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June 6, 2012

Dear members of the Korean Children's Union across the country,

Dear delegates to the Joint National Meeting held in celebration of the 66th anniversary of the founding of the KCU,

I am very happy and pleased today to see you, our proud KCU delegates, who have come from various parts of the country, from as far afield as Jongilbong Secondary School at the foot of Mt Paektu and Chodo Secondary School on the front line of the country, and other model KCU members.

When I see your dignified appearances and dear faces, I feel as if I am seeing your friends and teachers, your parents, brothers and sisters who saw you off on your journey to Pyongyang.

I extend warm congratulations to you delegates and other KCU members across the country, who are greeting the KCU founding anniversary amid the great concern and blessing of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean people in this hope-filled period when the dawn of a thriving socialist country is breaking. My warm greetings also go to your teachers and parents who are striving to bring you up as excellent persons.

June 6 is a special holiday not only for the KCU, but also for our Party and all our people.

Nowhere else in the world are there schoolchildren like our KCU members, the several million of whom, with red neckerchiefs around their necks, are all rallied behind their organization and are growing up to be dependable masters of the future.

Our KCU members boundlessly love the benevolent Party and their motherland that embrace them and are bringing them up; they are studying diligently, living in high spirits and exalting the honour of their country by dint of their outstanding talents.

To our Party and country, you dear KCU members are treasures more valuable than billions of tons of gold, and represent our hope and our future.

In the past, our dependable KCU members carried forward the revolutionary traditions of the Anti-Japanese Children's Corps and, flying proudly the flag of the KCU, fought bravely for their motherland and people and performed many laudable deeds.

The children's vanguard and child guerrillas were born in our country, and the heroic deeds performed by our KCU members such as defending the portraits of their leaders and saving forests from fire even at the sacrifice of their lives have never been seen anywhere else in the world.

Our KCU members are patriots who have donated *Sonyon* (children's) tanks, aircraft and ships to the Korean People's Army and contributed to socialist construction and the development of their country's economy.

In the days of the Arduous March they overcame the trials, displaying patriotism as they zealously studied and briskly

conducted such socio-political activities as schools assisting military units.

Former KCU members have now become heroes and labour innovators who are held dear and respected by people across the country, or officials responsible for major national affairs. They are here today to congratulate the KCU members of the new generation.

Our Party and people regard it as a source of great pleasure and pride to have such an excellent children's organization, and a bright, promising future is in store for Songun Korea with this large contingent of young revolutionaries numbering millions.

Today the KCU, nurtured in the benevolent embrace of the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il who were endowed with boundless affection for children, the future of the nation, has developed into a powerful organization of successors to the revolution that is demonstrating its dignity to the world.

Every trace on the path traversed by the KCU is associated with the warm care of the Generalissimos, who put forward new slogans for it in keeping with the progress of the revolution and guided its work at every step in order to train its members into true sons and daughters who are infinitely loyal to the Party and their socialist motherland.

Our Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il were ever-victorious, iron-willed commanders who left the enemy shaking with fear; yet to the schoolchildren, they were benevolent fathers who loved them dearly and cared for their learning in every detail.

They made it an eternal policy of the DPRK to give free education to the children across the country and supply them with new school uniforms—the first such policy in the world; they had

splendid palaces and camps built for them in the best locations in the country and were always anxious to provide them with better things.

The world knows no such leaders as our great Generalissimos who, calling children the kings of the country, ensured that caring for them was the most important of the affairs of the Party and state, and devoted their whole lives to the good of the children.

The KCU is truly the glorious Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il organization of children, which developed under their warm care, and membership of this organization is a source of great pride and glory for KCU members.

Dear KCU members,

You are successors to the Songun revolution and masters of the future.

The future of Korea is yours, and in your faces we see the future of the country.

Our Party is determined to hand down to you a thriving socialist country that will be the greatest in the world.

The prosperous and powerful Korea you will be in charge of will be a country where laughter fills every home, where everyone is living in harmony and which is the strongest in the world.

It is you who will take charge of this great country and make it even better.

KCU members should always remember the great trust in and care for them shown by the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and, just as sunflowers turn towards the sun, make positive efforts to learn from the glorious childhood of the Generalissimos. You should steadfastly carry on the line of the

revolution, flying the flags bearing the immortal smiling images of the Generalissimos in front of the KCU flag.

The KCU is the dependable reserve of the KPA and the youth league, which are the vanguard of the Songun revolution in carrying out the cause of our Party.

