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## Press Release

### 3rd Plenary Meeting of 8th Central Committee of WPK Opens

Pyongyang, June 16 (KCNA) -- The 3rd Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) opened on Tuesday amid unusual concern and expectations of all the Party members and all the people of the country keeping high fighting spirit braving manifold difficulties in their advance along the path indicated by the historic 8th Congress of the Party.

The Central Committee of the WPK has convened the plenary meeting for the mid-term summing up of the implementation of major policies of the Party and the state for 2021 assigned at the 2nd Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the WPK, for taking measures to solve the pending issues urgent for improving the economic work and the people's living and for the discussion of and decision on issues for powerfully and correctly pushing forward crucial state work under the prevailing situation.

The respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, general secretary of the WPK, guided the plenary meeting.

The moment **Kim Jong Un** appeared at the meeting hall to mount the platform together with members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee, all the participants broke into enthusiastic cheers for the respected General Secretary wisely leading the historical struggle of our Party and people toward the new victory of socialist construction with his outstanding ideology and theory and energetic leadership activities.

Besides the members of the Party central leadership organ, officials of the departments of the Party Central Committee, officials of ministries, national institutions and armed forces organs and leading officials of the province-level guidance organs, cities, counties and complexes were present there as observers.

**Kim Jong Un** presided over the plenary meeting upon authorization of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee.

The General Secretary said with high appreciation that positive achievements have been made in the Party and the state work and the revolutionary zeal of our people have been boosted up to now since the whole Party confirmed and started implementing the first-year plan for implementing the decisions of the Party congress.

The subjective and objective conditions and environment for the revolutionary struggle have become worse upon entering this year but the country's economy has shown improvement as a whole as evidenced by the implementation of the first half-yearly plan for total industrial output at 144 percent, 25 percent increase as against the same period last year, and huge growth made in terms of actual amount of goods, he said.

He said that a series of deviations were revealed in the course of carrying out the state plan and policy tasks owing to several obstacles and difficulties facing us at present.

Saying that in particular, the people's food situation is now getting tense as the agricultural sector failed to fulfill its grain production plan due to the damage by typhoon last year, he stressed that the plenary meeting should take a positive measure for settling the problem.

Noting that now is high time to give full play to the indomitable revolutionary spirit and the fighting traits of self-reliance and fortitude, the vital power peculiar to the Korean revolution, he said that it is the main purport of convening the plenary meeting to take thorough measures for fulfilling this year's policy tasks without fail by further arousing the high fighting spirit of the whole Party and all the people.

He suggested agenda items to be taken up for discussion at the plenary meeting.

Put as major agenda items were the issue of reviewing the execution of major state policies for the first half of the year and taking measures, the issue of directing all efforts to farming this year, the issue of thoroughly coping with the protracted nature of the emergency anti-epidemic situation, the issue of analyzing the current international situation and our Party's corresponding direction, the issue of stabilizing and improving the people's living standard and the issue of improving and strengthening the Party's childcare policy and the organizational issue.

Members of the Central Committee of the Party decided on the agenda items with unanimous approval.

The plenary meeting discussed the first agenda item.

Reported to the meeting were actual data on the execution of major policy tasks for the first half of the year and issues that require urgent Party and state measures.

Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the WPK and premier of the Cabinet, made a detailed report on the execution of the policy tasks for the economic field for this year, Pak Jong Chon, chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, a detailed report on the work of the People's Army, and Kim Jae Ryong, department director of the Central Committee of the Party, a detailed report on the campaign against anti-socialist and non-socialist practices.

The General Secretary made an important concluding speech on matters brought up for discussion on the first agenda item.

In the concluding speech, he analyzed and reviewed in detail the work of every sector and unit of the national economy for the first half of the year and set forth the tasks and ways for sectors to bring about substantial changes and development-oriented results without fail and provide a firm guarantee for carrying out the five-year plan.

