

Memories of the Great Man (2)

The Sun Gives Light to All

All state policies are based on warm human love. In addition to free medical service and free education, the government takes responsibility for the people's clothing, food and housing. This is the government policy initiated and implemented by President Kim Il Sung who believes in people as in heaven. They revere him as their God. Such being the case, what is the use of the Bible in the country?

This is what American evangelist Billy Graham said after his visit to Pyongyang when he was asked by a journalist why he failed to distribute the Bible in the DPRK.

Noble humanity and virtues of President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994) were not confined to the Koreans.

In 1956, when he paid a visit to Bulgaria, Kim Il Sung found time to meet Georgi Anastasov, a man who had taken care of the Korean war orphans, and highly praised him for what he had done. Though he met the Bulgarian educator for the first time, he remembered him. Later, when Anastasov visited Pyongyang as a member of an educational delegation, Kim Il Sung was pleased to meet him again and posed with him for a photo.

Kim Il Sung travelled around East European socialist countries in 1984. Although his schedule was very tight, he called Anastasov and his wife and said to them that they were like a family though they were living in different countries. He drank a toast to them and presented them with gifts.

In April the following year he invited the Anastasovs to his country and met them twice and even arranged a luncheon and a farewell party for them. Moved by his warm hospitality, Anastasov told the President that he felt as if he met his own father.

Anastasov was not the only man who was overwhelmed by his warm humanity and virtues. Kim Il Sung took warm care of the family of Zhang Weihua, a Chinese

martyr with whom he made friends during the anti-Japanese armed struggle, and Ya. T. Novichenko, a former Soviet Union army officer, and his family, not forgetting them even after several decades.

His magnanimity was so great and his humanity was so warm that he enthralled those foreigners unfriendly or even hostile towards the DPRK, as well.

Kanemaru Shin, former deputy prime minister of Japan who visited the DPRK in 1990 leading a delegation of the Liberal Democratic Party, said as follows: It was really a wonderful visit. I regret that my visit was too late. A journalist has just asked me if I were in tears to meet President Kim Il Sung. Yes, I was. I'd like not to conceal the fact that I was overwhelmed by his personality traits. It is because it is not shameful to be fascinated by a man you truly respect.