

## **Love the Future!**

Love the future!—this is the slogan that has been upheld by socialist Korea in the whole course of its progress.

Kim Il Sung, founder of socialist Korea, enforced the free education, the first of its kind in the Korean history, for the children in the guerrilla bases during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle for national liberation.

In the days of building a new society under the difficult conditions after liberation (August 15, 1945) that everything ran short, he proposed the pencil production as one of the items on the agenda at the first session of the Provisional People's Committee of North Korea.

During the fierce Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953) against the US aggression, he took measures that the state should take care of war orphans, while he himself looked after a bereaved child at the Supreme Headquarters of the Korean People's Army.

He held on the policy of loving and caring for the rising generations in the days of postwar rehabilitation and socialist construction.

He set forth the state policy of supplying school uniforms to all the students and schoolchildren in the latter half of the 1950s when the country was carrying out its rehabilitation on the ruins of war. He took a series of measures to educate all children of school age free of charge and build the schoolchildren's palaces and Children's Union camps in the best places throughout the country.

Kim Il Sung's warm love and solicitude for the posterity was carried forward by Kim Jong Il.

Kim Jong Il ensured that a branch school was set up for a single pupil on a lighthouse islet located in the northern tip of the country and a school commuter ran exclusively for a few schoolchildren in a remote mountain village.

Even in the days when all the Korean people wept tears of blood for the demise of Kim Il Sung (July 8, 1994) he ensured that the Songdowon International Children's Camp and all other children's camps opened for the children to enjoy their camp life and a helicopter flew to bring newly born triplets to the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital.

Kim Jong Il was most concerned for the children even in the latter half of 1990s when the country was at its worst, the people being compelled to overcome difficulties, caused by military threats and economic blockade of the US-led imperialist allied forces plus consecutive natural disasters unprecedented in its history.

In the most difficult situation in which factories and railways suspended their operations, schools and kindergartens all across the country reverberated with the reading and singing of the children and scenic resorts of the country were filled with their merry laughters. Vans carrying

soya milk continued running in the streets and gifts were presented to the children on great national holidays.

Love the future!—this lofty idea of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il who devoted their all to the rising generation in their lifetime is brilliantly carried forward today by supreme leader Kim Jong Un.

It was evinced by the celebrations of the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Korean Children's Union (June 6, 1946) held in June in Pyongyang.

The celebrations were the greatest in their scope and depth, scale and duration. More than 20 000 sons and daughters of ordinary working people were invited to Pyongyang, and participated in colourful celebrations for several days while visiting several places in the city.

It is the Kim Jong Un's thoroughgoing outlook on posterity that the rising generation are the reserves of the revolution and future masters of the country, so all of the best should be unsparingly provided to them.

He himself took substantial measures for the celebrations of the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the KCU to be held in a grandest and most significant way and on a largest-ever scale. He gave detailed instructions as to the composition of the CU delegates, the scale and period of the celebrations, itinerary of visits, board and lodging and transport, and granted all special favours to them. He personally attended the joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union held in celebration of its 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary and delivered a congratulatory speech. And he saw together with the CU delegates a concert "Love the Future!" specially prepared for the occasion by the Unhasu Orchestra and posed for a souvenir photo with them. Birthday spreads were given to more than 260 delegates during the celebrations and gifts were presented to all delegates thanks to the deep concern and warm love of Kim Jong Un who made sure that they should keep the memory of their stay in Pyongyang throughout their life.

That is only an instance of his love for the children.

Supreme leader Kim Jong Un makes every effort to provide the youth and children with better educational facilities and conditions for their cultural life in Pyongyang and all other parts of the country so that they can learn and enjoy to their heart's content. In recent days alone he paid visits to the Central Zoo, the amusement park in the Kaeson Youth Park and the reconstructed Children's Department Store, Changjon Primary School, Kyongsang Kindergarten and Kyongsang Nursery in Changjon Street, and bestowed favours on the rising generation.

Korea is expecting another grand celebrations on coming Youth Day (August 28).

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The future of Korea that holds fast to this slogan is sure to be bright and promising.