KCU members should become genuine young revolutionaries and the vanguard in the Songun era who defend the Party to the death, just as Kim Ki Song and Kim Kum Sun, heroic members of the Anti-Japanese Children's Corps, did and the child guerrillas did during the Fatherland Liberation War, and they should advance straight ahead along the road indicated by the Party.

What is important for KCU members at present is to prepare themselves as able revolutionaries who are knowledgeable, morally sound and physically strong, and pillars of a thriving Korea.

The future of a thriving Korea will be represented first in their academic records.

In our country, where now space rockets are launched and CNC machines produced in large quantities and which will be at the forefront of development in the future, schoolchildren with poor academic records are good for nothing and cannot keep up with the country's progress.

Schoolchildren should hold high the slogan, "Learn for a thriving Korea," and study zealously without idling even a moment.

The ranks of the KCU should produce inventors and scientists who will distinguish themselves worldwide with their great achievements.

Schoolchildren should, in a spirit of patriotism, study well, observe socialist ethics, love their organizations, collective and fellows, respect their teachers and elders, take an active part in

sport and do-good-deeds movements, and thus become model KCU members.

It is in the KCU that people experience a political life for the first time in their lives.

The red KCU neckerchief has been inherited from the Anti-Japanese Children's Corps and is also a part of the red flag of the Workers' Party of Korea.

KCU members, bearing in mind that the honour of Party membership and the gold medal of Hero start from the red neckerchief and badge of the KCU, should take part in an organizational life voluntarily and sincerely.

They should acquire the habit of treasuring their organizations, taking a voluntary and active part in an organizational life and implementing without fail the tasks assigned by their sub-branch organizations.

Standing behind them are their KCU school instructors and their class teachers—their KCU sub-branch instructors—who are their most intimate mentors and the protectors of their political integrity.

Our Party places great trust in the KCU school instructors and its sub-branch teachers.

It hopes that they will follow in the footsteps of the instructors of the Anti-Japanese Children's Corps and take care of and love our priceless KCU members like parents, becoming the roots and genuine teachers that bring their talents into full bloom and lead them to a genuine life.

Our Party and the government of our Republic, true to the noble spirit of the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il of loving the rising generations, will give top priority to work with them over all other affairs, and make every effort to

bring our beloved KCU members up as the happiest children in the world and excellent pillars of Songun Korea.

Dear KCU members across the country,

I once again extend warm congratulations to you as you celebrate your holiday, June 6, amid the great concern and blessing of our Party and people.

I once again offer warm greetings to your teachers and parents who are devoting themselves to a brighter future for our powerful country, our socialist motherland.

May a bright future be with you, rising generations of Kim Il Sung's and Kim Jong Il's Korea!

Let KCU Members Become the True Sons and Daughters, Young Revolutionaries, of the Socialist Country

Speech at the Eighth Congress
of the Korean Children's Union

June 6, 2017

Dear Korean Children's Union delegates,

Dear Korean Children's Union members across the country,

First of all, as we mark June 6, a special holiday for KCU members, who are a source of pleasure, pride and hope for the socialist country and are its future, I extend warm congratulations to all KCU members, reflecting the best wishes of people across the country.

I also feel very pleased that the Eighth Congress of the KCU is being held in such a splendid manner amid the great concern and expectations of our Party and people, and I offer warm greetings to the KCU delegates to the congress and all other members of the KCU.

My greetings also go to the KCU school instructors, its sub-branch teachers and parents who are making efforts to train KCU members into stout pillars of the country.

The Eighth Congress of the KCU is a significant occasion in powerfully demonstrating the daring mettle of its members, who are growing up full of spirit, bringing their beautiful dreams and happiness into bloom under the care of the Workers' Party of Korea,

and in developing the KCU into the eternally glorious children's organization of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

Dear KCU delegates,

The KCU is a Juche-oriented revolutionary children's organization, which the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il founded and developed with utmost concern; it is also a mass political organization of Korean children, who are fully preparing themselves to be successors to the revolution and to the WPK and the youth league.

The glorious and proud history of the KCU is a history replete with the brilliant victory of the idea on the Juche-oriented children's movement and leadership of the great Generalissimos, who valued and loved KCU members most and devoted their all for the rising generations.

The great Generalissimos were benevolent fathers of our KCU members, the rising generations, who mingled with the children throughout their lives and spared nothing for nurturing the country's future. As it was led by them, the Korean children's movement could advance along a straight path following our Party, just as sunflowers turn towards the sun, and KCU members could grow up happily with no one to envy in the world, as successors to the revolution who will shoulder the future of the country.

