

Secret of Rapid Development of the DPRK

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is advancing at a surprising speed achieving continuous growth and development in the face of harsh sanctions by the hostile forces. What is the secret then?

Carrying Forward the Tradition

Always being mindful of and carrying forward the fighting spirit of the preceding generations can be called one of the excellent traits of the Korean people.

The country has the record of having removed the aftermath of the Korean war (1950-1953) unleashed by the United States in a short time and completed the socialist industrialization in merely 14 years.

In particular, the rapid progress it made in all fields of the economy and culture in the 1970s and 1980s is still encouraging its people in their struggle.

In the 1970s it trained a million intellectuals, carried out huge construction projects like the large, long-distance conveyor belt at the Unryul Mine and the Pyongyang Subway and reaped good harvests year after year in spite of disastrous weather conditions.

The construction speed of the Grand People's Study House built in the early 1980s was six times as fast as that of the Pyongyang Grand Theatre in the 1960s and 5.5 times as fast as that of the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium in the 1970s. The renovation project of the Kim Il Sung Stadium was carried out at the speed 18 times as fast as that of the Pyongyang Grand Theatre and 16.5 times as fast as that of the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium. The West Sea Barrage, the 10 000-ton press and the large-sized oxygen plant were also built in the 1980s.

By carrying forward the tradition the Korean people have built a new street in Pyongyang every year beginning with Changjon Street and are now building 10 000 flats each year. They accomplished the great cause of building up the country's nuclear forces in only four years, which would have been impossible even in 20 or 30 years by using existing formulae.

In April 2023 the miners of a coal mine in South Phyongan Province kindled the flames of a campaign for increased production by producing an extra amount of coal while overfulfilling the quarterly plan by 4 percent. In doing so, they inherited the tradition of the preceding generations in the 1970s, who had initiated and led a socialist, patriotic campaign for producing more coal.

The DPRK is changing morning and evening by splendidly carrying forward the tradition.

The Leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea

The correct leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea is also a propellant of the DPRK's rapid progress.

Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the WPK, is guiding the Korean people's cause of building a socialist power along the right path by dint of scientific and wise lines of development.

The line of achieving prosperity with self-reliance put forward by him is a line for orienting the country's economy to the stable and sustainable development even in any global economic crisis.

Under his wise leadership the DPRK has cemented the foundations of its self-sustaining national economy with the metal and chemical industries as the buttresses, which are powerfully propelling its rapid economic growth.

His outstanding organizational ability and strong drive, too, provide a guarantee for the rapid development of the DPRK.

The Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm, the world's largest of its kind, is a good example. Kim Jong Un personally proposed its construction, organized powerful construction forces for the project and wisely led the whole process of the construction, thereby ensuring that it was built as a modern large-scale greenhouse farm in only 230 days.

The WPK, by mobilizing its organizations at all levels, is giving a strong encouragement to the people across the country in their struggle to achieve the targets of the five-year plan for national economic development.

True to his intention, the Korean people are extensively waging socialist emulation campaigns, socialist patriotic movements and revolutionary mass movements whose main contents are helping and leading one another forward, learning from others and swapping good experiences. In this course the political enthusiasm and creative initiative of the masses have risen markedly, and this is another factor for the rapid development of the DPRK.

The People with a Strong Sense of Patriotism

Another secret of the rapid progress of the DPRK is the patriotism displayed by its people who invariably support the country no matter how difficult the situation may be.

According to available data, more than 204 100 young men and women voluntarily worked at night at the housing construction site in the Hwasong area in Pyongyang in a little over a year after the beginning of the project in February

2022.

Earlier, 140 000 young volunteers worked for the project of building 10 000 flats in Songhwa Street. Prompted by a desire to contribute to the prosperity of their country, many other patriotic young people in the country have volunteered to work at farms, collieries and other mines, major construction sites, branch schools in remote mountain villages or on far-flung islands, far from their dear home towns.

Such laudable deeds are also found among other people. They are caring for bereft old people as their own parents; they like helping one another in their neighbourhoods; and there are people who are tending forests, the country's asset, or faithfully working at tough jobs all their lives whether they are appreciated or not.

In May 2022 when a serious public health crisis occurred after the malignant virus had entered the country, the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK had to take the forceful measure of locking down regions and units throughout the country.

It meant hardships and difficulties many times greater than anything in the past for all the families and citizens, not to mention the affairs of the state, as all travels and movements were prohibited throughout the territory, not just in some parts or regions of the country, to the point that the rhythm of normal work and activities was destroyed.

However, the Korean people displayed the outstanding trait of accepting all the regulations and directives issued in relation to the emergency anti-epidemic work. Regarding doing so as a patriotic undertaking for the country and as a natural duty and mission for the sake of their families and for themselves, they observed them voluntarily and conscientiously and executed them without fail, thereby achieving victory in the anti-epidemic campaign within a little over 90 days.

All the citizens willingly put the interests of the country before their own personal and family affairs.

As they have such a sense of patriotism the Korean people are devoting their wisdom and enthusiasm to the work for the country, and the DPRK is continuing to advance by leaps and bounds.



The construction of the Ryonpho Greenhouse Farm was completed in a matter of 230 days under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.



The Namhung Youth Chemical Complex bustles with the effort for increased production.



Some of the 10 000 flats in Songhwa Street inaugurated in April 2022



The Korean people's aspiration and will to support their state with pure patriotism is fully demonstrated in the celebration events of the 75th founding anniversary of the DPRK held in September this year.