

The Key Results Accomplished Recently in the DPRK in the Raising of the People's Living Standard (Summary)

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In the DPRK, the raising of the people's living standard has become the greatest concern of the Party and Government, and the highest battle objective.

The respected Supreme Leader Comrade Kim Jong Un made the following statement:

“The Party has raised the issue of the people's living standard as the greatest concern, and has put great effort into the battle to raise the living standard of the people's material culture.” (“Report on the Review of the Work of the Central Committee at the Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea”)

The economic sanctions and blockade by the United States and the West against the DPRK have created the greatest of difficulties for the development of key light industries in the raising of the people's living standard. The light industry strategy, which the Party and Government of the DPRK previously adopted, took as its basis the moving to national production of raw materials and resources, and the modernizing in the short term of all light industrial plants, the putting of effort into the development of new manufactured goods and the raising of quality, and further greatly producing diverse world-class light industrial manufactured goods.

Agriculture is directly connected to the people's food issues, and occupies an important position in raising the people's living standard. In the DPRK, we are concentrating effort, taking the agricultural sector as a key front for the building of an economically powerful nation and the raising of the people's living standard. Recently in the DPRK agricultural sector, a searing blast has arisen for scientific farming, and we have bred many more good new varieties suited to the properties of the soil by region and natural climatic conditions, and have achieved great advances in work to introduce them. In the DPRK, we have adopted advanced farming methods and technology, and even with unfavorable natural climatic conditions, have increased the volume of grain production annually.

Production has grown in the marine products sector also. In the marine products sector, we have firstly put effort into constructing many more modern highly-efficient fishing vessels, and into modernizing fishing gear, and achieved results. In fish farming and aquaculture also there have been many achievements.

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