Over the past four years since the Seventh Congress of the KCU, its organizations across the country and its millions of members have lived up to the pledges they made before its flag, keeping pace with their vibrant motherland which is advancing by leaps and bounds.

The KCU's organizations have developed into lively and

innovative revolutionary organizations that lead their members to cherish gratitude to the Party and their socialist country, to appreciate how precious are their organizations and collectives, and to excel at studying and in their organizational life.

Many KCU members have the untainted loyalty with which they hold the great Generalissimos in high esteem for ever; they have performed laudable deeds in devoting themselves to society, their collectives and fellows, which have moved the people and added to the country's storehouse of pride.

Today our dear KCU members are studying hard and training themselves physically and mentally, harbouring beautiful dreams and hopes for tomorrow; they are, by actively conducting various socio-political activities and do-good-deeds movements, preparing themselves to be revolutionary personnel who will exalt the brilliance of socialist Korea.

When they see the dignified appearance of the KCU's members, the precious wealth of the country, who are enjoying boundless happiness and growing up as ardent young revolutionaries and the masters of the future, our Party and people feel the greatest pleasure and pride in waging the revolution.

Because the KCU is steadfastly carrying forward the soul of Paektu, a bright, promising future is in store for the Juche revolution, Kim Il Sung's nation and Kim Jong Il's Korea.

In the name of the WPK and on behalf of all our people, I once again offer warm congratulations to KCU members across the country who are growing up as stout pillars of a powerful socialist nation by adding lustre to the KCU's glorious traditions from one generation to the next, as well as to the KCU school instructors and its sub-branch teachers who are devoting themselves heart and

soul to the bright future of our motherland.

Proud delegates and all other members of the KCU,

Today our Party, army and people, by tightening their belts, are braving every manner of trial to increase the country's strength; this death-defying, vigorous struggle is ultimately aimed at ensuring that our rising generations enjoy all the benefits of socialism in the finest country that is admired by the world.

When our dear KCU members grow up cheerfully, staunchly and valiantly as dependable pillars who will shoulder the everlasting future of our country, the inexhaustible strength of Juche Korea will increase to the maximum and the victorious advance of socialism will be accelerated.

With this Eighth Congress of the KCU as the occasion, you should swap with one another the fine experience gained in your studies, organizational life, socio-political activities and do-good-deeds movements, and make a fresh resolve and redouble your efforts.

Developing the KCU into the eternal children's organization of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and of the WPK, and training all its members into true sons and daughters, young revolutionaries, of our socialist country—this is the basic task facing KCU organizations at present.

KCU members should become ardent young revolutionaries who are fully conversant with how great are the Party and the leader and how precious is their motherland, and devote their all for the good of the country and the revolution.

They should always bear in mind the benevolent care the great Generalissimos Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il showed to ensure that they live happily with no one to envy in the world, and display

infinite loyalty in holding them in high esteem as the eternal sun of Juche.

Fully aware that the red KCU neckerchief is part of the flag of the WPK and that their dreams and ideals will come true only under this flag, they should think and act at all times and in all places true to our Party's intentions.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters and the heroes of the Fatherland Liberation War and of the present Mallima era are models of a true revolutionary from whom our KCU members should learn.

By following the ennobling examples set by these revolutionary forerunners and heroes, KCU members should themselves all become fervent revolutionaries and heroes.

The basic revolutionary task facing KCU members is to prepare themselves as capable revolutionary personnel who are knowledgeable, morally sound and physically strong, pillars in the building of a powerful socialist country.

The first and foremost task for KCU members is to study well. The excellence of their school records represents the excellence of our country's future national strength.

KCU members, bearing deep in mind the earnest request of their motherland, teachers and parents, should study hard so as to build higher the tower of knowledge, and become world-class scientists and inventors.

They should possess beautiful socialist moral traits.

They should ardently love their country and fellow people, and devote their all for the sake of society, their collectives and fellows. They should respect their teachers and seniors and approach them politely, observe social order and public morality

voluntarily, and be honest and upright in their daily life.

The healthy bodies of KCU members are an asset of the country. Only when KCU members grow up stoutly in good health can the country be full of vigour and become stronger.

KCU members should conduct brisk sporting activities to build up their physique and foster their courage and gallantry, and they should be skilled in more than one sporting event.

They should, by taking an active part in art group activities, improve their cultural attainments and bring their artistic talents into full bloom by singing songs, reciting poems and playing musical instruments.

They should devote their all to adding brilliance to the socialist system of our country.