He called for ensuring responsible economic operation and commanding and carrying out this year's economic plan without fail in complete reliance on the advanced science and technology while expanding achievements and experience gained in the key industrial sectors like metal, chemistry, electricity, coal and construction and building materials and in all other sectors like light industry, fishery, city management and land and environment protection and overcoming deviations and shortcomings.

He emphasized that different sectors of cultural construction including education, public health and art and literature should innovatively organize and develop their work in line with the realistic conditions and policy requirements and thus further display the advantages of socialist system.

He clarified the principled problems which should be regarded as guidelines in waging in a more offensive and efficient way the struggle against anti-socialist and non-socialist practices on which hinge the future of Korean-style socialism and the destiny of the people.

The General Secretary indicated the important tasks arising in further developing the Party work at present, saying that the innovation and strengthening of the Party work would lead to consolidating the might of the Party and the revolutionary ranks as firm as a rock and to firmly ensuring the Party's political leadership over the revolution and construction.

Finishing the concluding speech on the first agenda item, he stressed that all the sectors and units should be fully aware of their sacred responsibility and duty before the Party and revolution and make redoubled efforts to successfully attain the fighting goals for this year.

There was a discussion of the second agenda item at the plenary meeting.

Ri Chol Man, department director of the Party Central Committee, made a detailed report on the actual state of the farm work up to present.

The respected General Secretary said having a good crop is a militant task our Party and state must fulfill as a top priority issue to provide the people with a stable life and successfully step up socialist construction, adding that it is essential for the whole Party and state to concentrate on farming from a lesson of last year's farming and under this year's unfavorable conditions.

He stressed the need for agricultural and meteorological observation fields to take measures to minimize natural disaster in close cooperation with each other and for every sector to powerfully support them after setting it as a key issue for attaining this year's goal of grain production to overcome affection by disastrous weather getting ever more serious.

The plenary meeting discussed as the third agenda item the issue of getting thoroughly prepared for the emergency anti-epidemic situation assuming prolonged nature.

The respected General Secretary listened to the report on the analysis of the present situation of the state emergency anti-epidemic work and clarified the urgent tasks that have to be carried out by the state at any cost now that the world health crisis is becoming worse and worse due to the malignant virus.

Saying that the prolonged emergency anti-epidemic situation means the prolonged maximum awareness and prolonged observation of the strong discipline in the state emergency anti-epidemic work and also the prolonged struggle for keeping afloat the overall economy and for providing food, clothing and housing for the people, he set forth the tasks for the state to maintain perfect anti-epidemic state under the present condition and for the economic guidance organs to meticulously organize the economic work to cope with the unfavorable condition of the emergency anti-epidemic work.

Specially emphasizing that all the Party organizations and power organs should direct primary efforts to the work of fully and timely meeting what is needed by the people in their living, he took revolutionary measures for increasing production in the

fields directly linked with the people's living including the light industry and the fishery.

The participants are seriously discussing the issues with a single determination to carry out the tasks for their fields and units at any cost, bearing deep in mind the contents of the important concluding speech made by the respected General Secretary.

The plenary meeting continues.

### Third-day Sitting of 3rd Plenary Meeting of 8th Central Committee of WPK Held

Pyongyang, June 18 (KCNA) -- The third-day sitting of the 3rd Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) continued on June 17 to confirm the fighting policies which would play the guiding role in further accelerating the historic advance of our Party and people for this year and practical tasks.

As the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** appeared at the meeting hall to mount the platform, all the participants raised thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!" for the General Secretary of the ever-victorious Party who has wisely led the plenary meeting to creditably perform its crucial discussion and to fulfill its historic guiding mission and role with all his thinking and efforts directed to the well-being and happiness of the state and the people.

At panel study and consultative meetings that continued in the wake of the second-day sitting, substantial and dynamic tasks to be carried out in the second half of the year and practical ways were fully discussed.

