

WPK as Guide of Songun Revolution

Over ten years have passed since the leader Kim Jong Il was elected the general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (October 8, 1997). The past days can be said to be the chronicle of the WPK that has displayed its might as the guiding force of the Songun revolutionary cause, overcoming all challenges of history.

The leader Kim Jong Il deepened and developed the guiding idea of the WPK to meet the requirements of the present era.

In the early 1930s, President Kim Il Sung put forward the Juche idea, whose gist is that the master of one's destiny is oneself and that one has the power to carve out one's own destiny, and, based on it, the Songun idea of attaching importance to arms in the revolution and construction.

Since then the Songun idea, along with the Juche idea, has been regarded as the invariable guidelines of the Korean revolution.

Kim Jong Il penetrated the serious changes of the world's political situation and the ensuing new environment of the Korean revolution at the end of last century. Based on his scientific insight, the leader saw to it that the banner of the WPK's traditional Songun idea of attaching importance to arms was upheld higher. He clarified the arms philosophy that the revolution is pioneered, advanced and emerges victorious by means of arms, and the principle of Songun that the army means the Party, the state and the people. He also illuminated the law of the socialist cause accompanied by the confrontation of power against imperialism, and the principle of putting the working class after the army, which correctly represents the acute situation of Korea whose main front is the anti-imperialist military front. As he has promoted the army to the status of the driving force of revolution and clarified anew the decisive role of arms, the Songun idea has become the starting point of all lines, policies, strategy and tactics of the WPK in the present era of the fierce confrontation against imperialism. Upholding the banner of the Songun idea ever higher, the WPK has stood more sharply outlined as the guide of Songun cause, which has firmly maintained its revolutionary, anti-imperialist and independent nature and is leading socialism to victory by means of arms.

Kim Jong Il saw to it that the WPK further cemented its mass foundation.

At the end of last century, the socialist cause as a whole was undergoing vicissitudes and frustration and the imperialist allied forces' anti-socialist offensive was focused on Korea. At this

junction, he clarified that the leadership of revolution, the single-hearted unity and socialism form one community united by common destiny. The clarification became the ideological and theoretical basis for developing the traditional single-hearted unity of Korean society onto a higher level. He paid deep attention to army-people unity, in particular. He newly defined the army-people unity in essence as the one based on the idea and fighting spirit of the People's Army that has the strongest revolutionary spirit, strong sense of organization and unity and strong fighting capacity. This made the traits of supporting the army and helping the people sublimer, and enabled the socio-political force of Songun revolution to be strengthened remarkably in Korea. Over ten years ago, the world was apprehensive that Korea might "collapse". But the country not only emerged victorious in the war to defend socialism, but met a new turning point in the building of a great, prosperous and powerful socialist nation. This is attributable to the single-hearted unity of the whole society, the strongest socio-political force of Korea.

The leader Kim Jong Il has immensely strengthened the fighting capacity and might of the WPK.

The KPA soldiers displayed lofty and tenacious ideo-spiritual traits in the war to defend socialism in the late 1990s. Kim Jong Il named it the "revolutionary soldier spirit," and saw to it that the whole society, the Party organizations and leading officials in particular, positively followed and applied it to practice.

Today the WPK's main way of work is, therefore, to map out and develop all projects in the soldier spirit. Party officials' habitual way of work is to lead the masses by practice rather than by precept, shouting "Forward after me!" like the People's Army officers. The fighting capacity and might of the WPK have thus been incomparably strengthened. Korea is now adhering to the firm independent stand in the war against imperialism and the Korean people are achieving eye-opening successes in the building of a great, prosperous and powerful socialist nation—all this is inconceivable apart from the WPK, the guiding force of the Korean society.

Under the leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Il, the WPK will continuously exalt its might as the guiding force of the Songun cause.