



"Best Things to Children!"

Children represent hope and future. To breed children good boys or girls in good health is raised as an important issue which is linked with the prospect of all the countries and nations.

It is from this importance that the United Nations adopted Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 and Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989, appealing to all the countries to rise up in the efforts to protect the rights of children.

However, the situation of children is getting worse in the capitalist countries instead of improving, in spite of a good number of international measures taken for children.

What is worse is the fact that the state which should legally guarantee the protection of children connives at the act of child abuse.

The U.S., which poses as a "human rights judge", is a good example of this. Child abuse is openly allowed in the 19 states of the U.S. Thus, "methods of education" such as giving children electric shocks, giving them no food, forcing them to drink liquid ammonia, etc. are being applied, much to the consternation of people.

Child labor is also legally allowed. The law stipulates that the children engaged in the agricultural sector can be younger than those in the industrial sector and that it does not make any difference even though they work for longer hours under worse conditions.

If the work for children is neglected, it is the course of nature that the society would go backward that much more. Its prospect would look gloomy as well.

In our country, everything is devoted to children while attaching the greatest importance to the work for them.

Besides this, the health and rights of children are legally guaranteed and implemented to the letter.

Typical examples are the Law on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children and the Law on the Protection and Promotion of Children's Rights of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

In our country, a socialist system of nursing and upbringing of children has been established whereby all the children of preschool age are brought up at nurseries and kindergartens at state and public expense. Such a system is guaranteed by the Law on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children.

The DPRK Law on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children stipulates that the DPRK consistently maintains the policy of attaching importance to children and ensuring their rights and interests on a preferential basis and that children have preferential rights to free education and free medical care. It also stipulates that children shall be preferentially

provided with the best things necessary for their health, education and life in accordance with the principle of "Best Things to Children!".

It was established as a Party's policy to supply all the children across the country with nourishing foods including dairy products at state's expense at an important Party meeting discussing the most important policy of the State. This can be only found in our socialist country which regards children as the kings and queens of the country.

Under the protection and care of the State and society, our children are growing up strong into the supporting pillars of the future of the DPRK.