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Mankind today is advancing along the road of creating a new history of the age of independence.

Independence is the lifeblood of man and nation, and the highest value shared by all of human race, as well.

Our nation, taking a pride in its 5,000-year-long history since the founding father Tangun, finds itself in the centre of the age of independence and is working unique examples of shaping out the destiny of man and the destiny of the nation independently, before the world.

Proud of being an independent political party belonging to this nation, the Korean Social Democratic Party (KSDP) assumes of itself the historical responsibility to take part in the cause of independence of the nation and mankind and discharge with credit the lofty mission and duties entrusted upon it.

The KSDP is a democratic party devoted to the country, the nation and the people, defending the demands of all classes of popular masses and the interests of the nation and seeking social justice.

Our party's political idea is the idea of independence. It is a political idea which holds independence to be the lifeblood of man, nation and humanity and claims independence of man, of the nation and of humanity as a trinity.

The idea of independence is the guiding idea of our party governing all its policies and activities.

The essential policy assertions of our party is to build an independent society and accomplish the independent reunification of the country at the present stage and to finally build a future society—an independent world in which the three requirements of independence have been materialised.

The political idea and policy assertions of the KSDP reflect the party's character of devotion to national independence, of patriotism and democracy and also accord with the demand of the international community for independence and democracy.

With a view to achieving an independent society, independent reunification and an independent world, the KSDP takes upon itself the following basic tasks:

1. To realise independence of man and of the nation and build a sovereign state of independence, democracy, equality and solidarity.

2. To mould the destiny of the nation by its own efforts without dependence on others and take the stand of originality and creativity, rejecting sycophancy and dogmatism.

3. To guarantee democracy in political life and all other realms of social life and ensure stable employment, safe working conditions and balanced distribution.

4. To expedite self-support and modernisation of national economy, solidify firmly the independent eco-

conomic power of the country and recognise and protect state ownership, cooperative ownership and private ownership alike.

5. To enforce perfect public welfare policy in all domains such as housing, public health, education, social insurance and social security and secure clean living and natural environment against pollution, in keeping with the requirements of man in his independent life.

6. To preserve the brilliant cultural tradition of the time-honoured nation as old as 5,000 years, develop modern science and technology, literature and art, abiding by the subjective stand, and encourage promotion of education of the rising generation and training of native technical experts under the state concern.

7. To oppose infiltration of reactionary ideas and culture eroding man's mentality, promote vitality and spirit of independence of the Korean nation and infuse the whole society with lofty human features and morality.

8. To seek arms reduction and withdrawal of foreign military forces on the Korean peninsula, secure peace of the country and pursue the policy of self-reliance in national defence.

9. To pull down the barrier of idea and principle, religious faith and social system and establish a unified, pan-national confederal state of independence, peace and neutrality from the nation-comes-first viewpoint and by the great unity of the whole nation on the basis of the

three principles of national reunification—**independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity.**

10. To pursue a foreign policy of independence, peace, friendship and solidarity, strengthen contacts and ties with social democratic and other political parties over the world and destroy the order of domination by multinational enterprises to establish a new, fair international economic order.

**RULES OF THE KOREAN
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

Article 1. This Party is named the Korean Social Democratic Party.

Article 2. The Party aims to build a reunified, sovereign, independent and democratic Korea and create a future society—an independent world where the three requirements of independence have been realised, by embodying the idea of independence.

Article 3. The Party consists of workers, farmers, intellectuals, entrepreneurs and men of religion.

Article 4. The Party Central Committee is seated in Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

CHAPTER 2 MEMBERSHIP

Article 5. Membership of the Korean Social Democratic Party is open to the Korean citizens of 18 years or above, who approve of the Party's Programme and Rules and are willing to implement them.

Article 6. An applicant for membership shall undergo the following procedures:

1. An applicant shall submit a written application,

certified by two Party members, to the city (district) or county committee of the Korean Social Democratic Party.

This procedure also applies to an applicant for re-admission and to an applicant who has seceded from other political party.

2. Admission to the Party is determined by the city (district) or county Party Committee.
3. The membership status of a person admitted to the Party dates from the time when the city (district) or county Party Committee decides on his membership.

Article 7. The duties of the Party member are as follows:

1. The Party member shall strive to carry out the Party's Programme, decisions and instructions.
2. The Party member shall belong to a Party organisation, faithfully participate in the life of the organisation and voluntarily observe Party discipline.
3. The Party member shall strictly keep the secrets of the Party.
4. The Party member shall make tireless efforts to raise his political and theoretical level and increase his ability.
5. The Party member shall constantly cultivate himself to be a true patriot who is popular among the masses and is respected by them.
6. The Party member shall pay the prescribed membership dues to his organisation on time.
7. The Party member shall follow the formalities of

registration and transfer prescribed by the Party.

