



Legally Guaranteed Child Rights

Children in any country have the right to special protection and care. This constitutes one of the most important issues which have a bearing on development of a country and nation, and future of mankind.

Among human rights-related conventions, it is the Convention on the Rights of the Child that has as many as 196 signatories. This fact alone suffices to show the extent of the worldwide attention on the protection of child rights.

But according to UNICEF, child-related crimes amount up to 170,000 cases for the past ten years; 22 million children suffer annually from various diseases such as pneumonia; and as many as 175 million poverty-stricken children cannot afford pre-school education.

In capitalist countries as well, despite their much-touted “provision of human rights”, numerous children are treated like tradable goods by human trafficking and forced labour; even the basic rights they deserve are ruthlessly trampled upon.

In our country however, all children exercise equal rights to the full from the principle: “Children deserve the best!”, regardless of sex, status of their parents or protectors, property ownership and physical defect.

The Law on the Protection and Promotion of Children’s Rights, the Law on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children and other child-related laws ensure that all the children are provided with the rights and benefits on preferential basis. Not long ago, the DPRK Law on Childcare was also adopted, legally stipulating state policies and measures for childcare.

The further consolidation and development of the universal compulsory twelve-year education system and the superior socialist healthcare system in our country has ensured that the children are brought up strongly both mentally and morally in good physical condition, thus fully guaranteeing the rights of children in the field of education and public health.

That is why a news agency of one African country reported that the DPRK would be the only country in the world that ensures on high level children’s rights by combining education and public health for mental and physical development of children, making it a policy and putting it into practice.

Social measures to ensure children’s rights are legally guaranteed under the maximum attention of the country. This makes the future of our Republic ever bright and promising.