

KIM IL SUNG: The Peerless Great Man

I thank you African and Arab Committees for Friendship and Solidarity with Korean people and salute to Comrade Damian Ogbonna and Comrade Dr. Yahia Khairallah for your tireless efforts to organize the e-Seminar on KIM IL SUNG: the Peerless Great Man which is very timely to mark the 28th anniversary of the memory of great leader President KIM IL SUNG and I am honored to receive an invitation and to present my tributes to the deep memory of Peerless Great Man in the closing ceremony of the e-Seminar, July 08, 2022, Lagos, Nizeria.

President Kim Il Sung(1912-1994), founder of socialist Korea, was the first statesman in mankind's history to view politics as an incarnation of love for and trust in people and transform it into reality.

He founded the Juche idea and illuminated the road of struggle to shape the destiny of the popular masses, thereby ushering in a new era of human love in the world history of politics. The Juche idea is based on the philosophical principle that man is the master of everything and decides everything. In other words, it holds people as the most precious and powerful being in the world. They are the masters and motive force in the revolution and construction. The President kept this idea as the philosophy of his politics and consistently reflected it in practice.

Leader Kim Jong Il said that President Kim Il Sung is the great thinker and theoretician who founded the immortal Juche Idea which takes the highest and most brilliant position in the history of human thought.

President Kim Il Sung was the peerlessly great thinker whose Juche idea Clarifies the philosophical principle, socio-historical principle and the guiding principles of the revolution and construction.

He considered the differences in political views, religious belief and property status insignificant for the great cause for the country and nation. He placed trust in and showed loving care for those who were determined to devote their all to the country and nation, and led them to become faithful servants for people. As can be seen in his reminiscences With the Century, he was related intimately with broad strata of people-landlords, capitalists and men of religion, not to mention workers and peasants. His politics of love and trust was so all-embracing that many of the intellectuals of propertied class origin rendered unreserved services without the slightest vacillation to building a new country after the liberation of their country, to building it into a socialist state where the masses of working people would live happily.

President Kim Il Sung always regarded people as God. He always

believed politics of Love and Trust. He said-"The People are my God!" So, the people loved him more than Father and wished to keep him alive in their hearts. Overwhelming by the inner desire of the people Leader Kim Jong Il made a firm determination and renovates the Kumsusan Assembly Hall into the Kumsusan Memorial Palace, the Supreme temple of Juche, where the President is kept in his lifetime appearance. The entire Korean people and hundreds of thousands peace loving progressive people from all over the world are visiting the Supreme temple of Juche and offering their tributes with high respect to President KIM IL SUNG.

President Kim Il Sung did not have the rest even for a moment on the way of serving the country and the people. Every moment of his life since his first day on the road of revolution was the moment of energetic struggle for the country and the people. He dedicated whole his life for the sake of the people's happiness and prestige in international community. His life itself is the history of Korea.

The trace of his continuous on-the-spot guidance for the people is left everywhere throughout the country- in factories and enterprises, cooperative farms and villages, schools and hospitals, restaurants and shops, army units and posts, and people's homes and dormitories. The number of the units to which he gave on-the-spot guidance from the first day of building a new society after national liberation amounts to 20,600 and the distance covers more than 578000km. In this period, he spent Sundays and holidays amounting to more than 7 years on the way of field guidance of the peoples cause.

Not only for his people he loved and trusted but also President Kim Il Sung loved and supported the world people who struggled for peace, independence and prosperity and fought against dominators. He helped and supported materially and morally. He travelled 520,00-odd km to visit foreign countries on 54 occasions and visited 87 countries in total in his lifetime. He met over 70,000 foreign figures, including 120 heads of state, 206 party leaders and 76 heads of government, making energetic efforts for global independence and extended active support to the anti-imperialist, anti-fascist struggle of the people in the foreign countries. In return, the world people also offered their high respect to President Kim Il Sung. 480 streets, organizations and units, schools and universities in over 100 countries were named after him; 30 countries offered him with their countries' Honorary citizen; 180-odd highest orders and medals from over 70 countries and international organizations were conferred on him; State, party and government leaders and other personages of all strata of 172 countries presented 166,065 gifts to him and still the gifts, honorary titles and decorations continue to be bestowed on him ever after his death.

After the sad demise of President Kim Il Sung, the DPRK received condolence messages from 190 countries including the UN. More than 3000 condolences messages were received from parties, states, high personalities, international organizations, friendly association, Juche Idea study institutes

from 120 countries. 10,000 media at once broadcasted mutually the flash news showing the great loss of the Korean revolution expressing their sorrows.

President Kim Il Sung's life for the country, people and to the word people will remain immortal not only in the minds of the Korean people but also in the mind of world peace-loving and progressive people and attract the admiration and respect of the progressive people. Even the former President of U. S .A. Mr. Jimmy Carter deeply influenced by the President. After visiting DPRK and meeting with President Kim Il Sung, he later said in Seoul - President Kim Il Sung is wise, courageous and keeps deep knowledge on all fields. He is rich in extraordinary personality and can be compared jointly with Jorge Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincon. This is how the world leaders evaluate President Kim Il Sung.

President Kim Il Sung is a bright Sun of the Mankind and will be with us forever!

This is the tribute with high respect to President Kim Il Sung (April 15, 1912 - July 08, 1994) on the 28th commemoration day of his sad demise memorizing the lunch reception along with the participants of Pyongyang-Panmunjom Peace March in 1991 where I was blessed by the President to take part in it in Kumsusan Presidential Palace, Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea.

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