

## Nation with Strong Sense of Independence (1)

What is the DPRK like? Simply put, it is regarded as a country whose whole society is imbued with the spirit of independence and makes progress on the strength of it. In other words, all of its people are single-mindedly united with strong spirit of independence.

### **Emerging Victorious by Dint of Spirit of Independence**

The Korean people have a strong sense of independence with which they do everything in their own way.

They have a long tradition of tackling all the problems they have faced in their own way. When he launched an anti-Japanese revolutionary war to win back the country from the Japanese imperialists, President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994), founding father of socialist Korea, maintained such a firm stand that the master of the Korean revolution is the Korean people themselves and set forth independent lines and policies, thus realizing the cause of the country's liberation on August 15, 1945. Later on, throughout his governance, he advanced original lines and policies proceeding from the concrete situation of his country, not from other countries' experience or theories.

The Korean people's spirit of independence was further heightened by Chairman Kim Jong Il (1942-2011). He put forward the slogan "Let us live our own way!" and remained steadfast in his stance of independence while confidently leading the country and people only to victory. Under his leadership, the DPRK could stay immune to the international political turmoil in the late 1990s and safeguard its socialism.

Today the Korean people are growing firmer in their spirit of independence as they are led by Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, who is revered worldwide as a statesman of faith and will. Over the past ten or so years, they have never swallowed their pride before anyone and in any circumstances.

While making world-startling achievements one after another in different areas such as politics, the economy, military and diplomacy, they have unflinchingly advanced straight forward along the road of their own choice.

History has proved that victory and glory are always in store for a nation and its people that brave all challenges cherishing the thoroughgoing spirit of independence as an element of faith.