They should not become self-indulgent sons and daughters who seek only their own happiness, but young patriots who, cherishing Kim Jong Il's patriotism, treasure all the assets our revolutionary forerunners created on this land at the cost of their sweat and blood, and who tend every tree and every blade of grass in their country with earnest devotion.

They should step up their various socio-political activities and do-good-deeds movements so as to encourage their fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters in their heroic struggle to build a powerful socialist country and contribute to their country's economic development.

They should hate the imperialists and other class enemies, maintain sharp revolutionary vigilance against their schemes, and prepare themselves mentally to fight, if the enemy dares to invade the country, as bravely as the Children's Corps members did during the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the children's

vanguard members in the Fatherland Liberation War.

They should, through an organizational life, improve their sense of organization and discipline and exalt the honour of being members of the glorious children's organization of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

The pledge they took in front of the KCU flag is the first vow they made to their motherland, and in a KCU organization they conduct the political activities through which they keep this pledge.

They should always love and treasure their organizations, observe organizational discipline on a voluntary basis and implement without fail the tasks assigned by their organizations.

It is important in training KCU members into true sons and daughters, young revolutionaries, of the socialist country to enhance the role of KCU organizations and improve the guidance over its work.

KCU organizations should ensure that their members conduct the movement to learn from the glorious childhood of the great Generalissimos and the five-point educational work effectively so that they become revolutionary organizations that are unfailingly loyal to the Party.

They should make great efforts to heighten their members' spirit of collectivism, independence and creativity, thus preparing them all to be masters who will shoulder the future of a powerful socialist country.

The youth league assumes the heavy responsibility of properly guiding KCU members who have taken the first step towards an organizational life.

It should give scrupulous guidance to the work of the KCU by

taking into account its members' preparedness and psychological features; in particular, it should render positive assistance to KCU school instructors and its sub-branch teachers so that they can steadily improve the work of the KCU with a high sense of responsibility and practical qualifications.

It should build up the ranks of KCU activists and lead them to do KCU work in an independent and creative way and to become models for other members to emulate in studying and life.

All Party members and the other working people should treasure and love the KCU's members as assets of the country and, as their educators and parents, pay close attention to their education and edification. In this way, they can ensure that all KCU members grow up as dependable pillars of the country amid the concern and care of the whole society.

Party organizations at all levels should regard KCU work as an important undertaking that has a bearing on the destiny of the country and nation and the future of our revolution, and give Party-oriented guidance to it.

Dear KCU delegates,

The future of the KCU's members is endlessly bright, and a powerful socialist country, in which the song *We Are the Happiest in the World* resounds loudly, is reserved for them.

Our Party, which foresees the bright future of the Juche revolution in the KCU's members' beautiful traits and courageous and cheerful appearance, will spare nothing for them and defend their happy laughter and bright future.

I firmly believe that all KCU members will live up to the expectations of our Party and all the people by advancing dynamically straight ahead along the path indicated by the Party,

flying high the flag of the KCU.

May happiness and glory on the road await KCU members, our reliable successors and the future of our powerful motherland, socialist Korea.

**Let Us March Towards the Future
as a Powerful Country Under
the Unfurled Flag of the
Korean Children's Union**

Letter to Those Attending the Ninth Congress
of the Korean Children's Union
December 27, 2022

The Korean Children's Union, recognized as the sole revolutionary children's organization in the world, is convening its congress for the ninth time.

First of all, I extend warm congratulations to you who, as representatives of the Korean Children's Union with its dignified name, history and traditions, are attending this significant meeting amid the special concern and unqualified blessing of the people across the country.

My tenderest feelings go to all the other KCU members in the country who, with their minds turned to this congress venue, are filled with a great hope and renewed determination.

I offer thanks to the KCU's school instructors and its sub-branch teachers who, in tune with the aspirations of the Workers' Party of Korea, are leading and taking such great care of our KCU members, who will carry forward our revolution. I also extend warm encouragement to the officials in the sector of youth and student edification and to the parents of the KCU members, who are unsparing in their efforts to train the sons and daughters of their

country to be true people.

The centenary of the founding of the Saenal Children's Union at the dawn of the Korean revolution is approaching, and over 70 years have passed since the KCU was established on the untrodden path of building a new country. Yet there has been no change in the revolutionary nature and original features of the KCU as a Juche-oriented revolutionary children's organization.

There have been many children's organizations in the world which have inscribed their dignified histories under revolutionary slogans. But the KCU is the only one that is vigorously adding lustre to its glorious history and traditions still today while carrying forward its red bloodline.

