



**Congratulatory speech made by President of  
State Affairs Kim Jong Un at launching  
ceremony of newly-built submarine**







The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a significant speech in congratulation of the launching ceremony of the newly-built submarine.

In his speech, he said today is a meaningful day of great significance to the naval force of Korea and continued.

A historic moment has come, when our first tactical nuclear attack submarine washes its name and body in the blue seawater of the motherland.

Submarine No. 841 named "Hero Kim Kun Ok" to be launched today is a standard type of the tactical nuclear submarines which will be made offensive by remodelling the existing medium-sized submarines of our navy as I mentioned on the Day of the Navy. The plan to remodel the existing medium-sized submarines into offensive ones loaded with tactical nuclear weapons to play an important role in the modern warfare separately from our developmental and prospective plan for building nuclear submarines is part of the line on strengthening the naval force clarified by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and a "low-cost ultra-modernization strategy".

The revolutionary workers of the Pongdae Shipyard presented the new entity which will perform the militant mission of core underwater attacking means of our naval force to the motherland as gift on its 75th founding anniversary. It is clearly the first product of the great cause of building an advanced maritime power made by the WPK and its revolutionary industrial workers with noble ideal and unparalleled creative struggle.

As I stressed in my congratulatory speech given at the Command of the Navy some time ago, rapid development of the naval force is raised as the most important work for national defence that brooks no delay in view of the geopolitical peculiarities of our state seabound on three sides and the world trend of fast development of warships as well as the recent attempt of the enemy for aggression and the nature of their military actions. Now our navy is facing the most important and vital stage in the course of its development.

In order to actively cope with the sea battles fought in three-dimensional way and fully exercise the right to self-defence on the sea, the definite ideological and spiritual superiority of our navy must surely be backed by the military and technical development and what is most important here is the nuclear armament. We are filled with the determination to demonstrate the modernity of the underwater and surface combat capabilities consecutively in the future, too, and will accelerate the nuclear armament of the navy without letup.

The Party Central Committee decided to make remarkable progress in the shipbuilding industry for substantially guaranteeing a new heyday of strengthening the naval force. The development of the shipbuilding industry is the most important task with no room to retreat which must be carried out without fail in whatever difficulties.

The entire officers and men of the navy must surely open the era of new changes and leap forward in all fields of strengthening of the combat power, defence of territorial waters and preparations for

revolutionary war by giving full play to the elated enthusiasm and spiritual strength.

The great cause of the Workers' Party of Korea for building a maritime power will be brilliantly realized thanks to the heroic munitions workers and defence scientists vigorously advancing along the orbit of victory, the course of glory, indicated by the Party Central Committee, Kim Jong Un added.