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To put themselves into realities and organize and mobilize the strength of the masses positively is an indispensable requirement for functionaries in fully discharging their basic revolutionary responsibilities.

Functionaries are commanding personnel of the revolution, and indoctrinators and organizers of the masses. Teachings of our great leader and policies of the party filter into the masses through functionaries; work for their implementation is also organized and carried out by functionaries. How deeply the party's plans and intent, lines and policies filter into the masses and how solidly they are implemented largely depend on how functionaries struggle and with what kind of work method and ethos.

Party lines and policies can be implemented thoroughly and bear brilliant fruits only when the commanding personnel manning the driver's seat of the revolution organize and mobilize the masses vigorously, carrying with them the revolutionary spirit and ethos. The work of organizing and mobilizing the masses of people cannot be done properly with a simple administrative, business-like method. It can be done successfully only when functionaries go in deeply among the masses and do the organizational and political work to spur their revolutionary strength. Only by going in deeply among the masses, sharing their lot with them and doing the organizational and political work vigorously can functionaries creditably realize the marriage of leadership and the masses, ensure the scientific quality and correctness of guidance and, in particular, strengthen the kindred ties between the party and the masses, advancing the revolution and construction vigorously in compliance with the intent of the party. If they should fail to place themselves among the masses of people, and if they should be removed from the masses, the inevitable result would be bureaucratism and subjectivism, with grave consequences to the revolution and construction.

To go in deeply among the masses and to fully organize and mobilize their strength and creative wisdom while sharing their lot with them is a unique work method for all the functionaries to possess. It is an important requirement for them to meet to thoroughly fulfill their mission and basic responsibility.

To have functionaries go in deeply among the masses, organize and mobilize them vigorously and thereby solve all problems is our party's traditional work method created by our great leader in the days of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

The respected and beloved leader created the revolutionary work method of chuche based on the great chuche ideology, setting it forth as its most important requirement that functionaries go in among the masses and organize and mobilize them vigorously, and even showing brilliant examples.

The respected and beloved leader created the typical example of mass guidance method and, with it, made immortal achievements that will shine forever. This...
mass guidance method—namely, the revolutionary work method of forming kindred ties with the masses of people, of carving out a path of victory and progress by relying on their inexhaustible strength and creative wisdom—is being further deepened and developed by our party today in accordance with a new, higher requirement of the developing revolution.

Our party, putting forth the militant slogan “Let the Entire Party Go in Among the Masses!” established for us an orderly work system in which all the functionaries go down to base levels. It is wisely leading functionaries to go in deeply among the masses, ascertain the actual, specific conditions at base levels and, at the same time, help them in a substantive manner. As a result, the revolutionary, people-oriented work habits of going in deeply among the masses and helping them, leading them actively have been established more firmly than ever among functionaries, and every work including party work and administrative, economic work is being conducted boldly and vigorously.

It became a firm work habit throughout the party that all the functionaries, under the sagacious leadership of the party and the leader, go in deeply into realities and help the masses actively while sharing their lot with them. Thus it became possible that the party’s intent filters into the masses promptly and smoothly, that superiors and subordinates have good communication between them, that the kindred ties between the party and the masses grow stronger than ever, and that a creative mettle reigns supreme in every area of socialist construction.

The question of embodying the requirement of the revolutionary mass guidance method—the requirement that functionaries go in deeply into realities and live with the masses and, by doing so, organize and mobilize their strength properly—increases its importance as the revolution and construction deepens and the party is faced with heavier revolutionary tasks.

Our revolution has come a long way. And confronting us today is the honorable but heavy task to accelerate more vigorously the pace of the general march under the high banner of the chuche ideology and, by doing so, occupy the new lofty height of socialist construction, bring down the wall of national division and achieve the great cause of socialist construction largely depends on how they struggle the final decade of the 20th century.

Holding aloft the revolutionary slogan “All Into Creating the New ‘Speed of the 90’s,’” we must once more kindle the powerful flame of a great revolutionary upswing to fulfill the Third 7-Year Plan ahead of schedule, and to move on toward higher prospective goals for the next period.

This enormous task facing us demands that all the functionaries set in motion thoroughly the ideological and creative resources of the masses of people and that their inexhaustible strength be organized and mobilized to a maximum degree.

In order for functionaries to activate the masses ideologically and actively organize and mobilize their creative strength, they must go down to base levels and go in deeply among the producer masses. Only by going down to base levels and going in deeply among the masses can functionaries work out guidance measures properly and accelerate production and construction energetically by organizing and mobilizing the strength and wisdom of the masses.

