

A contribution to the Asian Regional Seminar on the Juche Idea

**“Exploits of General Secretary Kim Jong Il
Who Formulated and Put Kimilsungism into Practice”**

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February 16, 2022 falls on the 80th birth anniversary of General Secretary Kim Jong Il.

The world people, who have been impressed more and more with the exploits of General Secretary Kim Jong Il made in the history of humankind, are congratulating this birth anniversary even more from the bottom of their hearts.

Human beings are given their physical lives by their parents, and grow into social beings after birth. How good a child can be depends on his or her parents' revolutionary education on him or her as well as social education he or she may have.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il was born at a secret camp in Mt. Paektu on February 16, 1942 with President Kim Il Sung as his father, and Ms. Kim Jong Suk as his mother. At that time, even though food was not satisfactory, President Kim Il Sung gave him a systematic revolutionary education and raised him through practice in difficulties.

By preserving new political integrity, General Secretary Kim Jong Il grew into a great leader who contributed comprehensively to the revolutionary struggle of the contemporary times.

President Kim Il Sung said in his talk to the veterans of Anti-Japanese revolution and the children of revolutionary martyrs in 1992 and in 1993 entitled “For the Accomplishment of the Socialist Cause” as follows:

“I put forward the Juche idea, which reflects the requirements of our revolution and the aspirations of the people in the new age of independence, and have led the revolution and construction, guided by this idea, but I have not given much thought to systematizing

the principles of the Juche idea. This task has been carried out splendidly by Comrade Kim Jong Il. On the basis of his profound study of the basic principles and essence of the Juche idea, he defined our Party's guiding ideology as the integral system of the idea, theory and method of Juche.

“He has also enriched the Juche idea with new principles and content to meet the requirements of our times and the development of the revolution and fully developed it in depth. In addition, he has worked energetically to equip our people with the Juche idea and give wide publicity to this idea abroad. He has thus ensured that the Juche idea is the revolutionary idea of the popular masses themselves in name as well as in fact.

“In other words, he has cultivated the Juche idea, the seed which I had planted in the soil of our people and developed, into a thriving crop and has gathered a rich harvest, so to speak.”

Being trusted by President Kim Il Sung, General Secretary Kim Jong Il became to work for the Party Central Committee as its secretary since September 1973.

Here I would like to introduce an example of mine that shows how thoroughly President Kim Il Sung believed in General Secretary Kim Jong Il and thus brought him up.

It was on January 19, 1987 when I was honored to have an opportunity to be received in audience by President Kim Il Sung. During the audience, I asked a favor of him as to let me know about what sort of person Comrade Kim Jong Il was, while having a thought that it possibly might be rude, as I felt President Kim Il Sung was very close to me.

Then President Kim Il Sung said that he was so modest that he would not dare to involve in the external activities of his father. As a result, foreigners had little opportunities to get in direct touch with Comrade Kim Jong Il.

Introducing a Chinese historical allusion, President Kim Il Sung talked about a teaching of a Chinese ancient famous scholar called Kong Zi, that is, “We should be afraid of the younger generation.” It went to the effect:

One day when he was on the way of travelling in a vehicle, Kong Zi found three boys at the age of seven or so playing on the road. One of them was absorbed to try to build a

sand castle with his hands by disturbing others from passing by.

Then Kong Zi came nearer to the boy and said “You, get out of my way and let my vehicle go through.” The boy said with a smile: “I’ve never heard that a castle should move for the sake of a vehicle. I’ve only heard that a vehicle should take a long way around.” Then Kong Zi evaded the sand castle and drove from the side, while thinking that “This child is not just a child.”

The meaning of the allusion is that a new generation would overcome the previous one and grow as wonderful persons or that those who are born later will be even more wonderful.

Although President Kim Il Sung himself is the greatest as leader, he stated that Kim Jong Il would be a leader greater than himself. It can be said that it was such President Kim Il Sung’s trust in and expectation of Kim Jong Il that raised General Secretary Kim Jong Il as he was.

The birth of General Secretary Kim Jong Il is congratulatory in itself. As a matter of fact, to humankind, that General Secretary Kim Jong Il, as leader of the revolution, became to guide the Korean revolution is a matter for congratulation indeed.

So, we, Juche idea researchers ought to continue our work to learn from General Secretary Kim Jong Il and promote the study and dissemination of the Juche idea to the end with faith in it.