

75 Victorious Years - essay on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the WPK

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This year on October 10th the Workers' Party of Korea will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its foundation. It will be a grand event for not only the Korean people but the revolutionary people of the world as the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) is greatly respected and admired as a model of a revolutionary party which has withstood storms and stresses which would have pushed others under in no time.

The Workers' Party of Korea, founded by the great leader President KIM IL SUNG on the 10th of October 1945, is the supreme general staff of the Korean revolution and the organiser and guide of the Korean people. Thanks to President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL the WPK has traversed the road of victory and glory, making distinguished achievements in the building of socialism. As Marshal KIM JONG UN the respected leader and chairman of the WPK said ***“Over the past 70 years the WPK has led the cause of the Juche revolution, the cause of socialism, along the road resplendent with brilliant victory by overcoming manifold grave trials of history.*”**

The course of its leading the cause of the Juche revolution, the cause of socialism, has been an acute and serious political and class struggle against imperialism, dominationism, revisionism, worship of big powers and dogmatism, and a hard struggle of hewing out an untrodden path to build a genuine, new society for the people.

In the whole course of leading the several stages of the revolution and construction the WPK has not followed any established theory or formula, but advanced dynamically along the road indicated by the original Juche idea, the road of independence, Songun and socialism.”

Indeed the history of the WPK, which actually goes back far beyond the date of its foundation to the days of the Down-With-Imperialism Union and the anti-Japanese armed struggle, has been characterised by the following features, firstly fidelity to revolutionary principle, secondly, independence, and thirdly, the people-first or people-oriented principle.

The WPK led by President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL always opposed modern revisionism, opportunism, factionalism and always upheld the red flag of revolution. As the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL wrote in his work ***“The Workers' Party of Korea is the Party of the great leader comrade KIM IL SUNG*** “that the WPK ***strictly adhered to the Juche stand***

and line of independence, our Party and people have not vacillated in the raging wind of modern revisionism and all other opportunist trends, and in the trying situation in which socialism collapsed in several countries, they have been able to defend and add luster to our style of socialism.”

Thus, when modern revisionism appeared in some socialist countries and the international communist movement, the WPK firmly rejected it. When socialism was frustrated in a number of countries in the early 1990s the WPK led by President.

KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL stuck firmly to the road of socialism.

The fact that the WPK always adhered to revolutionary principles is linked to the fact that it always maintained independence despite pressure from whatever quarter. As Eternal President KIM IL SUNG said ***“In the course of the independent struggle of our working class and toiling masses, the Juche idea became the compass guiding our revolution and the Korean communist movement, and today it is our Party’s firm guiding ideology”***.

President KIM IL SUNG founded the forerunner of the WPK, the Down with Imperialism Union in October 1926 from among the new generation of revolutionary youth who rejected the idea of worshipping big powers and depending outside forces. The principle of independence was maintained by the WPK which refused to bend down to the pressure of the big power chauvinists to adopt this or that policy. Under the leadership of the WPK, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea did not join the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance and built an independent national economy.

Because the WPK adhered to revolutionary principles and to the line of independence it was always able to put the people first, rather than the interests of others. As respected Marshal KIM JONG UN said in his speech to the parade to mark the 70th anniversary of the WPK, ***“President Kim Il Sung and General Kim Jong Il built ours into an invincible revolutionary party, a genuine political leadership organization, which serves the people and advances in unity with the masses, the first of its kind in history.***

Since it inscribed a hammer, a sickle and a writing brush in its red flag, our Party has never been separated from the people and advanced the revolution always believing in them as in heaven.”

This is indeed very true. The WPK implemented truly people-orientated policies totally different from capitalist countries and from some of the revisionist-led socialist countries. In People’s Korea thanks to the leadership of the WPK and the guidance of President KIM IL SUNG, Chairman KIM JONG IL and Marshal KIM JONG UN, the people enjoy free health care, free

education and virtually free housing. Taxation was abolished in 1974. When the far parts of the DPRK were hit by heavy storms in 2016 causing floods, the WPK temporarily halted the construction of Ryomyong Street and prioritised rehabilitation and reconstruction of the flood damaged areas. Now People's Korea is prioritizing the construction of the new Pyongyang General Hospital.

The 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Workers' Party of Korea will be cheered by the Korean people and world people because in every year of its existence it has adhered to revolutionary principles, to independence and put the people first!

LONG LIVE THE WORKERS' PARTY OF KOREA!
LONG LIVE DEAR RESPECTED MARSHAL KIM JONG UN!

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