

Kim Jong Un and the Regional Development 20×10 Policy

Implementation of the Regional Development 20×10 Policy put forth by Kim Jong Un, President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is now going full steam ahead.

Kim Jong Un put forward the construction of modern regional-industry factories in 20 counties every year in the coming ten years from this year as the Regional Development 20×10 Policy for the Workers' Party of Korea to hold on to, and, for its flawless implementation, he visited regional-industry factories in Kimhwa County in early February this year.

He stressed that the regional-industry factories to be built should be higher in the level of modernization and better in architectural style than those in Kimhwa County.

Late in February he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of regional-industry factories in Songchon County, delivered a speech and took up the first spadeful of earth in commemoration of the groundbreaking.

When this policy is implemented, new improvements will reportedly be effected in the material and cultural living standards of the people across the country.

Analysts comment that the policy shows the personality of Kim Jong Un and his outstanding qualifications as state leader.

First, Kim Jong Un is very audacious and proactive in his work style.

To renovate the regional-industry factories in 20 counties every year by the country's own efforts and technology and thus remodel all those across the country within the coming ten years is a grand plan that cannot be decided in a conventional way.

Even the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK held to discuss the plan for this year proposed building regional-industry factories in only a few cities and counties with favourable conditions and stepping up preparations for the future construction in the remaining cities and counties.

However, Kim Jong Un set forth the Regional Development 20×10 Policy so as to bring about a marked change in the people's living in a short period.

Quite impressive are his words at the 19th Enlarged Meeting of the Political Bureau of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK—Being passive is not something that goes well with our physical constitution.

It is also noteworthy that he is very scientific and far-sighted in mapping out policies and implementing them.

Already at the first short course for chief secretaries of the city and county Party committees in March 2021, he gave directions for opening up a new era of regional development.

The directions meant that the regional-industry factories in Kimhwa County should be built modernly on a trial basis, gain experience by putting their operation on a regular basis in keeping with the specific conditions of the county to weigh their effectiveness, profitability and possibility, and, on this basis, new modern regional-industry factories should be built in all cities and counties across the country in the future.

Though the economic situation of the country was difficult three years ago, he already looked into the definite growth of the economy and its consolidated foundations of today.

With such far-sighted intelligence and scientific and detailed preparations, the Regional Development 20×10 Policy was advanced and is under implementation.

It is also a unanimous comment of the analysts that Kim Jong Un is possessed of unexcelled organizing and enterprising abilities.

He ensured that the order of counties was properly defined on a planned, concentrated and future-oriented basis, given that regional-industry factories were to be built in two counties of each province every year. He also took concrete measures to set the production indices in conformity with the economic potentialities, specialties, regional sizes and populations of the relevant cities and counties, to train technicians and skilled workers necessary for the operation of factories in a far-sighted way, organize construction workforce and set up a well-regulated work system.

He saw to it that the strong force of the Korean People's Army undertook the construction projects and personally handed over the colours to the army units, encouraging them to push ahead with the projects in a three-dimensional way and on a full scale.

The non-permanent central committee for promoting the Regional Development 20×10 Policy was organized and commenced its work, and preparations to build the raw material bases in cities and counties are in progress.