

Kim Jong Il, Statesman of Confidence

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is winning victory after victory, while surmounting all difficulties through the single-hearted unity between the army and the people. What lies in its base?

The leader Kim Jong Il of Korea is a statesman who puts firm confidence in himself.

“A man is strong if he trusts himself, and weak if he relies on others” – this is his cherished view. His interpretation discriminating between the strong and the weak was clearly proved by what happened at the close of the previous century.

At that time socialism collapsed in the former Soviet Union and in the East European countries. In addition to these unfavorable circumstances, the DPRK was overtaken by catastrophic natural disasters for several years on end and the anti-socialist offensive of the imperialist allied forces led by the United States which made its appearance as “the one and only super power” of the world was being concentrated on the DPRK. Therefore “the collapse of socialist Korea” was regarded as a *fait accompli* and rumors to that effect were in the air in the West. And when the world's attention was being focused on the DPRK and its leader on account of this he declared with unshaken conviction, “Don't expect any change from me!”. Then he defined Songun politics as the basic political mode of socialism and took a measure to embody it in the whole society in an all-round way. The imperialists were thrown into consternation by the DPRK's mettle of meeting the US's tough policy with a tougher policy and the world could not repress admiration. After all, Korean socialism was defended perfectly and “the rumors as to the collapse of socialist Korea” vanished like smoke.

What made his nerve steadier in those grim days was his confidence in himself. The firm organizational and ideological foundations of the Workers' Party of Korea laid in the course in his own organizing ability and commanding art caused him to make a firm resolution and display an adamant will.

Kim Jong Il is a statesman who has an invariable confidence in his comrades.

The revolution begins with the gaining of comrades and only those who can die for the comrades can get true comrades – this is his unshakeable view of comrades. He considers that love between comrades is also important, but what is more ardent and sincere and nobler is confidence.

At the close of the previous century the DPRK was confronted with great difficulty in obtaining food, but more serious and acuter were insidious maneuverings of hostile forces to disintegrate the single-hearted unity of the society from within. At the time when the enemy was sowing the seed of discord in the Korean society and was closely watching its internal state of things the Korean leader put up higher slogan “Trust in comrades”. As the saying goes, “Mistrust produces betrayal, and trust brings loyalty”, the unshakeable confidence of Kim Jong Il made the officials who constituted the backbone of the Korean society strong men of principles and confidence and rallied them firmly around him. As there was the strength of comradely unity which was thicker than blood and was more powerful than nuclear bombs socialist Korea was able to deal with the rigorous situation and make great strides toward the building of a great, prosperous and powerful nation.

Kim Jong Il is a statesman who reposes absolute confidence in the people.

When adding confidence to the strength of the people victory is won over heaven. This is his philosophy concerning strength and victory. At the close of the previous century it seemed that the Korean people would not be able to rise again because they were faced with the worst ordeals. However, they could rise up as the victor of history. An important key to this was his confidence in the people.

On a spring day one year in the latter half of the 1990s he left the capital city of Pyongyang for an army unit in the forefront. On the way, hw, pointing at *Atriplex canescens* which began to sprout by the roadside, told the members of his suite that the people were exerting themselves to overcome the food shortage while eating gruel mixed with that kind of grass. Then he revealed the strong emotion of his mind, saying to this effect: What are our people like? I am sorry, indeed, that I fail to help them have their fill. But I’m sure the people know all about it. Surely they fully understand why I am going to the front like this and absolutely support me.

He regards the people as his teacher and Heaven. His trust in them was so grateful that the people followed and supported him more faithfully. Singing “We live, believing in you General as in Heaven”, they firmly defended their work places and sent military provisions they had prepared to the servicemen who were guarding the posts of national defense even though rice bins in their homes contained nothing, thus upholding Songun politics in one mind and with one will. The Korean society was not disintegrated in spite of difficulties. On the contrary the harmonious whole formed of the leader and the people has been strengthened more than ever before. The extraordinary harmonious whole of the servicemen and the people who share their idea, purpose and destiny with the leader has ushered in such a turning-point of history as the dawn of a great, prosperous and powerful nation in Korea at last.

Kim Jong Il is a statesman of extraordinary caliber who wins victory by administering politics of confidence. Socialist Korea will be ever-victorious as it is led by him.