All the functionaries must clearly understand that the basic key to kindling another great revolutionary upswing in the socialist construction by waging struggles for increased production and conservation lies in their going down to base levels and setting the masses in motion. On that basis, they must become true indoctrinators and organizers by going in deeply into realities and spurring the masses positively to the implementation of party policies.

All the functionaries must go in deeply into realities and organize and mobilize the masses vigorously; most important in this connection, is to make it a system for them to have the revolutionary view of the masses when going in among the masses.

By the revolutionary view of the masses, we mean the viewpoint and position of regarding the masses of people as the masters of revolution, serving them and trusting their inexhaustible strength, and making revolution by relying on their strength.

Only when functionaries have a correct viewpoint and position toward the masses of people can they go in
deeply among the masses, share their lot with them and set them in motion toward successful implementation of party lines and policies.

All the functionaries must make it a part of life and a habit to establish their revolutionary mass viewpoint firmly before going in among the masses. Also, when going down to base levels, functionaries must—instead of only meeting a handful of responsible functionaries of the respective units whom they see regularly anyway—go in all the way to the side of each machine position at factories and enterprises, to cultivated farm fields and to the blind end in a coal mine or mineral mine gallery, and meet the producer masses there, including workers and farmers. If they should go down to base levels in a formalistic way or as if on a picnic, and if they should thus fail to go deeply into realities, they can never accomplish the purpose for which they have gone there.

If functionaries who have gone down to base levels stick to formalities and fail to go in deeply among the masses, they will be like drops of oil floating on water and cannot mix with the masses after all; people will not allow them to approach nor follow them wholeheartedly. Our functionaries, who came from among the people and who work devotedly for the happiness of the people, are by no means allowed to adhere formalism or to wield power. They must not show the slightest sign of adhering to formalism, being arrogant or asking any special treatment for themselves. If functionaries should stick to formalities among the masses, wield power and lack modesty in their behavior, they could set back the creative zeal of the producers, harm the party’s authority and eventually bring about alienation between the party and the masses.

All the functionaries must ensure that they have a correct viewpoint toward the masses, then go down to base levels, find out facts and work out countermeasures while working with them, sweating it out with them.

In getting deeply into realities and organizing and mobilizing the masses vigorously, next important for functionaries is to make political work—which is for putting the masses in motion ideologically and spurring their creative enthusiasm—the first process in every work and step it up actively.

Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and secretary of the party Central Committee, pointed out:

"In order to fulfill the revolutionary task successfully, we must give priority to political work to indoctrinate people and set them in motion."

Political work is, in essence, a work to move the masses ideologically. Only by waging political work substantially will it be possible to set the producer masses in motion ideologically and to enhance the creative enthusiasm of the masses in production and construction. In socialist society, the key to solving all problems lies in spurring the awareness of the masses of people as the masters along with their creative positiveness. Once the masses of people is set in motion ideologically and their enthusiasm spurred, there is nothing impossible. Every miracle and every feat is based on the masses’ high political awareness and enthusiasm. Therefore, functionaries must keep a firm grip on and conduct substantially the political work to spur the masses’ political awareness and creative enthusiasm, always with a correct view of the masses.

Functionaries must go in deeply among the masses, explain to and inculcate in them the leader’s teachings and party policies and let them know clearly what the intent and expectations of the party and the leader are. Only when they do so can the masses firmly grasp the substance, the essence and the correctness of the teachings of our great leader and party policies and rush forth to participate in the struggle to carry out the intent and plans of the party and the leader, with high political awareness and burning loyalty.

Functionaries must concentrate fire of political work on solving problems among the masses as expected and intended by the party and the leader. They must do their political work in a substantive manner so that the faithfulness of the masses to the party and the leader is highly displayed in the fulfillment of the revolutionary tasks.

Launching economic agitation vigorously among the masses is a powerful way to inculcate the party’s and the leader’s intent and the greatness of party policy in the hearts of the masses, move the hearts of people and spur their political awareness and revolutionary enthusiasm.

All functionaries must go down to base levels and launch economic agitation among the producer masses in the manner of the anti-Japanese guerrillas, in various forms and by various methods, and in a creative, aggressive fashion, thereby spurring the masses to uninterrupted innovations.