No adversity has ever been able to disrupt the ranks of the young revolutionaries of Korea who, growing up in the embrace of the Workers' Party of Korea, are advancing only along the road indicated by it.

This is a source of pride for our Party, our state and our people as well as of honour for the KCU's members.

It seems like only yesterday when, at the Eighth Congress of the KCU, its members from across the country were relating the proud stories of their schools, swapping experiences of KCU life and vigorously renewing their resolves. But they are now Youth League members and you are standing in their place.

In our country all the children spend time in the KCU. But not all of them enjoy the good fortune and honour of attending the large gathering of KCU members held every few years.

Each of you delegates was approved by all your classmates and recommended by your KCU organizations because you are exemplary in your studies and organizational life.

It is something you will be proud of for the rest of your lives that, having been selected as exemplary members from among the millions of KCU members, you have decided on important issues affecting the development of your organization.

This gives me greater pleasure than anything else. I want you, laudable and energetic delegates, to be the envy of your peers and looked up to by the whole country.

Our people, who are delighted to be greeting the start of a new year amid the laughter and singing of the dear KCU members after successfully winding up this year's struggle which was beset with hardship at every step, offer you warm congratulations on convening this congress.

Nothing is more important for a revolutionary party than to build a dignified and powerful country where future generations will lead an honourable life for 50, nay 500 years, with no reason to grovel before anyone else.

Our people are stoutly defending the red flag of socialism, making the most powerful weapons in the world in the face of harsh trial; they are building a succession of power stations, factories, new streets and villages. They are doing this solely for the sake of bringing bright laughter and the happiest life to all the generations to come and bequeathing to them an eternally powerful country where their well-being is guaranteed.

Such a powerful socialist country is awaiting the KCU's members.

Our Party and people, by redoubling their efforts, will without fail build a country in which you will live a cheerful, valiant, rich and happy life, free from any worries.

The masters of this powerful and thriving country are none

other than KCU members.

They should strive at all times to prepare themselves as pillars who can firmly defend this valuable powerful socialist country and shoulder its future dependably.

Their days in the KCU are the most precious days of their lives.

The first step he takes determines the whole course of a person's life.

For this reason, you can become outstanding people only when, during your time in the KCU, you cultivate beautiful dreams and hopes and lay the firm foundations of a correct world outlook.

On the day when, wearing a red neckerchief, a new member joins the ranks of the KCU, they begin their socio-political life and, along with knowledge, they start learning one by one things that are essential for their growth and cultivating the features of a genuine human being.

Dear delegates, your fathers and mothers are patriots who continue to support the country with their honest sweat and efforts and who, since their earliest days, have always maintained the pure intention of living up to the pledge they made in front of the KCU flag.

Holding high the slogan, "Let's always be ready for the socialist motherland!" KCU members should study hard and make unremitting efforts during this precious time which they will never see again, so as to become well-rounded, excellent successors to the revolution and pillars in the building of a powerful country.

The type of genuine KCU member needed by our Party is a young revolutionary and patriot whose greatest love is the socialist motherland that has fed and brought them up in its embrace and who, by cultivating their mind and abilities, demonstrates its

prestige at the highest level.

Among our KCU members are many who are well aware that outside the embrace of their socialist motherland they could never bring their hopes, talents and happiness into full bloom. They are living faithfully, true to the intention of the Party that wants them always to dream of demonstrating their country's prestige and, through their studies, to acquire practical knowledge with which to make it even more brilliant.

With a mental approach that is mature for their age, they are preparing themselves as sons and daughters who are faithful to the Party by endeavouring to learn about their leader, the revolution and their motherland. They are, of their own accord, paying frequent visits to the revolutionary battlefields and historic sites so as to learn about the precious spirit of their forerunners. Their ennobling spiritual world clearly shows that the tradition of loyalty the first generation of our young revolutionaries created in the forests of Paektu is still being passed down.

In the future, too, they should continue to love the Party ardently, follow it to the end and fully prepare themselves as dependable successors and reserves for communism, who can carry forward the baton of the Korean revolution.

They must not forget even for a moment that the US imperialists and their stooges are looking for a chance to trample upon their dear homes and deprive them of their hopes.

Even at this moment, at the posts of national defence the soldiers of the People's Army are standing in direct confrontation, their guns levelled at the enemy.

KCU members should harbour a bitter hatred for the enemy of the revolution and, with a determination to resist him, stand in

the vanguard in supporting the People's Army and donate towards supplying it with *Sonyon* tanks and artillery. If the enemy dares to invade the country, they should demonstrate the mettle of the three-million-strong Korean Children's Union by fighting as bravely as the children's guards did during the Fatherland Liberation War.

