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MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEMISE OF HIS EXCELLENCY
PRESIDENT KIM II SUNG ON THE 8TH JULY, 2017

Great Statesman

Kim Il Sung, the eternal President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was a great statesman who created a model of socialist public.

On the basis of the principle of the Juche Idea, he formulated an original people-centred socialist politics and brilliantly applied it. This is why the DPRK remained unperturbed even in the closing years of the last century, when socialism collapsed one after another in several countries that had been fettered to the conventional theory and formula based on the materialistic outlook on history.

Regarding independence as an unshakeable guideline in the revolution and construction, Kim Il Sung consistently administered independence-based politics. Whenever the Korean revolution was faced with trials, including the days of the Korean war unleashed by the U.S. and the postwar rehabilitation, the worshippers of big powers and dogmatists in the country challenged the leadership of the ruling Worker's Party of Korea, and the great-power chauvinists resorted to arbitrariness

For example, when delegation of the DPRK government and the USSR government were holding talks in Moscow in 1956, the Soviet side officially proposed that the DPRK join the CMEA. Seeing that if his country joined the economic block of socialist countries it may lose independence in its economic construction and be subordinated to the big countries politically, Kim Il Sung rejected.

He never vacillated in the slightest on the road of administering independence-based politics whoever may say what, and the greater the trials and hardships, the higher he held the banner of the Juche Idea. Under his leadership, the DPRK developed into a powerful nation that is independent in politics, self-sufficient in the economy and self-reliant in national defence.

Ever-victorious Iron-willed Commander

Kim Il Sung, who defeated the Japanese imperialism and achieved the historic cause of Korea's liberation, was an ever-victorious iron-willed commander who humbled the arrogant U.S. imperialism, that had boasted of being the "strongest" in the world, in the Korean war(1950-1953)

One August day in 1951, when the Korean war was at its height, Omar Bradley, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, had a talk with a woman journalist from Stars and Stripes, a newspaper of the Pentagon.

When the journalists asked him if he know how north Korea, a country that is small in terms of territory and population, had come to have such a

strong army, Bradley answered. There is no weak soldier under the command of a brilliant general, when leaving Tokyo, General MacArthur told his successor that he had been defeated, that the latter should keep in mind that the supreme commander of the north Korean army was an outstanding general.

As was confessed by the generals of the U.S. army, the DPRK's victory in the war was the fruit of the leadership of Kim Il Sun, who was most outstanding in strategy and art of leadership, courage and stamina, faith and willpower.

American book, War and the United States, writes: To see from the historical point of view, the United States was accustomed to winning victory in a war by dispatching one or two illustrious generals to the front. However, the Korean front was a grave of the U.S. generals. Considering the fact that the supreme commander of the north Korean army was young general in his thirties, this was a very regretful and shameful tragedy for the great America.

The Sun of the People

the whole life of Kim Il Sung is resplendent with endless love for and trust in the people. He victoriously led the revolution and construction, regarding the masses as his God, respecting them as his mentor, and believing in and relying on them.

He ensured that the country, army and a number of monumental buildings and titles of honour were named after the word people.

As he loved his people more than anybody else, he empathized with the distress of the nation that was groaning under the colonial rule of Japanese imperialism. In his teens he set out on the road of revolutionary struggle, and brought about the liberation of his country. Soon after liberations when even one ton of steel was badly needed for the building of a new country, he had an electric furnace at the then Songjin Steel Plant removed to protect the life and health of its workers.

He devoted his whole life for the sake of the people. All his thoughts and activities, from beginning to end, were geared to bringing happiness to his people, and he set the standards and value of everything with the interests and demands of the people at the centre. His greatest wish was to make his people live with nothing to envy in the world. To see his people living in happiness was his pleasure and delight. Having raised it as the supreme principle of all activities of the ruling Party and the state to promote the wellbeing of the people, he ensured that the Party and state looked after the people's life responsibly and that all social benefits were granted to them.

Kim Il Sung will live for ever as the sun of the people.