In launching political work among the masses in an original and substantive fashion, it is important to make good preparations in advance. It constitutes a major guarantee for success in any work to make good preparations in advance. Only when they make advance preparations well in the light of the existing conditions can functionaries carry out their political work efficiently among the masses, moving the hearts of people and thereby achieving the purpose of indoctrination. When going down to base levels, they must, without fail, be well prepared with various kinds of materials needed for indoctrination, then inculcate the masses with them through vibrant and realistic indoctrination connected with the specific conditions of the respective base levels.

To set examples for the masses with practical deeds is a powerful political work that moves the masses with greater influence than a hundred or a thousand words. When the functionaries lead the masses and set examples
for them with their deeds, laboring at difficult and backbreaking work ahead of others, making a breakthrough for moving forward, the masses will get impressed and renew and reaffirm their resolve to win the high honor of creation and innovation.

Functionaries must place themselves in the battle sites where sparks are flying, working with rock drills and lathes and manning the most difficult and backbreaking parts. Thus, with their own practical examples, they will kindle fire in the hearts of the masses and lead them to uninterrupted miracles and innovations.

It is an important part of political work for functionaries to kindly look after the masses’ problems in livelihood and to work most sincerely to solve any possible difficulties for them.

While working with base levels, functionaries must not belittle problems in the livelihood of the masses but make positive efforts to satisfy their demands in a timely and responsible manner. Whatever they do, functionaries must always think about the people first with the awareness that they are servants of the people, and highly display the spirit of throwing themselves into work with enthusiasm at any time if it is work for the people. This should become a rule of thinking and acting for our functionaries to follow without fail, at any place and in everything they do. In the old days, commanding personnel of the Korean People’s Revolutionary Army loved their unit members profoundly and looked after them closely, allowing no gap whatsoever between them while living together. Likewise, only when functionaries mingle with the masses closely, when they show them their true concerns and strive to solve any difficulties in their life, everybody will come to uphold the party wholeheartedly, entrusting the party with their destiny entirely and highly displaying devotion and self-sacrificing spirit to carry through party policy to the end.

Thus, all the functionaries must go down to base levels and launch political work, work with people, aggressively and substantially and, by doing so, become true indoctrinators and leaders for the masses.

Next important in connection with the task of all the functionary going in deeply into realities and mobilizing the masses vigorously is to plan and coordinate organizational work.

To plan and coordinate organizational work solidly is an important matter in ensuring that the revolutionary zeal of the masses enhanced by political work show its practical results.

Only with the backing of close organizational work will it be possible to move the masses and organize and mobilize them; only by relying on the strength of the masses will it be possible to accomplish the current revolutionary tasks.

In order to go down to base levels and organize and mobilize the masses, functionaries must first have specific plans and designs, then find out the actual conditions.

To do so is a prerequisite for getting organizational work done in a correct way.

When going down to base levels, functionaries must have an active stand with specific plans and clear-cut designs to thoroughly implement our great leader’s teachings and party policies, then find out the actual conditions of the respective base levels comprehensively and specifically. In fighting the enemy, one must know about the enemy to win; likewise, great successes are possible in the fulfillment of economic tasks only when the actual conditions are fully grasped. When they have gone down to base levels, functionaries must, without fail, find out and grasp all specific facts about the ideological conditions of the working people there, the conditions of facilities, the progress in securing materials and supplies, and possible bottlenecks.

If functionaries going down to base levels are to carry out their organizational work in a planned and coordinated way, they must discuss with the producer masses to work out correct measures and find correct ways and means to solve problems in production.

The main purpose of functionaries going down to base levels is to solve problems in production and see that party policies are implemented unconditionally and thoroughly. Functionaries going down to base levels must find out the actual conditions there and correctly analyze and evaluate bottlenecks in production. Through earnest talks with the producer masses, they will find ways and means to break them and establish correct methodology.

Especially, with regard to suggestions made by the respective base levels to break such bottlenecks, functionaries must address them in a responsible manner. If they should merely put down in their memo those suggestions and fail to effectively carry out organizational work to take care of them personally and in a responsible manner, it would be totally meaningless for them to go down to base levels in the first place and the masses could even find their visit a nuisance. With regard to suggestions made by the producer masses, it constitutes an expression of a grave case of formalism and experientialism to merely put them down in a memo and fail to do the required organizational work in a responsible and substantial manner. Functionaries should always be sincere and responsible to the masses.

Once functionaries have gone in among the masses and found correct ways and means to break bottlenecks, they must help functionaries of the respective units positively in their efforts to carry them out.

However, functionaries may go down to base levels and assist the economic organizational work there but they
must not take over everything and monopolize it. Doing so has nothing to do with assisting the base levels substantially.

The masters of the respective work, those directly in charge of it, are through and through the functionaries and the producer masses of the respective unit. Therefore, it is important to assist them and lead them actively in the direction of having the masters properly pull their weight as masters and enhancing the role of lower-level functionaries. Only by doing so can we be successful with every work we do and solve problems smoothly.

Functionaries must go in deeply into realities and render active assistance to get economic organizational work to be closely planned and coordinated as required by the Taean work system. They must help lower-level functionaries organize and command production efficiently with high organizational ability and ability of revolutionary deployment.

That functionaries are ensured with actual conditions allowing them to go down to base levels is an important requirement in their fulfilling satisfactorily their basic responsibility and role as true indoctrinators and organizers by going in deeply into realities and organizing and mobilizing the masses vigorously.

Party organizations must ensure the necessary conditions for all the functionaries to be able to go down to base levels on a regular basis and fully discharge their duty and role as the masses' indoctrinators and organizers.

Important in this respect is to do away with miscellaneous meetings and cumbersome paperwork. Excessive meetings and paperwork restrict functionaries in their activity, barring them from going down to base levels regularly and tying them down to their office desks. When a necessary meeting is held, good preparations should be made in advance and the meeting should be made a short but effective one by doing away with formalities. Also, party organizations must end boldly the practice of holding meetings on matters that can very well be arranged individually, as well as the old work method of substituting meetings and paperwork for every work. Thus, they must ensure that all the functionaries can go down to base levels boldly, go in among the masses actively and fully discharge their duty and role as the indoctrinators and organizers of the masses.

Today, our party is calling all the people into a heroic struggle to generate a new great revolutionary upswing in the socialist construction, and the flames of struggle to create a new “Speed of the 90's” are raging throughout the country.

The movement to create a new “Speed of the 90's” is a rewarding, honorable struggle for generating great leaping developments again in the socialist construction of the 90's—by bringing into maximum play the inexhaustible creative strength of our working class and people who, inheriting the fine tradition of our revolution that continues uninterrupted innovations and advances under the banner of the chuche ideology, are united around the party and the leader in one mind. To accelerate the general march of the 90's and thereby advance the socialist construction vigorously along the path of sure victory and innovation is an honorable duty that the times and history have imposed on us.

All the functionaries must firmly establish the revolutionary view of the masses, go in deeply into realities where the masses work and live, and organize and mobilize them energetically. By doing so, they will perform uninterrupted innovations and feats on all fronts of socialist construction.

Our people, united around the party Central Committee led by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, firmly and in one and the same mind, are accelerating the new general march. Invincible is their revolutionary cause, the great cause of socialism and communism, and only victory and glory are in store for them.
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The Youth Shock Brigade Movement Initiated by Our Party Is a Mighty Mass Movement To Enhance the Role of Youth as the Spearhead in the Socialist Construction

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[Article by Yi Hyong-sop]
[Text] In our country today, the Youth Shock Brigade [YSB] movement is going on dynamically under the sagacious leadership of the party and, amid the awesome flames of this movement, youth are enhancing their role as the spearhead extraordinarily.

Thanks to the role of youth as the spearhead, breakthroughs are being made in the struggles to achieve the grand targets of socialist economic construction, with great monumental creations rising like a forest, adding luster to the workers party era. It is a great pride of our party and people to have those reliable youth who are creditably performing their role as the spearhead in the socialist construction.

The YSB movement is a mighty mass movement to enhance the role of youth as the spearhead in the socialist construction.

The YSB movement also trains youth organizationally and ideologically amid practical revolutionary struggles and make breakthroughs there. When the YSB movement is waged vigorously, it becomes possible to strengthen unity and cooperation among youth and let them help and lead one another to give full play to the spirit of collectivism and mass heroism. Thus, the movement makes it possible to turn all of them into creators of innovation and feat, and into reliable members of the shock brigade and the spearhead of the socialist construction.

The YSB movement also trains youth organizationally and ideologically amid practical revolutionary struggles and make them grow to be communist revolutionaries, thereby making it possible to enhance their role as the spearhead in the socialist construction.

How creditably youth perform their role as the spearhead in the socialist construction largely depends on how they are prepared in organizational ideological terms. Organizational ideological preparations serve as a factor determining the role of youth; precisely in preparing...
them firmly in organizational ideological terms lies a solid guarantee for enhancing the role of youth in the socialist construction.

