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SPEECH BY LIEUTENANT GENERAL SONG HAO AT ARTILLERY YOUTH CONGRESS

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[Speech delivered by Lieutenant General Song Hao at the Congress held to review the emulation of artillery youths: "Youths in the People's Armed Forces Must Make Every Effort To Train, Move Enthusiastically Forward, and Emulate to Successfully Complete Each Task of the New Stage"]

[Text] Today, on behalf of the Central Military Party Committee and the Ministry of National Defense and on the occasion of my visit to the congress to review the emulation movement of artillery youths, I want to warmly congratulate you and the youths and all of the artillery cadres and soldiers in the three military columns of our people's armed forces for the achievements and progress you and they have made.

This congress is a congress of many cadres and soldiers, both male and female, representing the artillery units of all three military columns on all battlefields and throughout both North and South Vietnam. This congress is an expression of the strength of the people's artillery and the heroic people's armed forces, a symbol of the brilliant success of the correct and creative political and military lines of our party. It is also an expression of the unity and unanimity of our people and the people's armed forces comprised of people from all of the tribes in the great family of our beloved Vietnam fatherland.

Your congress is a living expression of the strength of artillery youths and the Ho Chi Minh Lao Dong Youth Group organization within the people's artillery.

In the "emulate to record feats of arms and defeat the U.S. pirate aggressors" movement during the war of resistance against the United States for national salvation, our artillery youths, together with the entire branch, completed the artillery's mission and further enhanced the tradition of "have brass feet and iron shoulders, fight well, and shoot straight" of the people's artillery in the heroic Vietnamese people's armed forces. Youths made important contributions to the political-ideological, organizational, technical, and tactical development of the artillery. In both combat and the build-up of the artillery, our youths were constantly trained and made continuous progress.

Today, in the face of the requirements of the revolutionary situation and task and the mission of the army in the new stage, the Central Military Party Committee has decided to launch a new emulation movement within the people's armed forces, a movement called the "determined to win" emulation movement. This will be a broad revolutionary campaign within our armed forces, one which will develop upon the recent movement to "emulate to record feats of arms and defeat the U.S. pirate aggressors."

The objectives of this "determined to win" emulation movement are to create a new revolutionary atmosphere, a new strength, and new methods of operation throughout the army, teach and inspire cadres and soldiers to heighten their patriotism and love of socialism, develop the excellent nature and traditions of the people's armed forces and enthusiastically emulate to excellently complete each mission in this new stage; step up the development of a powerful people's armed