

## **Supreme Commander Kim Jong Il Trains Unrivaled Powerful Army**

Sixteen years ago, that is, on December 24, 1991, the leader Kim Jong Il assumed a heavy responsibility of the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army. This was a historic event of great significance in strengthening and developing the KPA into a matchless powerful army.

Supreme Commander Kim Jong Il has strengthened the KPA into an army of strong ideas and an army of strong faith.

Toward the close of the 20<sup>th</sup> century a remarkable change was taking place in the world political composition and the balance of forces, and the anti-socialist offensive of the imperialist forces was being concentrated on Korea. Under such circumstances he defined Songun politics as the basic political mode of socialism and newly elucidated the problem of forming the main force of the revolution on the principle of keeping the army ahead of the working class. He made it clear that the intrinsic peculiarity of the revolutionary army lies in its political and ideological superiority and made sure that political and ideological education was conducted positively so as to train all servicemen to be indefatigable vanguard fighters by arming them with the Juche idea and the Songun idea in a thoroughgoing manner. In parallel with this, the work of strengthening the single-hearted unity of the whole army and establishing a system of the KPA supporting the WPK faithfully has been further intensified by achieving unity between officers and men and realizing military and political combination in an exhaustive way on the basis of comradeship.

As a result, the KPA has been prepared more thoroughly as ranks of men of unshakeable ideas and men of strong faith filled with the spirit of guarding the leader with their very life and its political and ideological qualities are now in tiptop condition.

Supreme Commander Kim Jong Il has made sure that the KPA's military and technical might has been increased in every way.

He set it as an important task for increasing the military capabilities to firmly equip the KPA with its own unique strategy and tactics and has ensured that all the commanding officers fighting themselves to decisively increase their operation-control capabilities by acquiring original fighting methods and up-to-date military knowledge. In addition, he has seen to it that the whole army concentrates all efforts on training and conducts it in an intensive way in an

atmosphere of real warfare by holding fast to the training-first policy, thereby making the officers and men of the People's Army prepared to be a-match-for-a-hundred men who are possessed of a high degree of military and technical qualifications and strong physical force capable of carrying out their assigned combat tasks without a hitch even in any combat circumstances.

He has made sure that a lot of effort has been put into developing the national defence industry on preferential basis, firmly adhering to Songun politics. His such leadership has been an important guarantee which has increased the military and technical might of the KPA in every way. Even at the close of the previous century when Korea was going through trying ordeals he saw to it that the modernization of the military equipment of the army was pushed forward forcefully for the fundamental interests of the revolution and the destiny of the Korean nation. He energetically led units of all services so that they could be furnished with powerful military equipment and combat and technical materiel and their fighting efficiency could be improved and raised. This has made it possible for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to equip itself with war deterrent powerful enough to cause the US threat of nuclear preemptive strike and sanction offensive to become impotent.

Supreme Commander Kim Jong Il has turned KPA into an ever-victorious powerful army which is strong in the sense of organization and discipline and has formed a complete whole with the people.

He set it as one of the fundamental tasks in increasing the combat efficiency of the army to establish steel-like military discipline in the whole army and has pushed ahead with this work strongly with all consistency. Besides, he has ensured that the entire army attains regular qualities as befitting the revolutionary army on a high level, keeps all units neat and tidy and makes a living with revolutionary optimism and rich emotions. Moreover, he has made sure that revolutionary, militant, organized and disciplined servicemen, taking upon themselves important sectors of economic construction, open the way for the building of a great, prosperous and powerful socialist nation.

Thanks to his Songun politics, firm unity between the army and the people based on the ideological spirit and traits of struggle of the army has been achieved. As a consequence, the single-hearted unity of the whole society has reached the highest stage in the DPRK. The army and the people are united firmly as one around the leader. No force in the world is a match for such strength.

The KPA led by Supreme Commander Kim Jong Il will display its might long as the invincible powerful army.