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We will soon be seeing out 2023, a year of continuing struggle.

We have worked resolutely this year and have, without fail, achieved the successes we desired and aspired to. By doing so, we have filled it with events that will open a new epochal phase on the road of our revolution's advance.

I find it difficult to remember a year like this one, when our painstaking efforts have led to such proud successes and conspicuous changes.

These precious successes are a fruit of the strenuous and devoted efforts made by all of you, the members of the leadership body of the Party Central Committee who are present here.

I thank you, comrades, for all the efforts you have made this year.

There was no one who failed to bring anything to the December Plenary Meeting that proudly reviewed 2023. Every one of you had defended your post with a sense of responsibility, working against overwhelming odds to perform the daunting tasks confronting you, and remained faithful to the mission the Party and the people have entrusted to you.

Tough as the going has been, you have continued to advance through the hardships. In the course of this, you have been further tempered ideologically and mentally, refined your traits and significantly improved your abilities, gained valuable experience and lessons, and become further confident in yourselves.

A success of 2023 that is no less precious than those that are immediately evident is the fact that our leading officials have become better qualified. This, above all else, makes me happy.

It provides a solid guarantee for the victories we will continue to achieve in the new year.

I am confident that if, in the new year, we press forward in the same staunch, proactive and pioneering spirit, we will perform with credit the important duties we have assumed for our revolution and people, and achieve more than what is expected of us.

Comrades,

More tasks lie ahead of us.

What we have done so far is trifling and small, when compared with the happy life and future for our people that we are dreaming of.

We have no cause to rest on our laurels with what

we have done so far, nor any right to be satisfied with it.

We should feel remorse for our failure to live up to the people's expectations, and always mindful of them, should work hard to make 2024 a year of redoubled efforts for the good of them and our great state.

To our great Democratic People's Republic of Korea,

To the health of all the people, all Party members and all the service personnel of the People's Army, who will be greeting the new year soon, and

To the happiness and peace of all the families across the country,

I propose a toast.

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