The organizational ideological tempering of youth and their revolutionary training are carried out amid practical revolutionary struggles as well as in organizational ideological life. It is through difficult and complicated practical struggles that people are trained infinitely and grow to be revolutionaries. The YSB movement is a mass ideological remolding movement to train and foster youth into communist revolutionaries amid awesome practical struggles to make breakthroughs in the socialist construction. When the YSB movement is waged vigorously, youth will, amid the practical revolutionary struggle of the socialist economic construction, clearly recognize the correctness and vitality of the revolutionary ideology of the party and the leader. They will be further trained in organizational ideological terms and grow to be revolutionaries with a firm revolutionary ideology of the party and the leader. They will be the spearhead, in the socialist construction.

Thus, the YSB movement serves as a mighty mass movement to enhance the role of youth as the spearhead in the socialist construction through their collective innovations and organizational ideological training.

In our country, the YSB movement has deepened and developed uninterruptedly under the sagacious leadership of the party and the leader and its power and vitality are being fully displayed amid the practical struggles of the socialist construction.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song early on founded the ideological theory concerning the YSB movement in the days of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, which was embodied in the life at guerrilla bases, marking the beginning of the movement and laying the foundation of its glorious tradition. Our great leader unveiled the grand nature-remaking plan immediately after liberation and put the hot-blooded youth in the forefront of the struggle for its implementation. This put the YSB movement on a powerful upswing.

Through the YSB movement, our youth always performed their role as the spearhead most creditably in the difficult struggle to build a new Korea, in the fierce Fatherland Liberation War, and in the solemn struggles for the postwar rehabilitation and for the socialist construction. By doing so, they rendered great services to the fatherland and the people.

As the revolution and construction move forward onto higher stages, the YSB movement must be deepened and developed uninterruptedly. Only by doing so can we further enhance the role of youth as the spearhead in the socialist construction and accelerate the revolution and construction.

At a time the task of converting the whole society into the chuche ideology came to the fore, the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il put forth his creative ideology and theory concerning the YSB in accordance with the new demand of the developing revolution, and sagaciously led the movement to be more organized and more positive. By doing so, he ushered in a higher phase in the development of the YSB movement.

In this connection, it is of important significance that he organized the Speed Battle Youth Shock Brigade [SBYSB] on 16 May 1975.

As pointed out by the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, the SBYSB is a shock brigade taking the lead in difficult and arduous work to implement party policy. It is a school for youth to train them into a reliable next generation of the revolution through practical struggles of the socialist construction.

The SBYSB's basic mission is to convert the whole society into the chuche ideology. Its basic duty is to always take the lead in difficult, backbreaking work and make breakthroughs in remaking nature as required by the chuche ideology, and to train youth into reliable heirs of the great chuche cause. The SBYSB takes as its fundamental principle of activity the speed battle which is the basic form of battle in the socialist construction and which is the mightiest principle of revolutionary deployment in work.

The SBYSB, unlike YSB's in the past, is a permanent regular brigade that operates as an orderly military-type organization. Sufficiently equipped with technical means, it is the mightiest shock brigade that throws up gigantic creations for the ages at a speed combining that of the chollima and the speed battle.

The SBYSB is an upgraded new form of YSB further enhancing the role of youth as the spearhead in the socialist construction.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, inheriting and developing the ideological theory of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song concerning the YSB movement, put forth the revolutionary guideline on organizing the new, upgraded form of YSB; the guideline was carried out brilliantly. The SBYSB's founding was the precious fruition of his creative ideological theoretical activity and his energetic practical activity. It brilliantly realized the wish of our youth to become the standard-bearers of the shock brigade and to carry out the revolutionary policy of the speed battle for the implementation of the program to convert the whole society into the chuche ideology.

The founding of the SBYSB lifted the YSB movement in our country onto a new higher level of development, paving the way for an epoch-making turnaround in enhancing the role of youth as the spearhead in the socialist construction.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, who ushered the YSB movement into a high new stage, led the movement
sagaciously, showing clear-cut path for the movement to follow for each period and each phase of the revolution.

Important in the leadership of the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il who sagaciously led the YSB movement was, first of all, that he had the YSB take the front-and-center position in the socialist economic construction and lead the van in effecting a sweeping revolutionary upswing.