Article 8. The rights of the Party member are as follows:

1. The Party member has the right to elect and to be elected to the leadership bodies of Party organisations at all levels.
2. The Party member has the right to speak and vote at Party meetings.
3. The Party member is free to criticise any other members who violate the duties prescribed by the Party Rules.
4. The Party member may ask to attend the Party meeting that considers matters related to himself.
5. The Party member may make a complaint or a petition to the Party committees at all levels up to and including the Central Committee.
6. The Party member has the freedom of secession.

CHAPTER 3 PARTY ORGANISATIONS

Article 9. Party organisations at all levels shall be formed in principle according to the administrative units of the country.

Article 10. The Party Central Committee shall be formed at the centre, the provincial (city under central authority) Party Committee in the province (city under central authority), the city (district) and county Party Committees respectively in the city (district) and in the county.

Article 11. The highest leadership of Party organisations at all levels is as follows:

1. The highest leadership of the Party is the Party Congress and, in the intervals of the Party Congresses, the Party Central Committee elected by the Party Congress.
2. The highest leadership of the Party organisations of the province (city under central authority), city (district) and county is the Party Conference of the respective Party organisations and, in the intervals of the Party Conferences, the respective Party Committee elected by the Party Conference.
3. The delegates to the Party Congress and the Party Conference are elected by the Party Conferences of the next lower Party organisations or by the general meetings of the basic organisations.
4. The rates of representation in the Party Congress are determined by the Party Central Committee, and those in the Party Conferences of the province (city under central authority), city (district) and county by the respective Party Committees according to the prescription made by the Party Central Committee.
5. The number of the members of the Party Central Committee is determined at the Party Congress, and that of the members of Party Committees of the province (city under central authority), city

(district) and county at the respective Party Conferences in accordance with the prescription made by the Party Central Committee.

6. Elections to the Party leadership bodies at all levels are conducted in accordance with the regulations made by the Party Central Committee.

Article 12. The recall and by-election of members of the Party Central Committee and the Party Committees of the province (city under central authority), city (district) and county shall be effected by the respective Party Committees.

Article 13. The Party Central Committee may fill by direct appointment the vacancies in the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship of the lower Party committees.

Article 14. The formation and dissolution of Party Committees of the province (city under central authority), city (district) and county shall be determined by the Party Central Committee, and those of basic organisations by the city (district) and county Party Committees, subject to the approval of the Party Committee of the province (city under central authority).

Article 15. A Party meeting shall be valid only when it is attended by more than two-thirds of the members of the Party organisation and of delegates of the conference or members of the committee concerned, and the decision on a matter under consideration requires the approval of more than half the participants in the Party meeting concerned.

Article 16. The lower Party organisation is in duty

bound to implement the decisions and directives of higher Party organisations.

Article 17. The Party Committees at all levels have necessary departments.

The authority to establish and abolish departments and define their functions shall be vested in the Party Central Committee.

CHAPTER 4

THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP BODY OF THE PARTY AND ITS FUNCTIONS

Article 18. The Party Congress, the highest leadership of the Party, is held regularly or extraordinarily.

A regular Congress is convened at an interval of three years by the Party Central Committee and, if necessary, earlier or later than the prescribed time.

An extraordinary Congress can be convened by the decision of the Party Central Committee or by the request of more than two-thirds of the members of the Central Committee.

Article 19. The functions of the Party Congress are:

1. To review the work of the Party Central Committee and the Party Central Auditing Commission.
2. To adopt the Programme and Rules of the Party or amend them.
3. To elect the Party Central Committee and the Party Central Auditing Commission.

Article 20. The functions of the Party Central Com-

mittee are:

1. To organise and direct all the work of the Party in the intervals between Party Congresses.
2. To hold its Plenary Meeting more than twice a year as a rule.

Article 21. The Plenary Meeting of the Party Central Committee shall discuss and decide on important Party affairs of the day and elect Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Political Committee and Control Commission of the Party Central Committee.

Article 22. The functions of the Political Committee of the Party Central Committee are:

1. To organise and execute all the work of the Party on behalf of the Party Central Committee in the intervals between Plenary Meetings of the Party Central Committee.
2. To hold meetings of the Political Committee at any time, if necessary.

