

Workers' Party Conference Scheduled for April: A Turning Point for Building a Powerful Nation

North Korea announced the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) Conference would be held in mid-April. Regarding the conference, *Rodong Sinmun* released an editorial on February 29.

The newspaper editorial titled, "DPRK to Greet WPK Conference with High Political Enthusiasm" commented, "the Party conference is of particular significance in the party development and accomplishment of the *Juche* revolution as it will open at a historic juncture when a new century of Kim Il Sung's Korea starts."

The editorial goes on to elaborate on the significance of the party conference:

The WPK has marked a new historic turning point in its development.

Kim Jong Un is standing at the head of the WPK and revolution.

Under his guidance the Korean revolution is making more dynamic advances and registering signal achievements in the efforts to build a thriving nation.

The party and revolution have a rosier prospect as the bloodline of Mt. Paektu is given steady continuity generation after generation and the center of the leadership and unity remains unshakable.

With Kim Jong Un at the helm of the WPK, it is shedding its rays as a steel-strong party with the greatest dynamism, a revolutionary one with a strong sense of organization and firm unity and principle and as a great mother party genuinely serving the people, deeply rooted among them.

It is the immense pride that the revolutionary comrades-in-arms of Songun are united closer around the Central Committee of the WPK, sharing thought and intention with Kim Jong Un and keeping pace with him.

The forthcoming conference of the WPK will offer an opportunity of increasing its position and role as a powerful political staff for the Songun revolution, steadfast in monolithic ideology and leadership.

The newspaper highlighted the keywords for the upcoming conference will be Kim Jong Il, Kim Jong Un and the party.

The news also emphasized that teachings of Kim Jong Il, his ideology and achievements will be upheld as the sole principle of the party. In addition, the editorial articulated *songun* politics will be continued as a way to advance the defense industry with Kim Jong Un as the head of the Central Committee of the WPK.

Lastly, the editorial reiterated "under the leadership of the party, revolution and miracle can be created to improve the lives of the people and to complete the construction of powerful nation."