

## On the occasion of 106th Birth Anniversary of the Eternal President Comrade Kim Il Sung

### **Kim Il Sung: A Great Man of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

Many great men had been recorded in human history.

However, it had never witnessed such a great man like Eternal President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994), who enjoyed admiration and respect by a great number of people from one century into the next.

Kim Il Sung, eternal President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who authored the Juche Idea that illumines the way ahead of mankind, was a pioneer and the leader of the era of independence. Having embarked on the road of the struggle for the freedom and liberation of his country from the Japanese military occupation (1905-1945) in his teens, he clarified the truth of the Juche Idea in the early days of his revolutionary struggle. The Juche Idea means, in a nutshell, that the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses of the people and that they are the motive force of the revolution and construction. In other words, it means that the master of one's destiny is oneself and one has the strength with which to carve out one's destiny. It constituted a historic event which indicated the road for carving out the destiny of the working people of the whole world, who were subjected to imperialist aggression, plunder, domination and subjugation.

With the faith that the masters of Korean revolution were the Korean revolutionaries, and that no one would make them a present of their independence and they can achieve it only by relying on the strength of their own nation, he waged an anti-Japanese war against the Japanese aggressors, one million strong, and finally achieved the historic cause of national liberation (August 15, 1945).

After liberation, based on the thorough going principle of independence, he advanced the line of nation building suited to the reality of the country and the interests of its people. And he established a genuine people's state in which people are masters of everything and everything serves them. By dint of the unlimited strength of the Juche Idea, he defeated armed aggressors of 16 countries led by the US imperialists, who had boasted of being the "strongest" in the world, and achieved a great victory in the Korean war. Even though the US clamoured that the DPRK would not stand on its feet within one hundred years, he had a powerful socialist country, independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in na-

tional defence, established on the ruins of war.

The Juche Idea, which proved its truth, scientific accuracy, veracity and vitality in reality, attracted attention from the broad international community and was spread to all corners of the five continents. Thanks to this idea, mankind could deliver themselves from darkness that

held of this cause without any hesitation and led it to victory. When the flag of socialism that had been flying over Kremlin was pulled down and socialism was experiencing frustration and setback in other countries, Kim Il Sung had his country hold aloft the banner of socialism and encouraged the progressive peoples of the world to advance

the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, he supported the Vietnamese people's resistance against the US. In the 1970s, when the non-aligned movement faced a crisis owing to the imperialist schemes to disintegrate it, he met President Tito of Yugoslavia and told him the main principles and methods for advancing and strengthening the non-aligned

movement and the international communist movement in the future, too. Fidel Castro of Cuba said that Kim Il Sung was the most experienced and prestigious of the heads of state in the world.

Kim Il Sung was a peerless sage whose noble humanity and virtue left an indelible trace in the world.

His noble traits and humanity were born of his noblest view of and affection for man. His memoirs are tantamount to a textbook on humanity. In the memoirs *With the Century*, Eternal President Kim Il Sung wrote: I respect the people as if they were God; my God is none other than the people; only the masses are omniscient and omnipotent and almighty on earth; therefore, my lifetime motto is "The people are my God".

American evangelist, Billy Graham, who had been to Korea, said as follows: In north Korea, I felt no need to preach the gospel. The Bible contains the intention of the God, that all should love human beings. And north Korea pursues love of human beings as a state policy. The state's responsibility for free medical service, free education and people's clothing, food and housing—this is a state policy set and enforced by Eternal President Kim Il Sung who believes in people as in heaven. The people support him as their God. Why is the Bible needed in this country?

The ennobling humanity and unlimited magnanimity of Kim Il Sung were not limited only to the Korean people but all the world people transcending differences in nationality, citizenship, religious belief and political view. Thanks to the measures taken by him, former chancellor of Austria Bruno Kreisky who had nearly been paraplegic, came to walk on this land and former director of Guinean-Broadcasting Station Emile Tompapa, Vishwanath of India and many other people in the world were rescued from the jaws of death.

Even political figures from the countries hostile to the DPRK were deeply moved by his noble personality. Former Deputy Prime Minister of Japan Kanemaru Shin, said that he would unhesitatingly sacrifice his life for the sake of President Kim Il Sung. Former President of the United States Jimmy Carter, stated that President Kim Il Sung was greater than George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln, the most illustrious early US Presidents, all combined. Kim Il Sung will live for ever in the hearts of mankind.



had been prevalent for thousands of years and enter the new era of independence, and the cause of global independence was ushered in.

Kim Il Sung was an outstanding world's veteran statesman, who led the cause of independence of mankind under the unfurled banner of anti-imperialist independence throughout his life. In the rapidly-changing political situation of the world, he tightened his grasp on the

steadily along the road of independence.

He was a genuine internationalist. In those days of the anti-Japanese war, he had the Korean revolutionaries help the Chinese revolution at the cost of their blood and defend Russia with arms. At the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis in the 1960s, Kim Il Sung stood in the vanguard of supporting the Cuban revolution in the international arena. And at the time of

movement. In every period of the development of history, he formulated strategies for achieving victory for the cause of global independence against imperialism and ensured that the DPRK unswervingly followed its track even in a complicated situation. In the last period of his life, Chairman Mao Zedong said to Kim Il Sung that the latter was the only man who could look after the world revolution, asking him to lead the world revo-