

Democratic People's Republic of Korea - A paradise on Earth

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The dictionary meaning of paradise is heaven or a place or condition of great happiness. In this sense, Democratic People's Republic of Korea is truly a paradise on Earth where people are enjoying a contented, happy and dignified life. A famous German authoress Louise Rinser once said "DPRK is heaven that Christians have longed for, a just Society that Plato described, a utopia that Thomas More imagined and a God's city that Augustine aspired".

Korea was liberated from the Japanese colonial rule after struggling and fighting a fierce armed battle on August 15, 1945. Unfortunately, it had to fight another battle with another super power namely United States of America during 1950-53. During this Father land liberation war, although U.S.A. suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Korea but American forces destroyed Korea completely turning it into heaps of rubbles. The loss of lives and property was huge. Although Korea was not a defeated nation in the war, the U.S. occupied the Southern half of the country to meet its own strategic interests and engineered the establishment of a puppet Government in South Korea.

President Kim Il Sung with the help of the Workers' Party of Korea which was guided by the Juche Philosophy and always having boundless faith in the masses had not only defeated the enemies but also rebuilt the country.

In the words of President Kim Il Sung" We relied on the strength of the masses in our armed struggle against Japanese imperialism in the past. We relied on it in repulsing the US imperialist invasion of our Republic after Liberation. We relied on it in post war reconstruction. During Father Land liberation war, American imperialists reduced our country to ashes. After the war they clamoured that Korea would not be able to rise again in 100 years. However, we grappled with post war reconstruction, convinced that we would rise again even on the ashes as long as we had the territory, the people, the people's Government and the party leading the people. Despite the U.S. imperialists clamours, our country completely healed its war wounds only in few years, and in less than 20 years after the war, it rose up as a mighty socialist power. It is, thanks to the great strength of the people that our country rose so quickly on the ruins left over by the war".

According to chairman Kim Jong Il "Socialism in our country is the socialism of our own style, it is application of the great Juche Idea and is centred upon the popular masses".

The whole basis of the Juche Idea is about putting people at the centre of everything and making everything serve them. In Democratic People's Republic of Korea people are the masters of everything and everything serves them. President Kim Il Sung said that the people are my God.

Chairman Kim Jong Il said that we should make flowers grows on a rock if it is for the people. Marshall Kim Jong Un in his policy speech in the year 2019 said the people-oriented policies should be pursued and he stressed. The slogan 'Everything for the people and everything by relying on them' encapsulates the people first principle maintained by our party

and the Government of our Republic. In all spheres of State and social life we have given top priority to what are oriented to the people and popular among them, unsparingly investing everything for their wellbeing. Over recent years, our state has implemented gigantic construction projects in a bold manner. This is not because there is a surplus funds in the country's coffers; those projects are aimed at providing our people who are the best in the world, with better conditions for a happy, cultured life".

In DPR Of Korea people enjoy free medical care, free education, free housing, full employment and social benefits such as old age pension etc. What is most remarkable is that DPRK maintains a high level of social benefits but abolished taxation in March 1974 some 45 years ago. There houses are built by the state and provided to the working people free of charge. In recent years modern streets such as Mansudae street, Changjon street, Mirae scientists street and Ryomyong street were built one after another and the houses were allotted to people of various walks of life. In the year 2016 when the northern areas in North Hamgyong province were hit by floods, the state enlisted all its forces and built nearly twelve thousand houses in just two months, thus providing the flood victims with better living conditions. The state also builds modern houses that met the demands of the new century in the country side for the farmers. All this was carried out on a very large scale under the conditions of intensified sanctions and blockades by the imperialists and big power chauvinists.

Since every working person has been provided house to live, there are no homeless people sleeping on the streets. Also, since all people of working age have been provided with jobs, there is no unemployment, no begging and no other social evils like drug abuse, gun violence, AIDS, human trafficking, theft, robbery etc.

These are easily witnessed on large Scale in all the western Countries. In DPRK due care is taken of elderly people who have no body to support them and other orphans. They are regarded as valuable members of the society and given the best things. Orphanages with latest modern facilities have been built where they are provided with all types of facilities and healthy food. Primary and secondary schools have been constructed where quality education is imparted to them These schools also have excellent sports and medical facilities.

In DPRK, all sorts of medical services are also free for all people. Several specialised hospitals equipped with latest machines for the purpose of diagnosis and treatment of the patients have been constructed. In these hospitals highly qualified doctors and nurses have been employed. To mention a few such hospitals are; The Breast Tumour Institute of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital, Okryu Children Hospital, Ryugyong Dental Hospital, Ryugyong General Ophthalmology Hospital and so many Other General Hospitals. All these hospitals are providing services free of charges to all the people.

Besides providing houses for all free of charges and free medical services, free education is also being imparted at all levels from Preschool to university level. Universal free compulsory education was enforced in the country in the year 1959. In DPRK large numbers of schools and universities have been established where the educational standards are very high. There is world class study environment in these Institutions. Parents don't worry about the admissions of their wards in schools and university. In several countries, admissions of their wards at all levels from Kindergarten to university is very difficult as parents have to run from pillars to post to get admission of their children. In recent years, an impetus is given to the building of a Sci-Tech power in DPRK. Importance is being given to science and

technology in all realms of social life as well as in the economic sector and everything is resolved by dint of science and technology. Marshall Kim Jong Un has set the policy of attaching importance to science and technology as the pivotal of his country 's development strategy.

In DPRK, there is social ownership of the means of production, which means that there are no antagonistic classes, exploitation and oppression has been eliminated, therefore no conflicts based on class and social divisions. People in DPRK have a high sense of "taking ownership" of "stake holding" which does not exist in any capitalist country. Indeed, in capitalist countries divisions between classes are hardening all the times and social and income inequalities are widening day by day.

DPRK being a true Juche socialist country, there is a fair distribution of the National Income and therefore there are no inequalities of incomes. The principle of distribution of the National Income is 'Each according to his ability and Each according to his needs'. Since there are no two classes of people, very rich and very poor, you don't find a situation of extreme poverty in the midst of plenty, where rich indulge in all types of wasteful vulgar consumption and the poor suffer from hunger which is witnessed in capitalist countries.

With all the description given above the prevailing situation in DPR of Korea where people are enjoying the benefits of the modern civilisation, it will be most appropriate to call it as the heaven on the Earth.

I will end my article by quoting a couplet from a renowned Persian poet Amir Khusro which is an excellent description and most relevant to DPR of Korea.

It says "Gar firdaus bar - rooe Zaminasto"

"Haminasto, Haminasto, Haminast".

It means if there is any paradise on earth, it is here, it is here, it is here.

Long live Marshall Kim Jong Un

Long Live Juche socialist Korea

Long live Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism