

## **Kim Jong Il: How the World Saw Him**

Kim Jong Il (1942-2011), eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, enjoyed reverence of the world people from many countries.

They called him *the greatest of the great men, a seasoned and outstanding politician, a great ideologist, a distinctive politician of the contemporary era, an outstanding political veteran, a defender of justice, a guardian of peace for mankind, a world's outstanding military strategist, an immensely dear leader, an incarnation of affection, a great saint of the times, a master of diplomatic strategy, a resolute and broad-minded leader, a state leader with driving force and firm will, a far-sighted man, a versatile leader, a nun ceremonious and vigorous man, a kind-hearted and humble man, a non carnation of benevolence, a great saint attracting all the people*, etc.

To look back, since the early 1960s, when he was studying at Kim Il Sung University, he drew admiration of foreigners. Inspired by his outstanding personality, a foreign student studying at the university at the time chanted the paean, *Long Live Comrade Kim Jong Il!*

In April 1965 Indonesian President Sukarno, who witnessed Kim Jong Il devoting great efforts for ensuring health and safety of Kim Il Sung while accompanying him on his visit to Indonesia, said to Korean officials:

“In my country a saying goes that a distinguished general is trained under a distinguished general. As Premier Kim Il Sung is a world-famous man, his ‘young commander’ must surely also be a great man.”

King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia, who visited the DPRK several times, said, “Kim Jong Il is a paragon of loyalty to be followed by humanity.”

VOA reported: Kim Jong Il is a unique political leader unheard-of so far in the world; he must be recognized as a tough socialist statesman and military leader possessed of absolute faith in and loyalty to socialism and of tenacity.

A renowned portal site of China, nominating him as one of the ten powerful statesmen of the world, wrote: Resoluteness, driving ability and sense of humour of Kim Jong Il are beyond the imagination of the West; even south Korean politicians expressed their feeling of reverence by highly praising him as a leader of extraordinary judgment and profound knowledge.

Over 1200 appellations for him are known to the world, dozens of which are related with the sun,

like the sun of humanity, the sun of the revolution, the sun of life, the sun of hope, the guiding sun, the sun of Juche and the sun of socialism.

Greatness of Kim Jong Il will be handed down through generations with the many appellations.