

Nation with Strong Sense of Independence (2)

People want to live in an independent state. They have a good reason to feel proud when their leader holds fast to an independent stance and their country goes its own way not succumbing to the pressure from other countries.

People Full of Pride

The Korean people take great pride in their state, and devote themselves to their country's peace and prosperity, united in single mind. This is sufficiently evidenced by some facts.

In September 2017, Kim Jong Un, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, issued a statement warning of an unheard-of tough countermeasure in coping with the extreme war crisis prevailing on the Korean peninsula after the UN unfairly adopted a "sanctions resolution" following the DPRK's ICBM test-fire and a string of rhetoric such as "complete destruction" of the DPRK came from the US. The day after the statement, numerous working people and youth and students around the country volunteered to join or rejoin the Korean People's Army, the number reaching over 4.7 million in six days. Such a unity in action sent shock waves through the international community.

Also surprising is the strenuous exertion of the Korean people who are working to achieve national prosperity all on their own.

In July last year when the country's northwestern border areas were stricken by floods some countries and international organizations expressed a willingness to assist it. Though grateful for it, the DPRK voiced its determination to overcome the difficulties by its own efforts. Under the leadership of President Kim Jong Un, the Korean people worked a miracle of building a durable embankment and more than 15 000 dwelling houses of modern style in the afflicted areas in a little over 130 days. This was an outcome of the soaring spirit of self-development and the

unshakeable will to achieve their happiness in their own right, traits deep in the hearts of the leader and people alike.

After all, all the achievements they made by their own efforts and pride in them serve to nourish their spirit of independence to be firm and strong.