The plenary meeting examined constructive opinions that were put together and adopted with unanimous approval a resolution reflecting additional measures for thoroughly carrying out major state policy tasks for this year and a resolution on unconditionally fulfilling the grain production plan by concentrating efforts of the entire Party, the whole army and all the people on the farming for this year.

The plenary meeting discussed as the fourth agenda item the analysis of the present international situation and our Party's corresponding direction.

The respected General Secretary reviewed and assessed major changes taking place on the international political arena in recent days and the external environment of our revolution.

Especially he made detailed analysis of the policy tendency of the newly emerged U.S. administration toward our Republic and clarified appropriate strategic and tactical counteraction and the direction of activities to be maintained in the relations with the U.S. in the days ahead.

The General Secretary stressed the need to get prepared for both dialogue and confrontation, especially to get fully prepared for confrontation in order to protect the dignity of our state and its interests for independent development and to reliably guarantee the peaceful environment and the security of our state.

Clarifying the foreign policy stand and principles of the WPK and the DPRK government concerning the important international and regional matters and stressing the need to further enhance the strategic position and active role of our state and create favorable external climate on our own initiatives, the General Secretary called for sharply and promptly reacting to and coping with the fast-changing situation and concentrating efforts on taking stable control of the situation on the Korean peninsula.

The plenary meeting discussed as the fifth agenda item the issues to be settled before anything else in order to stabilize and improve the people's living under the present situation.

Saying that it is the most important principle maintained by the WPK and the state in their activities to provide the stable life to the people and timely solve their difficulties, the General Secretary detailed the actual situation of the people's living which he acquainted himself with through several consultative meetings and the measures for its substantial improvement.

He said the idea of the devoted service for the people's wellbeing which is set forth as the sacred one by our Party is the practical guideline and standard of behavior that call for upholding the people with unconditional service bearing the responsibility for their lives and livelihood with all dedication to their interest in practice. He stressed that the Party should go deep among the people despite hardships, become their trusty mainstay, always find itself near them to share joy and sorrow with them and devote its all to the people's wellbeing.

He said it is the main point of the plenary meeting to take decisive enforcement measures for immediately solving the urgent matters most concerned and looked forward to by the people, delivering a special order that he personally inked with his sincerity to make even a small contribution to stabilizing the people's living.

All the participants in the plenary meeting supported and approved with enthusiastic applause the important determination and decision of the General Secretary reflective of his responsibility for the destiny and life of all the people of the country and the spirit of devoted service for them.

Discussed at the plenary meeting as the sixth agenda item was the issue of improving and bolstering the Party's childcare policy.

The General Secretary stressed that there is no more important revolutionary work than the work of bringing up children, the future of the country, to be strong and sound and that it is the most important policy and supreme cherished desire of our Party and state to provide more improved conditions of bringing them up even at the cost of huge sum of money.

Noting that it has to be the way of advance and development of our revolution to exert more sincerity to children even the condition becomes worse and to take dynamic steps forward towards the future of communism with the might of that love, he warmly said that if the children who are born and grow up on this land eat well and are raised healthily in good environment from their childhood, so much vibrant vitality and vim will overflow our society after 20 or 30 years and the national power of the Republic will grow and gain in strength.

Saying that the period of nursery and kindergarten is the most important age in the children's growth and development, he called for establishing it as a Party's policy to supply all the children across the country with nourishing food including dairy products at the state's expense and set forth detailed tasks and ways for realizing it.

He ardently said that all the officials should pay special attention to providing sufficient food to the children of nurseries and kindergartens with their real parents' affection and get their loyalty to the Party, revolution, motherland and the people verified with their tangible contribution to implementing the Party's childcare policy.

At the plenary meeting, the suggestion made by the General Secretary was discussed with strong impulse and excitement and a relevant resolution was adopted with full support and unanimous approval.

All the participants in the meeting took a firm pledge to thoroughly implement the important policies discussed and decided at the plenary meeting.

The plenary meeting continues.