A young revolutionary and patriot is judged by the top honours they earn at school.

Just as it is now, so it will be true in the future, too, that only when KCU members have a profound knowledge will they be able to work faithfully for the Party, perform great feats for the country and win the fight against the enemy.

They should remind themselves every minute of every day of the slogan "Let us learn for Korea!" and should study hard to obtain practical knowledge and qualifications.

They should all listen carefully to their teachers in class, try hard to gain even a little more knowledge, and achieve top honours by learning assiduously and devoting their time to learning. In this way, every school will produce famous young inventors and doctoral candidates.

They should, from their early days, foster a love of reading, enjoy using their imagination, be good writers, be adept at presenting their impressions, and be fully prepared to recite poetry, sing songs, participate in sports and play musical instruments.

The red neckerchiefs hanging at their chests represent the warm embrace of our Party for each of them. As for their KCU organizational life, it is a school of revolutionary edification, a crucible of revolutionary training, where they are guided step by step to grow up as true sons and daughters of the Party.

Cherishing the honour of being members of the KCU, which

marks the beginning of their life's political integrity, they should regard it as a sacred duty and obligation to participate in an organizational life voluntarily and faithfully.

Through their organizational life in the KCU, they should learn about the Party's great intentions, become awakened to their class consciousness and equip themselves with the ideological and spiritual qualities of someone laudable, including devotion to their comrades and the collective, and the spirit of loving labour.

As long as they are members of the KCU, they should always bear in mind the oath they took when they were joining the organization, and be faithful to its Rules at all times and in all places.

They should value their organization as their most benevolent benefactor and precious companion, and should love it and get into the habit of faithfully observing its discipline and relying at all times on it.

If they have an aversion to their organization's guidance and control, and if they alienate themselves from their organization, it immediately means they have lost the right to membership of the KCU and have deviated from the straight course in life.

They should take an active part in an organizational life by carrying out their organizational assignments on time and offering creative opinions; they should train themselves in the course of accepting their organization's criticism gratefully and implementing its decisions.

Through this course of cultivation and training, they can become model members of the Youth League and, further, enjoy the honour of being a member of the Workers' Party of Korea who thinks and behaves solely according to the Party's intentions and devotes their wisdom and enthusiasm for the good of the motherland.

For KCU members, moral traits are no less important than academic performance.

Those who lack morality and have poor manners are lost and useless, however talented they may be.

KCU members should acquire the qualities of respecting their parents, teachers and seniors, loving their friends, volunteering to do difficult tasks and giving up good things for others.

They should make such moral traits as being polite in their speech, dressing neatly, willingly observing social order and public decency, and valuing and using with care the assets of the country and society, part of their everyday life.

Abilities and good traits are twin pillars of a personality, neither of which should ever be allowed to falter.

The Box Telling Beautiful Minds, which KCU members are using, is small. But I treasure their beautiful minds contained in it more than I would a thousand tons of gold.

The praiseworthy act of plunging into a rapid stream without hesitation to save drowning younger children, the kindness of giving one's pencils to others and helping those who are falling behind in school, the beautiful stories of carefully making medicine envelopes to help local pharmacies that are busy with anti-epidemic work, and all the other stories contained in these boxes are truly touching. Nothing is more precious than a pure mind that highlights the good deeds of others.

I want our KCU members to help and lead one another forward by cherishing ennobling moral traits.

They should volunteer to perform good deeds that contribute to the country's economic development and should become young information workers and young political activists who are a great

source of encouragement for their parents in building a powerful socialist country.

I believe that all the KCU members will become true sons and daughters of their socialist country, who study hard, take an active part in an organizational life and have ennobling moral traits, and thereby prove themselves worthy of the trust and affection of the Party and the expectations of their parents and teachers.

Among those attending the Ninth Congress of the KCU are many specially-invited officials of the Youth League and from sectors related to youth and student edification, as well as KCU school instructors and its sub-branch teachers.

The responsibilities and roles you perform in correctly leading every step of KCU members' growth will have a direct impact on the future of our Party and revolution, the future of our country.

No matter how successful we are in carrying out the revolution, any failure in edifying the youth and students will lead to the lineage of the revolution being severed and render worthless the valuable gains won at the cost of our blood and sweat.

You, the first teachers of the rising generations and their political guardians, are carrying on your shoulders the heavy burden of edifying the youth and students. This is something our Party has made a top priority policy and a key strategic task.

