

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Takes Important Measures for Rehabilitation in Flood-hit Areas



Pyongyang, August 10 (KCNA) -- The sacred leadership of the great father, who with warm love and ennobling spirit of making devoted service for the people as his natural character, continues the long journey of devoted service for their wellbeing while dedicating his tireless thinking and efforts to the sake of the people all the time, has touched the flood-stricken people again, redoubling their confidence in and optimism about the future.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the flood-hit area in Uiju County of North Phyongan Province again on August 8 and 9 and took important measures for rehabilitation.

He, who pioneered an honorable campaign for providing the homeless people in the disaster-stricken areas with fine homes as soon as possible, visited again the flood victims of Uiju County on August 8.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Pak Jong Chon, Kim Jae Ryong, Ju Chang Il and Han Kwang Sang, leading officials of the WPK Central Committee.

The respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** was greeted on the spot by Ri Hi Yong, chief secretary of the North Phyongan Provincial Committee of the WPK, the chairman of the provincial people's committee, the chief secretary of the Uiju County Party Committee and the chairman of the county people's committee.

On a hillock near a bank of the River Amnok overlooking the inundated island of Uiju County, he learned in detail about the specific conditions of the flooded area whose configuration begins to surface, and gave important instructions for rehabilitation.

He stressed the need to expand and propel the rehabilitation in a forward-looking and development-oriented way from the viewpoint that the rehabilitation is not only an undertaking for eradicating the aftermath of natural disaster but also a crucial issue of implementing the Party's far-reaching regional development programme.

Calling for decisively raising the water-passage capacity in order to tackle the chronic vulnerability of the area that turns into a "reservoir" in downpour, he instructed the hydraulic engineering and designing

sectors to take practical measures after jointly examining in a scientific way the current state of a river bank and the flood-prevention capacity of Uiju County which is bound to suffer flood damage due to the growing water level of the River Amnok.

Saying that a radical change should be made in building a highly-civilized and fashionable residential district as good as the ones in city, occasioned by the construction of new dwelling houses in Uiju County, he called for building an ideal "rural cultural city," where all amenities related to urban management, ranging from the supply of electricity and drinking water to sewage disposal, are perfectly provided.

Then, he visited tents being used by flood victims as temporary dwellings and warmly consoled them.

The flood victims, unexpectedly seeing **Kim Jong Un** who visited their quarters in sweltering weather, broke into cheers of "Hurrah!" in tears of great excitement.

They paid tribute to him out of grateful feelings, looking up in tears to the father of a large socialist family, who had driven his way through rough waters to visit the flood-stricken areas and stayed there for a long time to rescue all of them from critical danger some days before, and even visited the tents where they live to show paternal affection that day.

Sitting knee to knee with flood victims, **Kim Jong Un** took meticulous care of their living, warmly asking them whether they had something inconvenient, how their meals were provided and if there were any ill persons.

They replied that they have nothing inconvenient as all necessary amenities have been provided thanks to his boundless love and the

whole country renders all-out assistance, expressing in an excited tone their single desire to live up to his great benevolence.

Telling them that it would be so hard for them to live away from home, he called on them to endure such pain a little more until the day when a paradise will be built on the ruins left by the natural disaster to provide them with a better life. He thanked them for invariably believing in our Party, saying rehabilitation doesn't matter as there exists such deep trust.

Feeding children with confectionary he personally brought and putting lovely clothes on them, he said that seeing children he felt really encouraged and more deeply awakened to the sense of the duty he assumed to make the country stronger for the rising generations.

Feeling the warm parental affection by the fatherly leader, who talked with them for a long time despite sultry weather, warmly taking their hands to console them and redouble their confidence and courage, flood victims hardly repressed their great emotion and thrust themselves into his embrace, raising stormy cheers in tears.

Flood victims followed him step by step, reluctant to part from him. Telling them to go back, he promised to visit them again the next day

He met flood victims of Uiju County again on August 9 to clarify our Party and government's stand related to rehabilitation, take crucial measures and console them.

He made sure that aid materials prepared by the Party Central Committee for the flood victims of Sinuiju City and Uiju County were conveyed to them by his private train.

He also authorized the members of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee to convey the aid materials to the flood victims in Jagang and Ryanggang provinces on the spot.