Article 23. The Control Commission of the Party Central Committee shall get to know and control regularly the Party members' implementation of their duties laid down by the Party Rules and consider and dispose of the proposals of lower Party organisations with regard to Party disciplinary matters and complaints of Party members.

Article 24. The Party Central Auditing Commission shall check up on the Party's finances and accounting work.

CHAPTER 5

THE LOCAL LEADERSHIP BODIES OF THE PARTY AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

Article 25. The Party Conference of the province (city under central authority), the highest leadership of the Party organisation of the province (city under central authority), shall be convened by the Party Committee of the province (city under central authority) once in three years as a rule.

Article 26. The functions of the Party Conference of the province (city under central authority) are:

1. To review the work of the Party Committee of the province (city under central authority).
2. To elect the Party Committee of the province (city under central authority).
3. To elect the delegates to the Party Congress.

Article 27. The functions of the Party Committee of the province (city under central authority) are:

1. To organise and direct the Party work confronting it in the intervals between Party Conferences of the province (city under central authority).
2. To hold its Plenary Meeting twice a year in principle.

Article 28. The Plenary Meeting of the Party Committee of the province (city under central authority) shall discuss measures to execute the decisions and directives of the Party Central Committee and elect Chairman,

Vice-Chairman and Permanent Committee of the Party Committee of the province (city under central authority).

Article 29. The Permanent Committee of the Party Committee of the province (city under central authority) shall organise and execute the Party work confronting it on behalf of the Party Committee of the province (city under central authority) in the intervals between its Plenary Meetings.

The Permanent Committee of the Party Committee of the province (city under central authority) shall convene its meetings at any time, if necessary.

Article 30. The city (district) and county Party Conference, the highest leadership of the city (district) and county Party organisations, shall be convened by the city (district) and county Party Committee once in three years as a rule.

Article 31. The functions of the city (district) and county Party Conference are:

1. To review the work of the city (district) and county Party Committee.
2. To elect the city (district) and county Party Committee.
3. To elect the delegates to the Party Conference of the province (city under central authority).

Article 32. The functions of the city (district) and county Party Committee are:

1. To organise and execute the Party work confronting it in the intervals between city (district) and county Party Conferences.

2. To hold its Plenary Meeting twice a year as a rule.

Article 33. The Plenary Meeting of the city (district) and county Party Committee shall discuss measures to execute the decisions and directives of the higher Party organisations and elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the city (district) and county Party Committee.

CHAPTER 6

THE BASIC ORGANISATION OF THE PARTY

Article 34. The basic organisation of the Party is the group.

The group is the basic unit of the organisational life of the Party members.

Article 35. The group is formed with five to ten Party members on the basis of residential area.

Article 36. The group shall convene its general meeting from time to time to review its work and discuss the measures to implement the decisions and directives of the higher Party organisations.

The group shall elect its head and assistant head at the general meeting once a year.

Article 37. The group head has the following duties:

1. To control the organisational life of Party members and give them ideological training.
2. To organise and mobilise Party members for the implementation of the decisions and directives of the higher Party organisations.
3. To collect dues and contributions from Party

members and deliver them promptly to the city (district) or county Party Committee.

CHAPTER 7 COMMENDATION AND PENALTIES

Article 38. A Party member who distinguishes himself in the implementation of the Party's Programme shall be commended as recommended by his Party organisation and by the consideration at the higher Party body.

Article 39. A Party member who violates the duties prescribed in the Party Rules shall receive the following penalties according to the gravity of his mistake:

1. Admonition.
2. Reprimand.
3. Dismissal from office.
4. Expulsion.

Article 40. Penalty for a Party member shall be decided upon, preferably with his participation, at the meeting of the city (district) or county Party Committee.

Article 41. Decision of the city (district) or county Party Committee on expulsion shall be approved by the Party Committee of the province (city under central authority).

Article 42 . Penalty for members of the Party Committees at all levels shall be decided upon by the respective Party Committees, subject to the approval of the higher Party organisation.

Article 43. If a Party member repents his mistake

sincerely, strives to correct it and shows improvement in his practical activity, the Party Committee which decided on the punishment must discuss and decide upon cancelling the penalty.

CHAPTER 8 THE FINANCES OF THE PARTY

Article 44. The financial requirements of the Party shall be met with its membership dues, contributions and other revenue.

Article 45. The Party member shall pay one per cent of his monthly income as his membership dues.

CHAPTER 9 SUPPLEMENTARY RULE

Article 46. This rules will be effective from the day of its adoption at the Party Congress.