

**On the occasion of the 73rd Anniversary of the Founding of
the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**



Source of the DPRK's Might

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is dynamically advancing to attain the status of a powerful socialist country it chose, breaking through the obstacles of history.

Then, what is the source of inexhaustible strength which repels all sorts of challenges and leads this country?

Strength of Affection

The single-hearted unity, by which the leader and the people have achieved an integrated whole by bonds of human feeling, is unique to Korea.

The human feeling between the leader and the people is the leader's true heart of loving his people and the people's yearning for their leader.

Kim Jong Un's affection for the people is ennobling in that it is the warmest and most sincere.

I have to endure every manner of severe hardship and even defy death for the sake of the people—this is his spirit of making selfless, devoted efforts for the people.

Wherever he goes, he shows his keen affection for the people. When he visited a worker couple's family who had moved to a new house in Changjon Street, Pyongyang, he proposed the toast to them. And when he met the girl triplets who volunteered to settle in the city in a northernmost, alpine region of the country, he told them to write a letter to him after getting married to good men.

He had baby homes, orphanages and primary and middle schools for orphans built in Pyongyang and in provinces across the country; and when he visited the baby homes and orphanages, he embraced the children with parental affection.

Deeply moved by his devoted efforts and sincere and warm affection, the Korean people support and follow him as they would do their father.

Their human feeling towards him reflects their thanks to and yearning for him.

They regard it as the greatest joy of their life to see him even from afar and as the glory of their life to devote themselves to carrying out his instructions and supporting his leadership.

Kim Jong Un's inborn trait—affection for the people—is the source of single-hearted unity which encourages all the people to say the same in one voice and keep in step with one another, a driving force of creation and transformation, which makes it possible to achieve greatest successes in the grimmest trials, and the great strength of the DPRK.

Strength of Justice

Genuine justice lies in realizing the aspirations and demands of the people to live in a peaceful world free from war and in defending their lives.

Kim Jong Un, despite the severest trials and difficulties, has developed the country's

national defence capability to the highest plane, and thus provided a sure guarantee for enabling his people to live happily for ever under the blue sky free from any threat of war.

Shouldering the responsibility of the senior designer and manufacturer of the Juche-based weapons, he went to the dangerous test-firing sites and powder smoke-filled firing lines.

Whenever test-firing of Juche-based weapons ended in success, the hostile forces' moves for sanction grew more vicious.

However, thanks to powerful war deterrent and national defence capability provided under Kim Jong Un's do-or-die determination, the enemy's challenges were smashed to smithereens.

He achieved the great historic cause of raising the country's strategic position to the highest plane by building up the most powerful national defence capability at an exponential speed and in a shortest possible period.

Merry laughter and singing of the people resound in every part of the country. Children are growing cheerfully and stoutly, bringing their talents into bloom.

The Korean people are extending thanks to Kim Jong Un, who has built up the strongest possible national defence capability, and are proud of being the people of a dignified powerful nation.

It is commonplace in the modern world that many countries are moving under the baton of others and toeing the line of big powers. However, as it is led by Kim Jong Un, the DPRK is steering the political current of this planet by demonstrating to the full its sovereignty and might. They are the happiest people in the world.

As the country is supported by the strength of warm affection and justice, it is demonstrating its fame as a country of independence and people envied by the world.

Truth of the DPRK

The world's unanimous curiosity about the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is how the country has been able to withstand the harsh sanctions by the West.

But the country's image in the face of sanctions is "mysteriously" positive. It is doubtful whether it is under the unprecedentedly harsh sanctions.

"Mysterious" Strength

The sanctions and pressure imposed by the West on the DPRK is aimed at leading it to "wither away" by making all its fields and its economy in particular stagnant, suffocated and collapsed.

However, the country's economy remains stabilized under the super-intense sanctions. It is recording a rising curve, not a rising and then falling curve that is frequently witnessed in the capitalist economies.

The country is furnished with the system that relies on the domestic materials and techniques in iron and steel making and in the production of fibre and fertilizer; it is making a change in construction in line with the demands of the new era, and turning out its indigenous tube trains, tractors, trams, trolley buses, buses and trucks.

The shops are stocked mostly with the goods of domestic brands, and this demonstrates the qualitative and quantitative growth of the country's light industry. The newly-built or renovated architectural structures are in no way inferior to the world's best.

Ryomyong Street, which foreigners visiting the DPRK praise as a "people's street in the 21st century," was built in a year; the 44 blocks of skyscraping, multi-storeyed apartment houses of 4 800 flats and the 40 public facilities are energy-saving and green buildings.

The "mysterious" strength that propels such remarkable development is none other than the spirit of self-reliance. It is the invariable will of the DPRK not to rely on others but advance by its own efforts.

The reality of the DPRK, which is growing stronger, achieving a miraculous development and creating a happier life in the face of the harsh sanctions, serves as a textbook that teaches how countries and nations that aspire after anti-imperialist independence should fight the arrogant and high-handed Western countries.

Reality of the Country of “Mystery”

“North Korea is a country of evil. The people are uncouth and there is nothing complete. Not a taxi can be found. Many people are homeless.”

What is the country’s reality that is reflected on the eyes of the foreign visitors?

They are unanimous in saying that the DPRK is a country free of not only the unemployed, wanderers and beggars but also murder, robbery, drug abuse and prostitution, the outcome of mental deformation and an inevitable product of the capitalist society.

The DPRK is invariably enforcing policies of love for the people and future even in the face of the inhuman blockades, pressure and sanctions by the West.

The children are regarded as the kings of the country; in the palaces and halls for them, which are ubiquitous in the country, children give fullest play to their wishes and talents without paying a penny, a reality quite different from the Western countries where children regard it as essential to them to possess bulletproof blankets against gun violence.

In the Okryu Children’s Hospital situated in Pyongyang, the capital city of the country, there are classrooms and teachers for the in-patients for their uninterrupted learning during hospitalization. Visiting this hospital constitutes a good chance for experiencing the free medical care and compulsory education enforced in the country.

The Pyongyang Maternity Hospital delivers triplets now and then, and the state’s policy for them is worthy of attention; mothers are not subject to any charges from the day of being hospitalized to the day of leaving the hospital; moreover, a silver dagger is awarded to a boy baby and the father of triplets and a gold ring to a girl baby and the mother of the triplets.

Someone once said that the era without gold was truly a “golden era,” and the DPRK, which is full of affection and human feeling, harmony and happiness, is an “ideal land” in a “golden era,” isn’t it?

If this is a “country of evil” as the West claims it to be, how should we call the Western society, in which fraudulence, trickery, conflict, confrontation and the law of the jungle are the mainstay of the social relations?