Cadres of the Party Central Committee handed over the aid materials to the flood victims.

The flood victims of Uiju County, who received the aid materials associated with his warm care, raised loud cheers of "Hurrah!" in floods of tears, overwhelmed by deep gratitude, great happiness and high excitement.

Kim Jong Un showed warm parental care for children, warmly hugging them in new clothes, caressing their hair and talking with them in whispers.

He made a consolatory speech before the flood victims.

Noting that he came again to acquaint himself in more detail about their living conditions on the spot, reassign a series of tasks related to the recovery work and take crucial state measures helpful to the victims in addition, he said that he felt much relieved and greatly encouraged to see all of them living in good health without any inconvenience.

Pointing out that the people constitute the foundation and pillar of the Party and the state, the starting point and the focus of all their activities, he said that he takes pride in the people absolutely and unconditionally believing in the Party and the government even in the period of disaster-brought hardship. He told them about the important measures to be taken, clarifying the stand of the Party and the government on the issue of promoting the flood victims' living and rehabilitation.

Recalling that the Party and the state concentrate their efforts on the rehabilitation campaign, he said that strong construction forces, including service personnel of the People's Army and young people, had already been deployed and transport of rehabilitation materials is underway under an emergency system.

The most urgent issue, arising in the period of two or three months until the housing construction is completed and their living stabilized, is the one of life and education of children and students, he said, adding that childcare, edification and education are the primary state affairs never to be given up in any emergency situation.

He announced such an important measure as putting into operation an emergency system to bring all the children and students in the families of flood victims in North Phyongan, Jagang and Ryanggang provinces to Pyongyang to take educational care of them in a secure and convenient environment at the expenses of the state and in its direct charge until the rehabilitation finishes, and rendering state-backed protection and care to the old and sick persons, honoured disabled soldiers and baby mums after bringing them to Pyongyang.

He said that he leaves everything to individual intentions and decisions of the flood victims for there may be different personal problems but the above-said measure is to be taken as a top priority of the state so the Party and the government will take full charge and care of the health and life of the flood victims who will come to Pyongyang in the sincerest manner and do their best to that end.

Noting that the enemies persist in their foolish attempt to abuse the flood damage suffered by us as a chance for tarnishing the image of our state, he denounced the enemies on the strongest rhetorical terms, branding their fabrications as a smear campaign and a grave

provocation against the DPRK and an insult to the flood-stricken people who are all safe and well.

There is no need to make educational materials exclusively as such a stark fact serves as good educational materials for giving a clear understanding of what a disgusting clan the enemies are, what an extremely anachronistic mode they have employed in their fabrications and politically-motivated false propaganda, what a black-hearted intention lurks behind it, and why we call them enemies and human scum, he stressed.

Noting that we are facing a very important task to prevent natural disasters, which is more serious and urgent than the on-going large-scale rehabilitation, he set forth the tasks and ways for building nationwide disaster-prevention capabilities, including the issue of establishing a rapid and orderly weather forecast system for proactively controlling the factors vulnerable to natural disasters, and the issue of setting up an integrated water control system in all units in charge of managing power stations and dams, in particular.

Expressing thanks to various foreign countries and international organizations for their offer of humanitarian support, he said what we regard as the best in all realms and processes of state affairs is the firm trust in the people and the way of tackling problems thoroughly based on self-reliance. Our Party Central Committee and government will depend entirely on the patriotic enthusiasm and courage of our people and the potentialities of our country in the ongoing rehabilitation, too, he added.

Referring to the fact that the DPRK has taken sure advantage in the ongoing rehabilitation by dint of nationwide concentration and all-people mobilization, he solemnly declared that our Party and government will readily brave any challenges to accomplish without

fail the tasks of the times, the historic tasks which they decided and shouldered of their own accord for our great people and future, and surely live up to the people's trust with faithful service and good results.

The undying story, in which **Kim Jong Un** visited the flood-stricken people again to console and encourage them and take important state measures repeatedly for stabilizing their living and successfully carrying out the rehabilitation, will be recorded in history as another legendary tale about his paternal love for the people to be etched in the great father's journey of devoted service, and as a significant event that adds vitality to the drive of the people all out in response to the Party's call, proving once again that the programme and policies of the WPK and the DPRK government are based on the people-first doctrine.

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