life and welfare of the compatriots.

Burning love for and devotion to the compatriots and warm affection shared between officials and compatriots are the true strength of Chongryon.



Its officials should not make light of any demands from the compatriots, even if they amount to a hundred or a thousand, and should strive constantly to meet all their needs as well as they possibly can.

They should become the filial children of those compatriots who are living alone, intimate siblings of those who are suffering distress in life, a breeze for those who are feeling hot, and a campfire for those who are feeling cold.

They should care more for the compatriots in difficulties, get closer to those suffering mental anguish so as to address what is making life uncomfortable for them and ease their suffering; and by embracing all the fellow countrymen with their own great personality and magnanimity, they should lead them all along the path of love for the country and nation.

Chongryon officials should all bear deep in mind every earnest request of the homeland, which is eager to realize all the dreams and ideals of our compatriots, and should dash forward more vigorously towards a fresh victory in the movement of Koreans in Japan with the warmest love for the compatriots and in the spirit of devoted service for them.

It is the immutable policy of our Republic to attach

importance to Chongryon and our overseas compatriots.

Our Party and the government of the Republic will hold dear and protect in every way Chongryon, a legacy of love for the country bequeathed by the great Comrades Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il. They will devote special affection to it so as to ensure that the song *Love of the Homeland Is Warm* reverberates for ever, along with the history of the Juche-oriented movement of overseas Koreans.

In the firm belief that all the participants in the 25<sup>th</sup> Congress of Chongryon will, by following the brilliant plan for the rejuvenation of Chongryon, work with redoubled courage for our precious compatriots and our dear younger generations, I express the hope that this congress will be a milestone marked by a great transformation on the advance towards a higher goal of a new golden age in the movement of Koreans in Japan.

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