The socialist economic construction is an awesome nature-remaking work to conquer and control nature. If we are to succeed in the socialist economic construction, we need shock brigades to carry out the mission of conquering the most difficult and important parts of economic construction like we need death-defying squads in a war to make breakthroughs for advances. It is none other than the YSB that fulfills this honorable mission in the socialist economic construction. Only when the YSB takes the lead and makes breakthroughs for advances can we see miracles and innovations performed in the socialist construction and the flames of the great revolutionary upswing burn briskly across the nation.

Saying that the whole nation seethes only when youth seethe, that only when the YSB make breakthroughs for further advances can there be an upswing in the socialist construction, the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il put YSB’s at the forefront to bring on a great revolutionary upswing throughout the country.

Whenever the nation faced important tasks—such as at the time of the struggle to mark the 30th anniversary of the founding of the party with grand celebrations of victors, the struggle to implement the decisions of the sixth party congress, the struggle to implement the decision of the Hambung plenum to capture the height of 1.5 million tons in nonferrous metal production, as well as the tasks to construct the northern railroad and built up Pyongyang, the capital of the revolution, into a grand, colorful city—the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il summoned the YSB and led them to fully perform their role as the spearhead.

Especially, whenever it launched a new operation in its economic construction, our party put the SBYSB, a mighty shock brigade, at its forefront to make breakthroughs for advances.

The party assigned the SBYSB to the difficult and important parts of economic construction and they finished them up in a blitz in the high speed battle spirit. Thus, the SBYSB took less than two months to finish the huge Pyongyang-Madong railway electrification project, which would normally have taken more than two years, to create a new speed of loyalty in railway electrification. The SBYSB also took only two months to complete the difficult and gigantic grinder project for No. 3 Ore Dressing Station at the Komdok Mining Complex and this innovative achievement set a fine example in the creation of the “Speed of the 80’s.”

With the opening of the 1990’s, the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, at the beginning of the new year, arranged for a SBYSB activists meeting to carry out tasks set forth in our great leader’s New Year’s address and the decision of the 17th plenum of the sixth party Central Committee. This reflects his lofty intent to put the SBYSB at the forefront of the struggle for another revolutionary upswing and thereby to spur on the struggle to create a new “Speed of the 90’s” and make the whole nation seethe.

Thanks to the sagacious leadership of the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, the YSB could always take the front-and-center position in the struggle to carry out grand socialist construction plans of the party, making breakthroughs for its advances and leading the van in effecting a new revolutionary upswing.

Next important in the leadership of the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il with the YSB movement was that while holding a tight grip on ideology as the base of the movement, he gave priority to political work, ideological remodeling work, above all other work.

The YSB movement is a movement of loyalty in which youth devote their ardent devotion and wisdom to adding glory to the age of chuche. Since the burning loyalty of youth to the party and the leader plays a decisive role in the YSB movement, it is imperative to grasp firmly the ideology of youth and give priority to political work, ideological remodeling work, over all other work.

In the YSB movement, the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il brilliantly embodied the ideological theory of chuche that the ideological consciousness of people plays a decisive role in revolution and constitution, and set forth the creative guideline on firmly grasping ideology as the base of the movement and, at the same time, on giving priority to political work, ideological remodeling work, over all other work. He provided energetic guidance to see that it is thoroughly carried through in the YSB movement.

When some Socialist Working Youth League [SWYL] functionaries once showed a tendency to regard the SBYSB as a mere labor corps and to belittle political work, ideological remodeling work, for YSB members while focusing only on guidance for the fulfillment of economic tasks, the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il caught it on time and straightened out the situation. The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il kindly opened their eyes to the fact that the SBYSB had been created neither to solve any labor shortage nor to help expedite some specific construction projects but to foster the new generations—the generations that experienced no hard times nor any ordeals of the revolution—into chuche-type communist revolutionaries by making them ideologically tested and physically prepared amid the practical revolutionary struggles to defend and implement party lines and policies. At the same time, he established an orderly work...
system for the YSB movement to give priority to political work, ideological remodeling work, over all other work, and even taught specific ways and means to do so.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il saw to it that SWYL functionaries go down to battle sites where YSB members are assigned and do their political work on a regular basis, and that central art troupes and other art and propaganda teams visit them frequently at construction sites with their performances. He thus ensured that economic agitation goes on ambitiously at every battle site where YSB members work.

