

**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.

The DPRK: How Does the World See This Country?

September 9 this year marks the 73rd founding anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Over the past seven decades of its development the country has demonstrated its dignity and honour, overcoming all sorts of challenges and difficulties.

We look back on its history through the names it was called in each period.

“Democratic Korea”

On August 15, 1945, Korea was liberated from Japan's military occupation. It was a task of the times confronting the Korean people to decide which road the new Korea should take. Korea adopted the road of Korean-style democracy, progressive democracy, not the road of Soviet-style democracy nor the US-style democracy. On the basis of the founding of the people's government and the implementation of democratic reforms such as the agrarian reform, nationalization of key industries and gender equality, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the people's country with the working masses as its masters, was founded on September 9, 1948. The world people called the new Korea democratic Korea.

“Heroic Korea”

The Korean war (1950-1953) waged by the imperialist allied forces led by the US that boasted of being the “strongest” in the world to stifle the DPRK, which was only two years old since its founding, was literally a “confrontation between an A-bomb and a rifle.”

Few thought that Korea would win the war. But the Korean people repulsed the imperialist aggressors and defended the country. Many people in the world praised the DPRK as heroic Korea as it created a myth of bringing to its knee the imperialist power.

“Chollima Korea”

The appearance of post-war Korea was such that it could not be expressed otherwise than “ashes.” The US claimed that Korea could not rise again even in one hundred years.

However, the Korean people have turned out in the struggle to create a new life. After completing reconstruction in less than three years, it carried out the centuries-old task of socialist industrialization in 14 years, running in the spirit of legendary Chollima, a horse that can run 400 kilometres a day. The word Chollima Korea widely spread in the world.

“Land of Juche”

The whole course covered by the DPRK can be called the process of applying the Juche idea. After its founding, the country has achieved remarkable successes in socialist construction by thoroughly applying the Juche idea and dealing with everything in conformity with its specific conditions and the interests of its people. Universal free medical care and free education were enforced and a heyday of socialism was opened in all fields of society.

The Juche idea has been widely disseminated to the world; more than 1 100 research and dissemination organizations in over 100 countries have been formed with the International Institute of Juche Idea and regional organizations as the centres.

The country has become widely known as the land of Juche.

“Socialist Fortress”

The collapse of socialism in one country after another at the end of the last century weakened the faith in socialism among many people of the world. At that time, Chairman Kim Jong Il of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK made public important works, including Socialism Is a Science, which proved the scientific accuracy and truthfulness of socialism and the inevitability of its victory. The country smashed by dint of the treasured sword of Songun politics

the general offensive the imperialist allied forces had launched to stifle it availing themselves of the collapse of the world socialist camp, firmly defended its socialist system and ushered in a new era of building a powerful socialist country. The DPRK has become recognized by the international community as a socialist fortress which no one can destroy with anything.

“Country of Single-hearted Unity”

Many people in the world are surprised to see the DPRK advancing along the road of independence without the slightest vacillation in the face of severe trials and challenges of history.

The dangerous military pressure by the hostile forces and the hideous economic blockade which could not be otherwise described as being aimed at “annihilating a nation” could not bring the Korean people to their knees.

How could the DPRK, which is not so large in terms of population and territory, overcome such tremendous challenges? The secret was the single-hearted unity in which the national leader and the people share the intention and destiny. This single-minded unity is unique to the DPRK, which no country can imitate nor possess and is the most powerful political weapon that cannot be destroyed even by a nuclear bomb. The country of single-hearted unity is the most correct name characterizing the DPRK.