I highly appreciate your efforts in firmly defending the important revolutionary post assigned to you by the Party and making yourselves the foundation on which KCU members can develop soundly. Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to emphasize some issues related to bringing up our beloved KCU members with greater success.

In the course of their development, the present new generation

are seeing and hearing many new things. This means that their thinking is different from that of their predecessors, with the extent of that difference depending on the age group.

The methods of edification for KCU members should be different, depending on whether they have just joined the organization or are about to join the Youth League, whether they are at primary school or junior-middle school, and from one region to another.

The edification of youth and students is an important area of study.

However, there has been no exploration of the methodology for conducting their edification in a scientific way according to the law-governed nature of their cognitive development and their characteristics. Instead, the tendency to cling to outdated forms and methods persists. As a result, no genuine edification in its true sense is being provided.

We should overcome the tendency to conduct their edification merely for form's sake and in a haphazard and stereotypical manner, and should actively explore new methods suited to the level of our schoolchildren's consciousness, their psychological features and the actual conditions.

To this end, we should first set up research bases for the edification of students. We should do so substantially, in order to ensure that they prove their worth in reality, and should operate them effectively.

Our KCU members are young in age, but not in mind.

We should strictly guard against a cramming approach to the edification of KCU members, and use heuristic methods instead.

We should not attempt to cram anything into the heads of

students, but help them develop the ability to tell right from wrong. We should allow them to present their opinions fully and support anything that is positive while encouraging them to sincerely repent of their mistakes. In the course of this, we can make various forms of edification acceptable to them.

Our principle is to begin with education in morality and collectivism, which students can easily understand even when they are at a low level in terms of their knowledge and consciousness, and then move on to education in loyalty, patriotism and class awareness.

When the attitude of valuing their friends and the collective, and sound moral traits, become part of their mental qualities in their childhood, they will develop the spirit of loyalty, patriotism and class awareness.

Now that the conditions and environment for education have improved thanks to the radical changes introduced in recent years, the application of modern means and information technology, including video presentations which appeal to children as they prefer video materials to audio ones, are likely to enhance the impact of edification.

Just as fertile soil produces good fruit, so KCU organizations should be strong if they are to train their members to be dependable people.

The key to the consolidation of KCU organizations is to improve the qualifications and the sense of responsibility of its school instructors, who design, plan and conduct its activities.

The Party regards KCU school instructors as high-level teachers and has high expectations of the role they play.

Working as a KCU school instructor is something young

people ought to try.

They may experience many difficulties and a lot of mental suffering while doing this work, but they should aim to become standard-bearers who lead the sub-branch organizations and their members with a resolve to take responsibility for the KCU organizations at their school.

At home, the parents are their children's guardians, whereas at school, KCU school instructors are its students' guardians.

If all the KCU school instructors carry out their duties with a high sense of responsibility in fulfilling an important role, our Party can rest easy about the ideological and mental state of our students.

Strengthening its sub-branch organizations is a key feature in the consolidation of the KCU.

The KCU conducts its activities with its sub-branch organization as the base, and the decisions of KCU organization are also implemented with it as the main unit.

Sub-branch teachers, as their students' genuine mentors and parents, should show and teach them only what is correct. They should enhance the role of the sub-branch organizations' activists and ensure that the student groups work effectively.

If all sub-branch organizations compete for and win the title of Honoured Red-Flag Class, KCU members will be able to grow up as pillars of the country who are knowledgeable, morally sound and physically strong, and the sub-branch organizations and the KCU as a whole will be strengthened as a consequence.

If the KCU is to be strengthened, the Youth League needs to decisively improve its role.

The Party entrusts guidance over the KCU entirely to the

Youth League.

But the Youth League is guilty of overlooking the KCU, with the result that some of its organizations are failing to play their proper role.

For the Youth League, giving guidance to KCU organizations is the work of training its own successors and stout ranks of young people of the future.

KCU work is part and parcel of Youth League work.

The Youth League should not confine its work to mechanically transmitting the Party's ideas and policies to the KCU's organizations and assigning and assessing the results of edification work, but should offer these organizations substantial guidance so as to help them produce development-oriented results.

It should improve the qualifications of KCU school instructors and provide them with good working conditions so that they can operate at full capacity. And it should organize the work of creating new standards and models continuously by region and by school level and generalizing them, so that KCU organizations at schools can work independently, creatively and briskly.

In particular, at the present stage it should direct primary and concentrated attention to identifying the difficult problems in KCU work and taking steps to deal with them.

There are a number of problems requiring an immediate solution if KCU organizations are to operate well and if the KCU is to improve its work as demanded by the changing times and developing reality.

