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Present here today are bereaved family members of our fallen soldiers and other combatants, as well as combatants from the regiment of engineers who had been dispatched to the overseas military operations.

Also here with us are commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, officers and soldiers of the units at all levels of the Korean People's Army, teaching staff and students of revolutionary schools, and builders and Pyongyang citizens who have been involved in the construction of Saeppyo Street.

Comrades,

The significant day has come when this street, to which people across the country directed intense devotion and respect, has been completed and gained its address in our capital city.

This new street has been built, thanks to the ardent desire of our motherland that the precious lives of its excellent sons, who defended what is most sacred by sacrificing what is most valuable, will live forever. It is awaiting the moment when it will greet its honoured owners.

Thinking that my anxiety would lessen if I brought this event even just a day earlier, I have done my best and waited for this moment to come. Now, standing here, I rather feel sorry than happy.

I once again extend the most ennobling respects to our proud martyrs and, on behalf of the officers and soldiers of our army, the citizens of Pyongyang and all the other people throughout the country, I offer condolences and thanks to all the bereaved family members of the fallen soldiers, the owners of this new street.

I also express deep thanks to the builders of the capital city, service personnel and officials and working people in the relevant sectors who have completed this wonderful street out of boundless respect for, and obligation to, our heroes.

Comrades,

The solemn emotion prevailing here is quite different from what we have experienced whenever we have seen creations erected in various parts of the country.

The name *Saeppyo Street* has already been etched on all our hearts as a byword for the lives of the combatants who so willingly responded to the call of their motherland and so courageously sacrificed their all to it to the last moments of their lives on the battlefields in a faraway foreign land.

This is an emotional moment when we are recording in the history of Pyongyang the most heroic era that embodies the strength of Korea and symbolizes the greatness of its people and that has

defended its sacred dignity and fame.

Saeppeyol Street is a source of honour for our generation and the pride of Pyongyang and our state.

Dear bereaved family members of the martyrs,

With the construction of this street, the martyrs are now within hailing distance of their beloved families' homes. They can feel the warmth of the kith and kin whom they missed so much in the faraway foreign land.

Here, the martyrs can feel the breath of their dear family members every moment of the day; I would be delighted for you to live happily here generation after generation, priding yourselves on having such excellent sons, husbands and fathers.

The comrades-in-arms who fought bloody battles alongside the martyrs, the families that have placed their dear children and husbands at the posts of national defence and all the other people in this country will be happy about today's inauguration; I believe that they sincerely hope the residents of the new street will lead a long and happy life here for the sake of the young martyrs.

Before their death, the heroic martyrs must have pictured in their mind's eye their dear families in the ever-prospering country; the Party and the government will take every necessary step to ensure that the families lead a proud and worthwhile life while enjoying preferential treatment from the state

and the loving care of the whole society.

I hope that this street, a place where the ennobling souls are resting and reverence is converging from all over the country, will always be brimming with joy and happiness.

I am sure this is the way to repay those who have passed away.

Comrades,

The national flag of our dignified Democratic People's Republic of Korea has been hoisted in this street.

This is the flag which our combatants kept at their chests during bloody battles and with which we covered the bodies of our admirable sons when they were brought back to their motherland.

Beneath the flag shining brilliantly and fluttering in the wind, the martyrs' ennobling soul and pulsating hearts will give impetus to the development of our capital city, beautiful, thriving Pyongyang, and add eternal honour to our great motherland.

The moment when we cut the ribbon for the inauguration of the new street will be recorded as a moment of everlasting glory when the martyrs' names and images are etched in history.

I pray for the immortality of our country's admirable sons.

Thank you.

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