

## **COVID-19 and the DPRK**

With COVID-19 driving the whole planet into extreme anxiety and terror, many people are puzzled by one thing: part or the largest of part of territory of the United States, China, Italy, Spain, Iran and other countries which have the highest number of people infected with and killed by COVID-19 are all situated at the latitudes between 30° and 45°N.

Is this just a coincidence?

It needs further study to answer this question, but there could be something. Then those who advocate geopolitics would feel happy with the fact that their theory has reached the realm of virus transmission.

Yet more surprising thing is that COVID-19 has failed to make inroads into the Democratic People's Republic of Korea despite its geographic location at the same latitudes as China, the United States, Iran, Italy and Spain.

The DPRK has established an advanced public healthcare system while enforcing free medical service for nearly 70 years, and now an excellent anti-epidemic system is set up against emergencies. Moreover, its leadership took full emergency measures for establishing national emergency anti-epidemic system in the early days when COVID-19 was identified in Wuhan, China, and has wisely led the struggle for their successful implementation. Its people, who are rallied firmly behind their leader in mind and purpose, have acted as one true to Kim Jong Un's intentions.