Thanks to the energetic leadership of the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, it became possible for the YSB movement to give priority to political work, ideological remodeling work, over all other work and foster YSB members into fine chuche-type communist revolutionaries, and to spur on YSB members to a higher display of their burning loyalty to the party and loyalty—and to an uninterrupted creation of miracles and innovations in the socialist construction.

Also important in the leadership of the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il with the YSB movement is that he led the YSB activity to go on boldly and daringly.

Inasmuch as the YSB movement is a mass movement of youth, leading the movement in a way that suits the characteristics of youth is its inherent demand. Youth have lofty ideals and great ambitions; whatever they do, they like to do them in a big way and at a roaring pace. Only by undertaking YSB movement in a bold, daring fashion will it be possible to bring into full play the fine disposition youth have, enhance the role of youth as the spearhead in the socialist construction and thus to bring about new miracles and innovations.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, who has acquired abundant experiences in leading youth movements from early on, always led the YSB movement to be undertaken in a bold, daring fashion.

To be bold in entrusting work to the YSB is an important condition for ensuring that YSB activities go on in a daring fashion. The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il entrusted youth with the huge northern railroad project in its entirety and, in doing so, had the SBYSB undertake the most important segment of the project. In the Kwangbok Street construction, too, the two largest-scale and most gorgeous projects—namely, the Palace for Students and Children and Youth Hotel projects—were left to the hands of the SBYSB. Thanks to the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il who boldly entrusted the YSB with the rewarding tasks to build what would be great monuments adding luster to the workers party era, the YSB movement could always set out high targets and push big projects in a daring fashion.

To launch operations to capture the next height as soon as one height is captured is an important requirement in spurring on the YSB movement boldly and daringly.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, unveiling the blueprint of the gigantic capital city construction, called the SBYSB into the Chwanggwang Street construction. Then successively, he entrusted the SBYSB with the construction of the Great Study Hall of the People, Chvangwangwon, Pyongyang No. 1 Department Store, Munsu Street, Ansangtaek Street and Kwangbok Street. Thanks to the sagacious leadership of the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, the SBYSB had clear-cut targets and could make innovations and advances with no interruptions in the capital city construction, throwing up a large number of great monumental creations in a short period of time and thereby greatly contributing to building Pyongyang into a more magnificent and gorgeous city and to accelerating the socialist construction in our country.

Also important in the leadership of the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il is that he made it sure that the YSB is maintained solidly and that the YSB movement strengthens and develops uninterruptedly.

The YSB is the nucleus of the YSB movement. It is also in direct charge of the YSB movement. Furthermore, the decisive force that drives on the YSB movement is none other than the YSB. Only by maintaining the YSB firmly can we deepen and develop the YSB movement and successfully accomplish tasks that confront the YSB movement.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, who always had paid great attention to strengthening and developing the YSB movement, focused, above all, on building up the YSB as combat ranks infinitely faithful to the party.

Thanks to the energetic leadership of the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il, the YSB commanding staff was organized by functionaries faithful to the party and the leader, capable, ambitious and full of passion; ideological indoctrination work and organizational life strengthened among YSB members, and revolutionary work system upholding the leadership of the party was put in place and an iron discipline and order was firmly established among them.

Like the combat power of an army is determined by soldiers and their arms and equipment, that of the YSB is decided by YSB members and the material and technical means at their disposal. In this age of science and technology, unless the YSB is equipped with modern material and technical means, it cannot properly discharge its mission as a shock brigade to make breakthroughs in the implementation of party policy.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il provided the YSB with modern material and technical means. Especially, he saw to it that the SBYSB is equipped with various modern machines and means of transport well as high-performance construction machinery.

The YSB today has strengthened and developed into combat ranks of revolutionary fighters firmly united in
the ideology and the will of our party, into a combat-ready unit that can fulfill any difficult task assigned by the party.

The sagacious leadership of the dear Comrade Kim Chong-il is the basic factor of all the victories and successes that have been achieved in the YSB movement. It is the source of the inexhaustible strength that strengthened and developed the movement onto a new high level.

The dear Comrade Kim Chong-il is indeed the great heir of the great cause of the chuche revolution and the sagacious leader of the Korean youth movement and the YSB movement.

The YSB movement has traversed a militant course full of pride during the past period under the leadership of our party, made great achievements for the party, the revolution and the fatherland.

The greatest of all the achievements made by the YSB movement is that, upholding the grand socialist construction program of the party, built a large number of great monumental creations to add lustre to the workers party era.

Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and secretary of the party Central Committee, pointed out:

"SBYSB members, deeply aware of the mission of the youth as our party's reserve corps and the heirs of the great cause of the chuche revolution, highly displayed mass heroism in fixing up Wangjaesan, Samjiyon and other historical battlesites and historical sites of the revolution—symbols of the revolutionary history of our great leader and our party—as halls of indoctrination in revolutionary tradition. They did the same in carrying out such monumental construction projects of our times undertaken under farsighted plans as the International Friendship Exhibition Hall, the Great Hall of Study of the People, the Komdok Palace of Students and Children, and other great monumental creations by YSB members are a vivid illustration of the daily growing and prospering features of the chuche Korea in the workers party era. Such masterpieces of chuche architecture as the Great Hall of Study of the People, the International Friendship Exhibition Hall, the Mangyongdae Palace of Students and Children, and other great monumental creations by YSB members are a vivid illustration of the daily growing and prospering features of the chuche Korea in the workers party era, and a powerful demonstration to the whole world the heroic mettle of YSB members of the chuche-type new generation indoctrinated and trained by our party.

Another accomplishment of the YSB is that amid the awesome practical struggles of the socialist construction, it trained youth of new generations to be true communist revolutionaries and reliable heirs of the great cause of the chuche revolution.

The YSB is not only a mighty shock brigade for the socialist construction but also an excellent school for training new generations into communist revolutionaries. In the past period, the YSB movement has trained a large number of youths into chuche-type communist revolutionaries and reliable workers of the socialist construction.

By being armed even more firmly with the chuche ideology and trained organizationally and ideologically amid the awesome practical struggles of the socialist construction, YSB members grow steadily to be chuche-type communist revolutionaries possessing lofty communist features and reliable heirs of the revolution. They make their beautiful ideals and wishes bloom in their carrying out the party's grand socialist construction program, which they do not for any personal honor or pleasure for themselves but solely for the sake of the party and the revolution, totally dedicating their most precious youthful days to it. Such is the true picture of our YSB members.

Through the YSB movement, the SBYSB in the 15 years produced 11 Labor Hero title holders and 83 "Kim Il-song Youth Honor Award" winners; besides, some
26,000 were awarded state decorations and more than 10,500 SWYL members had the honor of becoming WPK members.

In addition, amid the practical revolutionary struggles of the socialist construction, many YSB members grew to be capable functionaries who are trained politically and ideologically and well prepared technically and administratively. Yesterday's YSB members are today working as functionaries of party and government organizations, economic agencies, working people's organizations, factories, enterprises and at cooperative farms in cities and rural areas, in coal mines and fishing villages.

The new generations are to go forward shouldering the destiny of the fatherland and the revolution. The fact that they have been trained to be communist revolutionaries infinitely faithful to the party and the leader and excellent functionaries is the most precious achievement made in the YSB movement. It is an immense pride and honor of the movement.

The enormous tasks of the socialist construction confronting our party and people today demand that we strengthen and develop the YSB movement more than ever.

Important in strengthening and developing the YSB movement in accordance with the demand of the developing realities is to study in depth, and master, the leadership of our party that has led the YSB movement on the path of sure victory and honor, along with the precious achievements and experiences acquired in its course, and to embody the results thoroughly in the YSB movement.

The precious achievements and experiences made by our party in the YSB movement constitute a solid capital and valuable assets in strengthening and developing this movement. SWYL functionaries and YSB commanders must study in depth and master our party's immortal achievements and abundant experiences in the YSB movement, embodying the results thoroughly in the practice of the revolution. By doing so, they will further strengthen and develop the YSB movement.

Confronting the YSB movement today is the honorable task to lead the van of the solemn struggle to make the 1990's a historic decade of victory holding aloft the programmatic tasks set forth by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song in his 1990 New Year's address and at the 17th plenum of the sixth party Central Committee.

As they performed the feats of loyalty in the great march of the 80's, YSB members and commanders must once more play the role of the spearhead in generating a great revolutionary upswing in the socialist construction in the great march of the 90's. Construction sites of major projects are the battlefields for YSB members to rush to and are the worthy workplaces for them to perform labor exploits in. YSB members must highly display the spirit of collective innovation and mass heroism in major construction projects and, by doing so, become heroes of construction, heroes of creation, in the creation of a new “Speed of the 90's.”

YSB members and commanders will, in the future, too, continue to add luster to their honor as the shock brigade and as the party's faithful youth vanguard taking the lead in the most difficult and backbreaking work in the implementation of the grand socialist construction program of the party.

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