

## On The Occasion The 79<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Of Generalissimo Kim Jong Il



**Kim Jong Il's View on Happiness**

People's delight is my delight and their happiness is my happiness—this was view on happiness cherished by Kim Jong Il (1942-2011), eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

With the noble sense that people would be happy as much as he devoted, he continued his super-intense on-site guidance trips for their good throughout his life.

On these trips he had to encounter biting cold and heavy snow on the high passes, scorching heat at the farms and downpour at the construction sites. Sometimes he would leave for another round of on-site guidance in late evening or early morning after spending the previous day giving on-site guidance at several units.

If people could lead a happy life, I have nothing more to wish for—with this thought, he did not hesitate before any rough roads or trials. All the creations across the country, including a large number of renovated factories and enterprises, large-scale crop fields rezoned in standardized shapes, modern stockbreeding bases and fishing stations, power stations and gravitational waterways are associated with his devotion.

To save time, he would have a catnap in the running car or have balls of rice on the road.

He once told officials:

What is life? It is one devoted for one's country and fellow people. Our life is nothing but one devoted for the prosperity of our country and happiness of our people.

Seeing the increasing people's wealth and their happy look, he found the worth and joy of his life. He said that whenever he saw the people getting happier day by day, he hardened his mind to do more work for them.

In order to bring greater happiness to the people, he speeded up his field guidance in the last days of his life.

December 4, 2011 was Sunday. Though he was unhealthy, he visited the amusement park at the Kaeson Youth Park, which was laid out as a base for people's cultural and leisure activities. That day it was especially cold, but he said that if he visited it on such a day, people would come to it on fine days to enjoy themselves.

When officials asked him to have rest, he said that it was his invariable determination and will to devote his all for the prosperity of his country and the good of his fellow people, adding that he would only advance forward holding the flag towards the future when the people would live with nothing to envy in the world. On December 15, two days before his death, he visited the Kwangbok Area Supermarket and acquainted himself with the goods to be supplied to the people.

On December 17, he passed away on the train on his way to the people.

## **Humane Features of Kim Jong Il**

Kim Jong Il (1942-2011), the eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is known to the world as a strong-minded statesman who staunchly defended the sovereignty and dignity of his country against the high-handedness and arbitrariness of the so-called only superpower in the world.

However, he was not merely a strong-minded and strict leader; many people remember him as a tender-hearted man, a man with warm humane feelings.

Here are some examples.

In July 1981 when the then director-general of the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea was returning home after his visit to the DPRK, he got ill. So he had been carried to a hospital in another country. When he was receiving medical treatment at the hospital, a doctor from the DPRK visited him to his great surprise. After receiving the report about his hospitalization, Kim Jong Il had sent the competent doctor and many tonics to him. He also ensured that he met his son from India, saying that he might be missing his son during his days in the hospital in a foreign country.

Among those who formed ties with Kim Jong Il are not only adults but children including Jindallae (azalea in English). Her father, a Palestinian diplomat resident in Pyongyang, had failed to father a child for a long time, but after receiving medical treatment at the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital, his wife gave birth to a girl.

The parents sent a letter of thanks to Kim Jong Il and asked him to name their daughter. Happy with their event, Kim Jong Il named it Jindallae after a beautiful flower in Korea. On her birthdays, he would send gifts to her.

One day, Jindallae sent him a letter on one of her friends, who felt downhearted as she was going bald. Fully aware of her inner thoughts, he took detailed measures to bring her friend to Pyongyang and give her special medical treatment. Her appearance turned to that of beautiful girl with downy hair, and bright smiles lit up on her face.

Facts tell: Chairman Kim Jong Il was a man of humane feelings with which he approached all the people, whoever they were, with warm and genuine affection.

### **Lake Chon on Mt Paektu**





Lake Chon is located on the crest of Mt Paektu (2750m), the highest mountain of the Korean peninsula. The lake was formed on the crater of a volcano erupted about a million years ago. It is 9.17 sq kilometres in area, 384 m deep and contains 1955 million cubic metres of water. It is the deepest of the crater lakes in the world.

Its magnificent looks, secrets about the activities of ancient volcanoes and peculiar natural phenomena have attracted the attention of geologists, volcanologists and explorers from olden times.

A waterspout rises now and then on the lake. A gale kicks up a column of water hundreds of metres high, which spins round and round making a big vortex and wrapping the lake with thick fog. When a whirlwind burst, it blows off dusts, pumices and stones hundreds of metres high, often covering the area of hundreds of square metres. Ancient people believed that such a phenomenon was caused by a dragon flying up to the sky and venerated the lake calling it Dragon Pond.





tranquility. Other times clouds over the lake disperse in an instant revealing the blue sky and casting a reflection of peaks of the mountain on the crystal-clear water of the lake.

The weather of Mt Paektu is ever-changing. It is not uncommon that torrential rains suddenly stop, followed by a fall of large snowflakes and hailstones and rhododendrons bloom in snowy season.

Colourful clouds and double rainbow often appear in the sky over the lake. Also, quite spectacular is the nocturnal scene of the lake when the moon and stars are mirrored on its serene water.

Piping hares, moose freshwater turtles, chars and other animals of special species live in and around the lake. Seabirds like gulls and albatrosses have been found. Even the yellow-eared turtle, which is a rare animal in the world, has been spotted several times.

The water of the lake is recognized as an ideal drinking water in terms of chemical composition and hygiene.

During the first half of the last century, President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994) organized the anti-Japanese armed struggle to liberate Korea with Mt Paektu as the centre. And Chairman Kim Jong Il was born on February 16, 1942 in the mountain amid the flames of the struggle.