It can truly be strengthened as an organization only when the most difficult problems are solved, such as perfecting the system

for guiding its organizations, building up the ranks of KCU school instructors and enhancing their sense of dignity, supplying publications and other educational materials to its organizations promptly and in sufficient quantities, and organizing plenty of socio-political activities, do-good-deeds movements, camping trips and visits.

The Central Committee of the Youth League should not be satisfied with maintaining the status quo and concentrating on such work as guiding extracurricular education, for which a well-knit system is already in place, but should organize its work in a bold and innovative fashion and solve problems by reporting, even to the Party Central Committee, everything that is beyond its power to solve.

The Working People's Organization Department of the Party Central Committee should step up Party guidance over the edification of youth and students to ensure that no gaps or deviations are revealed in KCU work, and every other department, including the Organizational Leadership Department, the Information and Publicity Department and the Science and Education Department, should pay close attention to KCU work with the awareness of being its masters and recognizing that it has a bearing on the future of the revolution.

The edification of youth and students can be more effective only when it is conducted in close combination with educational work.

There is a tendency among some officials in the education sector to confine themselves merely to passing on knowledge and to neglect the edification of students. This is not an attitude appropriate to a genuine educator who is nurturing the future of the country.

Education separated from edification is bound to produce wasted talents.

In the training of the new generation, there is no place either for education separated from edification or edification separated from education. The revolutionary talents required by our Party are, above all, those who are prepared politically, ideologically and morally.

Everybody engaged in educational work, whatever they may be doing and whatever they may be teaching at whatever post, should be faithful to their duty as an educator and regard the edification of students as their principal task.

It is important to discover a methodology for ensuring that edification permeates the whole of school life, from arriving at school, attending lessons and conducting extracurricular activities, to leaving school, and to apply it to suit the specific conditions by intensifying the three-way consultation involving head teacher, Party cell secretary and KCU school instructor and by promoting the coordination between the school's teaching administration and KCU organization.

The parents are irreplaceable in the edification of students.

Parents cannot be said to have ensured the continuity of the lineage simply because they gave birth to their children, or to have fully discharged the responsibility they have assumed before society and the next generation as parents simply because they are responsible and loyal at work.

Parents, however busy they may be, should direct a major effort to the edification of their family. By maintaining regular contact with educators, they should implant in their children an understanding of what they are living for and how they should live.

In this way, they can make sure that the lineage of the revolution and the tradition of patriotism are firmly carried forward.

The whole country should take responsibility for the edification of students.

Party organizations and working people's organizations at factories, enterprises and farms should also attach importance to the edification of their employees' children, and should always show concern for it with a view to taking responsibility for them together with their parents. In particular, the Women's Union organizations should actively help mothers so that they can discharge their responsibility as their children's primary educator.

We should produce every school uniform and every school item with sincerity so that students cultivate the attitude of holding our things dear and preferring to use them. In creating and broadcasting media presentations, we should first take into consideration the effect it will have on children's spiritual growth. Nobody should turn a blind eye to children committing mistakes. Instead, we should patiently explain their shortcomings to them.

We should make it a Party and state trait to attach importance to the work of the KCU and ensure that its members are taken loving care of by the whole Party, country and society.

Our Party believes in the people as in heaven, and before them and above them stand our children.

It is not a cause of suffering to take on all the pain of the younger generation as they grow more stoutly and more energetically, but a source of happiness and honour.

The top policy priority for our Party and state is always focused on the younger generations. This is an invariable principle followed by the WPK and our state's eternal policy.

When we see KCU members looking bright and cheerful, we feel greater pride and dignity in waging the revolution, and when we hear them singing *March of the Children's Union*, we feel encouraged.

Our state is strong not just because it has nuclear weapons.

Our Korea is strong because successors and reserves such as KCU members are growing up staunchly and dependably, constantly adding freshness and vigour to the ranks of the revolutionaries.

Today you are wearing the red neckerchief of a KCU member, but tomorrow you will have the medal of hero or a medallion of doctor on your chest and will be celebrated as pillars of our powerful country. And by the time you become its active masters, our country will shine with glory as more beautiful and powerful in the world.

The eternal glory of our great state is summoning KCU members.

The energetic strides of the three million KCU members represent the valiant spirit of socialist Korea which is progressing step by step and winning one victory after another.

The future of our Korea is bright, as it will advance by dint of their greater ambitions and ideals, strong minds and wisdom.

Let us march courageously towards the future under the unfurled flag of the Korean Children's Union!

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